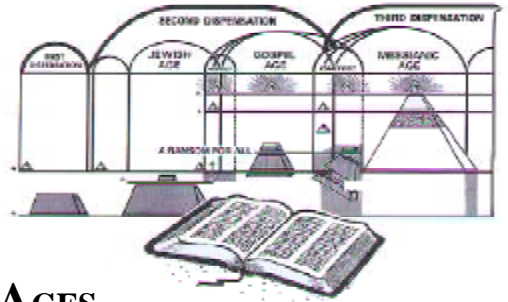




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## THE DIVINE PLAN OF THE AGES

### STUDY 15

#### THE DAY OF JEHOVAH

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- ◆ Please **study** the 67 paragraphs in Study 15 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 name of that period of time in which God’s kingdom under Christ is gradually set up in the earth, while the \_\_\_\_\_ of this world are passing away and Satan’s power and influence over men are being bound, is called the day of \_\_\_\_\_.

(Daniel 2:44; Rev. 20:1, 2) During this period of time there is a time of trouble such as never was since there was a \_\_\_\_\_. Never again will there be such \_\_\_\_\_. (Daniel 12:1; Matthew 24:21, 22)

2. The General of Jehovah is \_\_\_\_\_. (Psalm 2:4-8) Before the lease to the Gentiles expired, the God of heaven set up a \_\_\_\_\_, as represented in our returned Lord and the resurrected saints. (Daniel 2:44) After the earthly phase of the kingdom begins its operation, all will begin to serve and obey the \_\_\_\_\_ of kings. (Daniel 7:9, 13, 14, 22, 27) When Adamic death has been destroyed, the kingdom will be turned over to the \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Corinthians 15:24-28)

3. The Day of Jehovah is also called the day of \_\_\_\_\_ of our God, and also a day of \_\_\_\_\_. (Isa. 61:2; 63:1-4; Psa. 110:5) God’s counsel to mankind has been continually rejected by all except a \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 1:28) Hardness of heart and unbelief prevented natural \_\_\_\_\_ from receiving Messiah at the first advent. (Romans 11:20)

4. The true church during the Gospel age has borne witness to the civilized world of the difference between right and \_\_\_\_\_ and of the time when the one will be rewarded and the other \_\_\_\_\_. (John 16:8-11; Acts 24:25)

A great time of trouble is now occurring in the world since the majority have neglected to heed the Lord’s \_\_\_\_\_. (Daniel 12:1)

5. During the Gospel age, God’s message to the church by Paul is: “Present your bodies a living \_\_\_\_\_.” (Romans 12:1) God’s message to the world is: “Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile; depart from \_\_\_\_\_ and do good; seek \_\_\_\_\_ and pursue it.” (Psalm 34:13, 14) The world has heeded the voice of \_\_\_\_\_. Briefly summed up, God’s law is: “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy \_\_\_\_\_ and thy \_\_\_\_\_ as thyself.” (Matthew 22:37-39) The trouble is coming as reaping after \_\_\_\_\_.

6. The carnal or depraved mind has always been \_\_\_\_\_ and grasping. In due time, the selfish, stony hearts of those who become obedient will become hearts of \_\_\_\_\_. (Ezekiel 36:26)

7. Our condemned parents, after being exiled from Eden, were met at once with \_\_\_\_\_ and sterile \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 3:16-19) \_\_\_\_\_ has become the principal aim and interest of life. \_\_\_\_\_ has become the master of men.

8. During past ages the wealth of the world was in the hands of the \_\_\_\_\_. At the present, through modern facilities and inventions, the wealth of the world is no longer in the hands of its \_\_\_\_\_, but chiefly among the \_\_\_\_\_.

9. An aristocracy exists which has both money and \_\_\_\_\_ to back it.

10. Do some of the poor feel that were they wealthy, they would be very benevolent? \_\_\_\_\_ Do these evidently deceive themselves? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Hospitals, libraries, and various other enterprises owe their existence to the kindhearted and benevolent among the \_\_\_\_\_.

