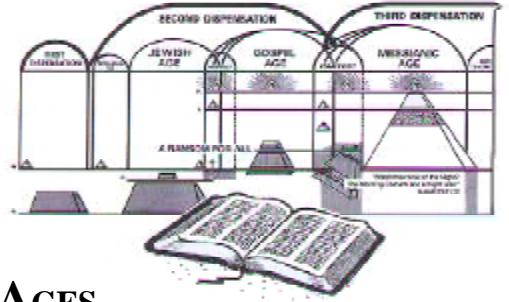


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THE DIVINE PLAN OF THE AGES STUDY 14

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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- ◆ Please **study** the 71 paragraphs in Study 14 of “The Divine Plan of the Ages” and the scriptures cited with the questions. We suggest that you number the paragraphs in your book.
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1. The Old Testament abounds with promises and _____ in which the **kingdom of God** and its _____ (Messiah) figure as the very center. The hope of every Israelite was that God would exalt their _____ under Messiah.

2. The announcement with which _____ the Baptist opened his mission was “Repent ye; for the _____ of heaven is at hand.” (Matthew 3:2) Our Lord commenced his ministry with the same _____. (Matthew 4:17) The _____ were sent forth to preach the same message. (Matthew 10:7; Luke 9:2) The main topic of our Lord's ministry was the _____. (Luke 8:1; 4:43; 19:11) The purpose of the majority of our Lord's parables was to illustrate the _____ and to point out entire _____ to God as essential to a share in the **kingdom**.

3. The faithful _____ of our Lord will judge the 12 tribes of Israel. (Luke 22:29) The **little flock** is promised the _____. (Luke 12:32) The disciples were sorely disappointed when our Lord was _____. Jesus pointed out to the two disciples on the way to Emmaus that his _____ was needful before the kingdom could be _____.

4. God could have given Jesus the dominion of earth without redeeming _____. (Dan. 4:32) The blessings under such an arrangement would have been temporary since man was under condemnation to _____. To make the blessings complete, it was necessary to _____ mankind from death.

5. Jesus revived the hope of the disciples of a coming _____. It was not then time for the disciples to know the times and seasons regarding the _____. (Acts 1:6,7)

6. The two phases of the **kingdom** of God are _____ and _____. Jesus taught his disciples to _____ for the kingdom.

7. To the worldly-wise among the Jews, our Lord seemed an _____. They considered his disciples to be mere _____. Our Lord's followers, for the most part, were from the humbler walks of _____. The worldly-wise did not understand the teachings of _____ regarding the establishment of the _____.

8. The _____ demanded: “When will this **kingdom** make its appearance?”. (Luke 17:20-31) The spiritual phase of the kingdom, to which Jesus invited his followers to joint-heirship, is an invisible _____. The one hope of our high calling is _____ in the spiritual phase of the kingdom.

9. Nicodemus probably came to Jesus by night because of the adverse public sentiment, especially among the _____. (John 3)

10. The object of Nicodemus' visit was to inquire of what sort and when is this kingdom proclaimed by _____.

11. A man has to be begotten of the spirit before he can be acquainted with the _____ of God. It is necessary to translate the _____ word **gennao**, by either begotten **or** born, according to the sense of the passage in which it occurs.

12. Is more light given without obedience? ____
At the present, must one walk by faith? _____

13. _____ endeavored to understand the statements by Jesus regarding being begotten from above.

14. Jesus explained to Nicodemus that the nation of Israel was baptized into _____ in the sea and in the cloud when they left _____. Many in Israel had forgotten their covenant and were openly living as publicans and _____. The keynote of John's preaching, as well as that of the disciples of Jesus was _____. In addition to the reformation symbolized by John's _____, it was necessary to first be begotten of the spirit, and if faithful, be born of the spirit, before becoming a part of the spiritual _____.

15. That which is born of the flesh is _____. That which is born of the spirit is _____. We cannot see the wind, but we *can* see the _____ of the wind. A human being cannot _____ one who has been born of the spirit.

16. _____ had difficulty understanding the subject of invisible beings.

17. Nicodemus should have realized that spirit beings can be *present*, yet _____.

18. More light is given when one follows the light step by _____. If one doesn't believe earthly things, can he understand heavenly things? _____. A knowledge of the heavenly things can be understood after the begetting of the _____. The heavenly things themselves can be received when one is born of the _____.

19. For _____ years Israel was exclusively offered to share Messiah's kingdom. The offer of joint-heirship with Christ was then extended to the _____.

20. Have serious errors regarding the kingdom been introduced into the nominal Christian church? _____. Will God's will eventually be done on earth even as it is in heaven? _____

21. Those who accept Christ now render him grateful and voluntary _____. The prince of this world (Satan) supports a kingdom of _____. Only a few have _____ in God's promises.

