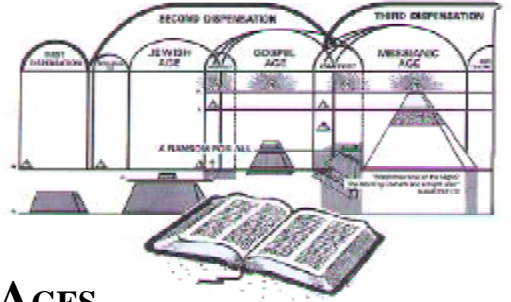


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## THE DIVINE PLAN OF THE AGES STUDY 14

### 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)