12. Is there an opposition between the wealthy and the laboring classes? \_\_\_\_\_ Presently there is anarchy in many parts of the \_\_\_\_\_. Is the worst government vastly better than no government? \_\_\_\_\_

13. *Egypt* represents the \_\_\_\_\_. *Babylon* represents the nominal \_\_\_\_\_, called Christendom. *Israel* often represents the whole world in its \_\_\_\_\_ condition, as it will be—its glorious royal priesthood, its holy Levites, and its believing and worshiping people, justified by the sacrifice of the atonement and \_\_\_\_\_ with God. Blessings are promised to \_\_\_\_\_. *Egypt* receives the \_\_\_\_\_. A complete and everlasting overthrow will be the lot of strong \_\_\_\_\_. (Revelation 18:21)

14. The apostle James points out the differences between *capital* and \_\_\_\_\_. (James 5:1-4) At the present time, men's hearts are failing them for \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 21:26) The anarchy, already raging in many parts of the \_\_\_\_\_, will get worse before divine intervention. (Ezekiel 7:10-19)

15. The complete overthrow of the nation of Israel in the harvest of the Jewish age was a type of a still more extensive trouble in the harvest of the Gospel age upon nominal \_\_\_\_\_.

16. There will be a great overthrow of wealth and \_\_\_\_\_ in this time of trouble. The trouble involves all classes and brings \_\_\_\_\_ upon all the multitude. (Zeph. 1:7-9; 14-18; Rev. 19:17)

17. The seventh symbolic \_\_\_\_\_ sounds not only throughout this day of trouble, but until the end of the Millennial age. The destruction destroys many of the wealthy in the sense that they will cease to be \_\_\_\_\_, though doubtless it will also involve the loss of many lives of all classes.

18. A pure \_\_\_\_\_ will be turned to the people after divine intervention stops the great time of trouble. (Zephaniah 3:8, 9)

19. Is the fire of Zephaniah 3:8 *symbolic*? \_\_\_\_\_ It is evident that the fire is not *literal* since the \_\_\_\_\_ remain after it.

20. Throughout the scriptures, *earth*, when used symbolically, represents \_\_\_\_\_; *mountains* represent \_\_\_\_\_; *heavens* represent the powers of \_\_\_\_\_ control; *seas*, the \_\_\_\_\_, turbulent, dissatisfied masses of the world; *fire* represents the \_\_\_\_\_ of whatever is burned; and when *brimstone* is added to *fire* in the symbol, it intensifies the thought of \_\_\_\_\_.

21. Did the literal earth and heavens pass away at the time of the flood? (2 Peter 3:6, 7) \_\_\_\_\_

22. The heavens (present powers of the air, of which Satan is the \_\_\_\_\_) are now passing away with a great noise, and the elements are melting with fervent \_\_\_\_\_. The earth (social organizations) and the works (\_\_\_\_\_, rank, aristocracy, and royalty) are being burned up. (2 Pet. 3:10-13) The \_\_\_\_\_ heavens (the new spiritual power—Christ's kingdom) and a \_\_\_\_\_ earth (earthly society organized on the basis of love and justice) will replace the second heavens and the second earth.

23. Were the apostles used as God's mouthpieces to predict things to come? \_\_\_\_\_ Our Lord is now serving *meat in due season* to the household of \_\_\_\_\_ by the faithful and wise servant. (Matthew 24:45-47) The Revelation of Jesus Christ was given to him by \_\_\_\_\_. (Revelation 1:1)

24. Will *pride* eventually be consumed? (Malachi 4:1; Proverbs 16:18; Revelation 20:9) \_\_\_\_\_

25. Is there hope of pulling some of the *proud* of the present time out of the consuming *fire*? (Jude 23) \_\_\_\_\_

26. The prospective members of the royal priesthood are now being \_\_\_\_\_. (Malachi 3:1-3)

27. The *fire* which tries a spiritual work is \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Corinthians 3:12-15) This *fire* will be powerless to \_\_\_\_\_ the faith-and-character structure built with the \_\_\_\_\_, silver, and precious stones of divine truth, and founded upon the \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Peter 1:5-11)