22. Christ's kingdom will eventually be "from sea to _____, and from the river unto the ends of the _____" and all _____ will serve and obey him. (Psalm 72:8; Daniel 7:27; Phil. 2:10)

23. Is the establishment of the kingdom located at the time of the return of Christ? (Luke 19:11-15) _____ Those faithful unto death will receive the crown of _____. (Revelation 2:10)

24. Does the kingdom of heaven now suffer violence at the hands of the world? _____ At the first advent King Jesus was _____. Those who follow in the footsteps of Jesus experience _____. Those who now faithfully suffer with Christ shall _____ with him. (2 Timothy 2:12)

25. The heavenly Father has chosen the poor and despised to be _____ of the *kingdom* which he has promised. (James 2:5) Is it difficult for those with riches to enter into the kingdom of God? _____ The apostle _____ exhorted the brethren to give diligence to make their calling and _____ sure. (2 Peter 1:10, 11)

26. The privileges of the kingdom, both now and in the future, consist of much greater blessings than liberty as to _____. (Romans 14:14-17)

27. Are the kingdom promises real? _____

28. Those who are more than overcomers will be given power over the _____.

29. One may gain the kingdom honors by death in the _____.

30. There were some in the early church who developed _____. (1 Cor. 4:10-17) Present suffering and self-denial are the narrow path to glory, _____, immortality and joint-heirship in the _____. (2 Timothy 4:8)

31. Was it the mission of the church to conquer the world before our Lord's second advent? _____ For centuries _____ crowned and uncrowned the kings of Europe.

32. Are many of the nominal members of the church *full* and *rich*? (Revelation 3:17, 18) _____ Are these in the line of preparation for sharing in the *kingdom* which is set up at the second advent? _____

33. Jesus and the apostles taught that there can be no kingdom until the _____ comes. (Revelation 3:21; 20:6; 2 Timothy 2:12)

34. When fully set up, the kingdom of God will consist of two parts _____ and _____. Will the spiritual phase always be invisible to men? (John 1:18) _____ Will the presence of the spiritual phase be mightily manifested, chiefly through its human representatives? _____

35. The overcoming _____ of the Gospel age (Head and body members) will constitute the spiritual phase of the kingdom. The Christ will be exalted to the _____ nature. (2 Peter 1:4; Revelation 20:6) The _____ will judge the world. (1 Corinthians 6:2) Can the ancient worthies, from Abel down to and including John the Baptist, be resurrected until all the saints are first resurrected? (Heb. 11:39, 40) _____ Will the world of mankind have a standing before God, that is, live in the full sense of the word, until the end of the 1000 year reign of Christ? (Matthew 8:22; 2 Cor. 5:14) _____

36. Will the ancient worthies experience an instantaneous resurrection to perfection as men? (Hebrews 11:35; Psalm 45:16) _____ Will the world in general be gradually raised to perfection? _____ Will men be able to see and mingle with the *princes* in the earthly phase of the kingdom? _____

37. In the course of time (after the earthly phase of the kingdom begins its operation) all mankind will be awakened from the sleep of _____. (John 5:28, 29) The _____ will then be restored to perfection. Will the ancient worthies do a noble work of elevating the race by sure and steady steps? _____

38. To gain a place in the earthly phase of the _____ of God will be the gratification of every ambition of the perfect human heart. At the end of the thousand years, the great work of _____ will have been accomplished. Those who refuse to obey will be _____. (Acts 3:23) Will the work of the ancient worthies always be remembered by their fellow-men? (Psalm 112:6) _____

39. The Christ (Head and body members) will shine as the brightness of the _____. (Daniel 12:3; Matthew 13:43; Malachi 4:2)

40. God promised _____: "In thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." (Gen. 22:18) The sand upon the seashore pictured the _____ class and the stars of _____ pictured the heavenly class. The apostles were selected from the nation of _____.

41. The Gentiles have been invited to become a part of the spiritual seed of Abraham because of the unbelief of natural _____. (Rom. 11:17-20) Will the spiritual class be installed in office ahead of the earthly class? (Matthew 19:30) _____

42. Must the promise to Abraham regarding the land be yet fulfilled? (Genesis 13:14-17) _____

43. The Christ (Head and body members) must be complete before the earthly promises can be _____. (Heb. 11:13, 39, 40) It is necessary to give up the human nature in _____ in order to be a part of the spiritual seed of _____. (Rom. 12:1; Gal. 3:29)

44. Will Jerusalem eventually be a praise in the whole earth? _____ The nation of _____ will be the first to come into harmony with the new order of things. (Isa. 1:26; Jer. 30:18) Will Israel's training under the law be of advantage? _____

45. Since Israel's national rejection, under the heavenly *high calling*, is there any difference between Jew and Gentile? _____

46. Are there some in Israel who have faith in the long unfulfilled promises? _____

47. Jerusalem will be the city of the great _____. (Matt. 5:35) God's kingdom is symbolized by the new _____. (Rev. 21:2) The spiritual phase of the _____ is gradually set up while the present empires are being consumed. (Dan. 2:44) The heavenly government is established upon the sure rock foundation of the _____ of Christ. (1 Cor. 3:11)

