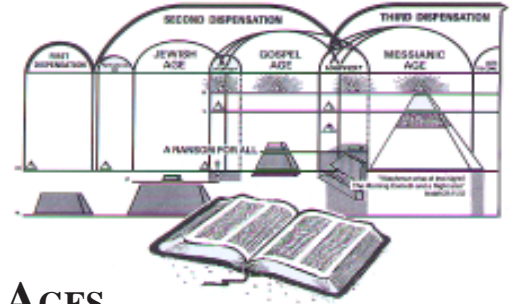




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## THE DIVINE PLAN OF THE AGES

### STUDY 4

#### EPOCHS AND DISPENSATIONS

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- ◆ **Please study** the 27 paragraphs in Study 4 of “The Divine Plan of the Ages” and the scriptures cited with the questions. We suggest that you number the paragraphs in your book.
- ◆ Return your answers to us. **PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE.** Our Canadian and International friends may make special arrangements for the postage.
- ◆ Your answers will be checked and returned to you for your future studies.
- ◆ **STUDY 5** will be sent when you have completed this lesson.

1. Through much misunderstanding and \_\_\_\_\_, some misjudge God's unfinished work. (Eph. 4:18) God's finished work will universally declare his infinite \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Corinthians 15:28; Isaiah 55:10, 11)

2. In order to be found in harmony with the plan of God, should one seek to learn his plan? \_\_\_\_\_ Will God accomplish that which he has purposed? (Isaiah 14:24-27; 46:9-11) \_\_\_\_\_

3. By \_\_\_\_\_ and light from the \_\_\_\_\_ the child of God is enabled to understand things pertaining to the past and the \_\_\_\_\_. (Hebrews 11:6; Psalm 119:105) God's plan as it relates to man spans \_\_\_\_\_ periods of time. (2 Peter 3:6, 7) These epochs are called \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The first world which started at creation lasted until the \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 7:22, 23) Peter called this first epoch the \_\_\_\_\_ that then was. (2 Peter 3:6)

5. The second world is under the limited control of \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Corinthians 4:4) This present world has been full of \_\_\_\_\_. (Galatians 1:4)

6. The third epoch will be a \_\_\_\_\_ without end. (Isa. 45:17) Righteousness will begin to prevail as soon as the earthly phase of the \_\_\_\_\_ begins its operation. Then the knowledge of the \_\_\_\_\_ will begin to cover the \_\_\_\_\_ as the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:9; 2 Peter 3:13)

7. The first world was under the administration of \_\_\_\_\_. (Heb. 2:5) \_\_\_\_\_ is the **usurper** of the second evil world. (Isaiah 14:12-14) During the first age of the third world, all the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth will be blessed. (Genesis 22:17, 18)

8. \_\_\_\_\_ is permitted to predominate during the second world. (Malachi 3:15) Evil will be blotted out during the \_\_\_\_\_ age. (Zechariah 14:6, 7) Those who choose to remain evil doers will be \_\_\_\_\_ off. (Psalm 37:9)

9. Evil has prospered under \_\_\_\_\_ usurped rulership. (Malachi 3:15) Those who have lived godly during the Gospel age have suffered \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Timothy 3:12)

10. We are taught to pray, “Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on \_\_\_\_\_.” This manifests our desire for a \_\_\_\_\_ government. (Isaiah 2:2-4) Darkness has covered the earth because \_\_\_\_\_ now rules and works in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the children of disobedience. (Isaiah 60:2; Ephesians 6:12)

11. The transfer of the kingdoms of this world to become the kingdom of Christ causes a great time of \_\_\_\_\_. (Daniel 12:1) Does our Lord gradually bind the influence and power of Satan after entering the **strong man's house**? \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 3:22-27) Will the earthly phase of the kingdom begin its operation when Satan is fully bound? \_\_\_\_\_