28. One's reward will be in proportion to his \_\_\_\_\_ in making use of the truth in the development of true character—putting on the whole \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Those who wilfully reject our Lord after coming to a knowledge of the truth will die the \_\_\_\_\_ death. (Hebrews 6:4-8; 10:26-21)

29. The inauguration of the Law Covenant was typical of the introduction of the \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant at the opening of the Millennial age. (Heb. 12:24-29)

Are various symbols such as *fire*, *storm*, *clouds*, and *darkness* used to describe this day of *trouble*? (Psa. 50:3; 97:2-6) \_\_\_\_\_ The Sun of Righteousness will \_\_\_\_\_ and heal the sick and dying but redeemed world. (Malachi 4:2; Matthew 13:43)

30. God, through the prophet David, foretold much concerning Jesus at his first \_\_\_\_\_ and also gives vivid descriptions of the present day of \_\_\_\_\_ by which Christ's glorious reign is introduced. God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of those who have fully consecrated. (Psalm 46:1-5) After the old order is removed, the new earth (new order and arrangement of society) will exalt God and his \_\_\_\_\_, as over and controlling all. (Psalm 110:2-6; 46:6-10)

31. The book of Revelation contains much *symbolic* \_\_\_\_\_ such as *storm*, *fire*, etc. The symbolic *fire* does not *literally* burn up the \_\_\_\_\_. At the time our Lord took his great power to reign, the nations became \_\_\_\_\_. (Revelation 11:17, 18)

32. The lake of fire is symbolic of the second \_\_\_\_\_. (Revelation 19:20; 20:14) Current events indicate that Satan is struggling as his power and influence over some are being \_\_\_\_\_. (Revelation 20:1-3) Are the *battle* and *winepress* figures of Revelation in harmony with words of Joel and Isaiah? (Joel 2:9-16; Isaiah 13:1-11) \_\_\_\_\_

33. Will the human race be exterminated? (Matt. 24:22) \_\_\_\_\_ Are the numbers of anarchists and discontents increasing? \_\_\_\_\_

34. The wealthy feel that they have a right to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ and every commodity as \_\_\_\_\_ as they can.

35. The artisan and the \_\_\_\_\_ see that labor enjoys many advantages today above any other day, but as they note current events, they see the danger of being carried as low as ever, or lower.

36. The controversy between the wealthy and the laborers will be solved after the earthly phase of the \_\_\_\_\_ begins its operation.

37. Have the many inventions provided a temporary demand for labor? \_\_\_\_\_

38. Are agricultural implements producing more food with less laborers? \_\_\_\_\_

39. Over-production causes idleness occasionally to both \_\_\_\_\_ and labor.

40. Wage-workers endeavor to obtain their goals by \_\_\_\_\_, if possible, *or* by lawlessness.

41. Would shorter working hours for laborers, thus enabling more laborers to work, solve the problem? \_\_\_\_\_ Do many people pay high interest rates thus increasing the wealth of the rich? \_\_\_\_\_

42. The artisan feels that the time has come for the masses of the \_\_\_\_\_ to share more evenly the blessings of this day of blessings. Are the great corporations becoming masters of the people? \_\_\_\_\_

43. The masses of the people desire to protect their own \_\_\_\_\_ and those of their children by putting reasonable bounds upon those whose wealth and power might otherwise crush them.

44. Will men in their present condition observe the golden rule—"Do unto others as you would that they should do to you?" \_\_\_\_\_

45. Selfishness and \_\_\_\_\_ to all except their own interests are the natural causes of the great time of trouble. Will the kingdoms (governments) eventually be swept away by the restless masses of mankind? \_\_\_\_\_ Are the nominal churches being drawn more and more to the side of the governments and the wealthy? \_\_\_\_\_

46. The trouble in the earth today is preparing men to realize that their plans will prove \_\_\_\_\_ so long as selfishness is in control. Men will eventually realize that a strong and righteous government (the kingdom of Christ introduced by the chastisements of this day of trouble) will \_\_\_\_\_ their desires. (Ezekiel 11:19; 36:25, 36; Jeremiah 31:29-34; Zephaniah 3:9; Psalm 46:8-10)

47. The meek are exhorted to seek the LORD, and to seek \_\_\_\_\_ and meekness. (Zephaniah 2:3) Those seeking righteousness and rejoicing in meekness, during the time of trouble, will have many \_\_\_\_\_ over others.