48. Will blessings result to all who enter the glorious City of Peace? _____ After the earthly phase of the kingdom begins its operation, the people may walk up to perfection and full harmony with God on the _____ of holiness. (Isaiah 35:8)

49. Mankind will be admitted into membership in the kingdom of God when they reach perfection by the close of the _____ age. Will any who would work deceit and unrighteousness become identified with that kingdom? (Rev. 21:24-26) _____

50. Many prophecies use _____ to refer to the kingdom of God to be established in great splendor.

51. The prophets speak in glowing terms concerning the future glory of the _____ phase of the kingdom as represented in Jerusalem. (Isaiah 52:9; 65:18; 66:10-12; Jeremiah 3:17) *Zion* refers to the _____ phase of the *kingdom*, and *Jerusalem* refers to the _____ phase of the kingdom. (Isaiah 2:3)

52. In one aspect Israel is typical of the whole world of _____. Israel's Law Covenant is typical of the _____ Covenant.

53. The blood of atonement under Israel's covenant typified the _____ Covenant. Israel's priesthood typified the _____. The blessings will come to every _____.

54. The nation of _____ will be a firstfruit among the nations. All the families of the earth will eventually be _____. (Romans 2:6, 10, 11)

55. Israel as a people did not obtain the chief place in the divine favor and service because of pride and _____ of heart and unbelief. Do most of the Gentiles also fail to obtain the heavenly prize? _____ Only a *little flock* will make up the body of _____. (Luke 12:32)

56. Have some from natural Israel (natural branches) been grafted in again into the good olive tree? (Romans 11:23, 24) _____

57. Will God's gifts, callings, covenants, and promises be turned aside unfulfilled? _____ (Romans 11:29) Israel will be used by the Christ, after the earthly phase of the kingdom begins its operation, as the agency in blessing the _____. At the first advent, natural _____ was given the first offer of the spiritual favors. The glorious Deliverer (Head and body) will turn away ungodliness from _____. (Romans 11:26)

58. Blindness in some measure has happened to _____ until the *little flock* (selected from both Jews and Gentiles) is complete. (Rom. 11:25-33) In due time, the _____ shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.

59. "He who hath clean hands and a pure heart" shall ascend into the _____ of God. (Psalm 24:3, 4)

60. The two parts of Jerusalem symbolized the one *kingdom* of God with its _____ phases.

61. Those invited to become members of the Royal Priesthood are exhorted to _____. One who has the hope of joint-heirship with Christ must _____ himself. (1 John 3:3) Christ's imputed purity compensates for our unavoidable _____. (Romans 8:1,4)

62. Entire _____ to God is essential to all those who would enter into either phase of the kingdom of God. The overcomers of the Millennial age must strive for purity of heart and _____.

63. Will everyone be pleased at the time Christ opens the highway of holiness? _____ Will liberty

to deceive, misrepresent, to overreach and defraud then be entirely cut off? _____ After the earthly phase of the kingdom begins its operation, nothing will be allowed to injure and _____.

(Isa. 11:9) Will Christ rule with a rod of iron (that is, with firmness)? _____ (Rev. 2:26, 27; Psa. 2:8-12) Will every hidden thing be revealed? (Isaiah 28:17; Matthew 10:26) _____

64. A present life of self-indulgence and gratification will require _____ when the earthly phase of the kingdom begins its operation. (Luke 12:47, 48; Psalm 89:32) Will the living generation receive this lesson first? (James 5:1-6) _____

65. Is sin a reproach to any people? _____ (Psalm 11:7) Does Jesus hate iniquity? _____ (Hebrews 1:9) The disobedient who refuse to accept and obey Jesus will be cut off from among the people in the _____ death. (Acts 3:23)

66. The Almighty Creator will establish his kingdom in the hands of _____ during the Millennium. Christ will reign until he has put all _____ under his feet. (1 Cor. 15:25) At the end of the thousand year reign of Christ, the _____ will be turned over to the heavenly Father. (1 Corinthians 15:24, 28)

67. When the kingdom is delivered up to the heavenly Father, men will be capable of rendering perfect _____.

68. Until actually _____, it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (Heb. 10:31) Restored mankind will be in perfect _____ with the heavenly Father at the time the kingdom is delivered up to him. (1 Cor. 15:24)

69. When Christ, at the end of the Millennial age, delivers up the kingdom to the Father, he does so by delivering it to _____ as the Father's representatives. (1 Corinthians 15:24; Matthew 25:34) Will the kingdom of God last forever? _____

70. Will the Christ, Head and body members, have a higher kingdom and honor than that of the world of mankind? _____ No doubt, wondrous works in other _____ await the highly exalted agent (the Christ) of the heavenly Father.

71. The desire of all _____ is the kingdom of peace. (Haggai 2:7) Should we continue to pray for the incoming kingdom? _____ The groaning creation is ignorantly waiting for the manifestation of the _____ of God. (Rom. 8:19; 16:20)