12. "The earth abideth \_\_\_\_\_." (Ecclesiastes 1:4) The word *heavens* often symbolizes the higher or \_\_\_\_\_ controlling powers. (2 Peter 3:7, 10) The word *earth* often symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_ government and social \_\_\_\_\_. Does Satan struggle while he is gradually being bound? \_\_\_\_\_ Fire is a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_—not *preservation*. (Revelation 20:14) The second symbolic heavens and the second symbolic earth will be replaced by a new \_\_\_\_\_ and a new \_\_\_\_\_ under Christ's control. (Revelation 21:1)

13. The apostles \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ saw by vision the new heaven and the new earth. (2 Cor. 12:2-4; Rev. 1:9,10) Will righteousness eventually prevail in the earth? (Rev. 21:4) \_\_\_\_\_

14. How many ages are there in the world that now is? \_\_\_\_\_ The Millennial age is the first age of the third \_\_\_\_\_.

15. Was the first epoch or world subdivided? \_\_\_\_\_ The first world ended with the \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 7:17,18) The tendency of sin is \_\_\_\_\_ to greater degradation. Who must intervene if the recovery of man's first estate is ever to be accomplished? \_\_\_\_\_

16. The three ages in the second dispensation are the \_\_\_\_\_ age, the \_\_\_\_\_ age, and the \_\_\_\_\_ age.

17. The period of the *times of restitution* is the same as the \_\_\_\_\_ age. (Acts 3:19-21) How long will the *world to come* continue? (Ephesians 3:21) \_\_\_\_\_

18. The faithful patriarchs with whom God dealt during the Patriarchal age were Noah, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and Jacob. At Jacob's death, his descendants were called the \_\_\_\_\_ tribes of \_\_\_\_\_. (Exodus 1:1) Typical sacrifices were offered in the \_\_\_\_\_ age. God sent his prophets and finally his dear Son, Jesus, to the house of \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 23:37; 15:24; John 1:11) During the time of our Lord's ministry at his first advent, his disciples were sent to preach to the lost \_\_\_\_\_ of the house of \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 10:5, 6) The national favor of Israel ended when the Jews rejected and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus. (Matthew 23:37, 38)

19. During the \_\_\_\_\_ age the good tidings of justification have gone to all nations.

(Romans 1:5) The fully consecrated who follow in Jesus' footsteps during the Gospel age are given \_\_\_\_\_ great and \_\_\_\_\_ promises. (2 Peter 1:4) Have all the nations been converted during the Gospel age? (2 Tim. 3:1-5) \_\_\_\_\_ It is the Father's good pleasure to give the kingdom to a \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 12:32)

20. Even though God has permitted evil, have his deep designs been steadily progressing according to a fixed and definite plan? (Isaiah 46:10) \_\_\_\_\_ As soon as Satan is fully bound, \_\_\_\_\_ will begin to prevail. (2 Peter 3:13)

21. The first age of the Third Dispensation will last \_\_\_\_\_ years. (2 Peter 3:8) All \_\_\_\_\_ will have been wiped away by the close of the thousand year reign of Christ. (Revelation 21:4) The word *restitution* means \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 3:19-21)

22. Is God's plan a progressive one? \_\_\_\_\_ God is a wise *economist* of both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Are all things working together for the accomplishment of God's will? (Isaiah 45:23) \_\_\_\_\_

23. To the uninstructed and undisciplined mind, God's plan appears like \_\_\_\_\_, confusion, and \_\_\_\_\_. Maturity and investigation will show \_\_\_\_\_ harmony working good \_\_\_\_\_. Has man been receiving the necessary discipline to eventually experience the blessed results of God's plan? \_\_\_\_\_

24. One can rightly divide the word of truth by noting the distinctive \_\_\_\_\_ of each age. (2 Timothy 2:15)

25. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD will begin to fill the earth after the earthly phase of the kingdom begins its operation. (Isaiah 11:9) \_\_\_\_\_ is waxing worse and worse during this transition period between the beginning of the Third Dispensation and the full end of the Second Dispensation. (2 Timothy 3:1-13)

26. Present governments of this world are enriched and supported by oppression, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. Does our Lord have the power to fully bind Satan? (Matthew 28:18) \_\_\_\_\_

27. Is the household of faith now enjoying more light during this *dawning* of the Millennial age? (2 Peter 1:19; Revelation 3:20) \_\_\_\_\_