48. The apostle Paul wrote that the trouble would come in spasms "as \_\_\_\_\_ upon a woman...". (1 Thes. 5:3) The birth of the new order will bring \_\_\_\_\_. Righteousness will begin to prevail in the earth as soon as divine intervention stops the \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Peter 3:13)

49. Society's physicians undertake repressive measures, but they will not long delay the \_\_\_\_\_; their malpractice will hasten the \_\_\_\_\_ of the old order. The old order will die in the labor of bringing forth the \_\_\_\_\_.

50. The widespread anarchy of the present time will increase, and the time of trouble foretold by the \_\_\_\_\_ will reach a climax (*total* anarchy).

Jesus, after prophesying that the great tribulation would come at the beginning of his second presence, but would be terminated before all \_\_\_\_\_ is destroyed, added the assurance: “no, nor ever shall be” afterward. (Matthew 24:21, 22)

**51.** The deliverance of Israel from Egypt and from the plagues which came upon the Egyptians seems to illustrate the emancipation of the \_\_\_\_\_ at the hands of the greater than \_\_\_\_\_ (the Christ). (Exodus 5:4-23; 12:30-33) The great earthquake of Revelation 16:17-20 is symbolic of \_\_\_\_\_.

**52.** The great time of trouble is located chronologically in the beginning of the glorious Millennial \_\_\_\_\_ of Messiah.

**53.** Making a living with the sweat of the brow keeps man from getting into \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 3:19) Now that the curse has begun to be lifted, much evil and \_\_\_\_\_ result.

**54.** If the inventions and knowledge prophesied by Daniel (chapter 12:4) had come sooner than they did, the great time of \_\_\_\_\_ would have resulted sooner.

**55.** From the outstart of the age of restitution, mankind is enjoying many \_\_\_\_\_.

**56.** Is the trouble giving mankind needed lessons? \_\_\_\_\_ Those seeking meekness will not feel the same anxiety and hopeless \_\_\_\_\_ that is over-spreading the world. (Psalm 91; Isaiah 33:2, 15, 16)

**57.** The duty of the saints at the present time is to be hopeful, \_\_\_\_\_, and always rejoicing.

**58.** The chief ailment among all worldly classes is \_\_\_\_\_. The desires of a selfish \_\_\_\_\_ heart know no bounds.

**59.** Should the saints take part in the struggle for wealth? \_\_\_\_\_

**60.** The ambition of the \_\_\_\_\_ is turned *heavenward*.

**61.** Have some of the saints left the footsteps of the Lord to cast their lot to obtain earthly things? \_\_\_\_\_

**62.** The saints should strive for the higher riches and the \_\_\_\_\_ they do afford. Godliness with *contentment* is great \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Tim. 6:6-12; Philippians 4:11; Hebrews 13:5; Luke 3:14)

**63.** The saints should inform the meek regarding the real cause of the present trouble and the only \_\_\_\_\_.

**64.** The consecrated should encourage those willing to hear to be \_\_\_\_\_ with what they have and to wait patiently for the earthly phase of the kingdom to begin its operation.

**65.** The feet members of Christ should be preaching the good tidings of the \_\_\_\_\_ for all and the consequent blessing to come to \_\_\_\_\_. (Isaiah 52:7)

**66.** The ones following in the footsteps of the Master should assure the meek that when the judgments of the Lord are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn \_\_\_\_\_. (Isaiah 26:9)

**67.** Should the Lord’s children have sympathy with the arrogant, insatiate desires and endeavors of any class? \_\_\_\_\_ One finds the solution to the social and political questions in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. The fully consecrated are to proclaim the *heavenly kingdom* at hand as the only \_\_\_\_\_ for all classes, and their only hope.