

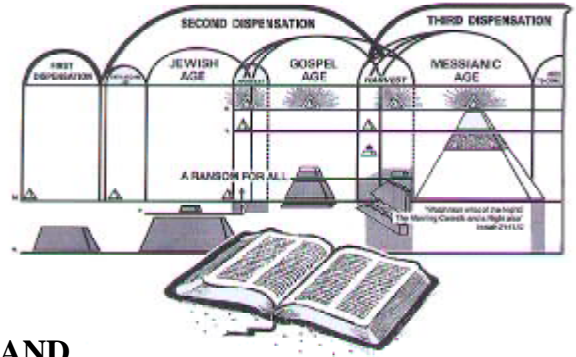


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THE TIME IS AT HAND

STUDY 1

SPECIAL TIMES AND SEASONS DIVINELY APPOINTED

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- ♦ **BEFORE** filling in the blanks, please prayerfully **study** the 43 paragraphs 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 2** will be sent when you have completed this lesson.

1. (a) The various features of God's plan have definitely appointed **TIMES** and **SEASONS** for their accomplishment.

(b) The time is at hand for the near establishment of the earthly phase of the kingdom and for the individual blessing of all the **FAMILIES** of the earth. (Genesis 22:18)

2. (a) Jesus taught us to pray "Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on **EARTH** as it is in heaven."

(b) The **MILLENNIAL** day is now dawning.

3. (a) A careful study of "The **DIVINE PLAN** of the Ages" is necessary before making a study of "The Time Is At Hand."

(b) Those who have implicit **FAITH** in God can be led by the Spirit of God into advanced truth as it becomes due.

4. (a) In the time of the end the vision speaks and does not **LIE** . (Habakkuk 2:3)

(b) The vision has been made plain on **TABLES** or charts.

(c) The **WISE** (through faith) understand. (Daniel 12:10)

5. (a) Discarding all human ideas, the author of "The Time Is At Hand" keeps close to the fountain of divine **TRUTH** .

(b) The wise (of God's people) now understand

the divine **PLAN** .

6. God's plan, with its time features, is so broad, comprehensive, and harmonious that it is far beyond the breadth and depth of human thought, and therefore cannot be of human **ORIGIN** .

7. (a) The Gospel Age ends with a **HARVEST** . (Matthew 13:30, 39)

(b) The work of harvest overlaps the incoming **MILLENNIAL** Age.

(c) By the close of the Millennial Age the **RESTITUTION** of all things will have been accomplished.

(d) In the Gospel Age harvest the great time of **TROUBLE** occurs; the complete overthrow of **ANTICHRIST** ; the beginning of returning favor to the **JEW** ; the second **ADVENT** of our Lord; and the **RESURRECTION** of the saints.

8. (a) To receive the testimony of "The Time Is At Hand", the reader must have an ear to hear and must expect to meekly cast away many preconceived **OPINIONS** when he sees anything lacking harmony with God's **WORD** .

(b) An understanding of the prophecies now unfolding will quicken and ripen and separate the saints, as wheat from **TARES** in this time of harvest.

9. (a) God's grand chart of the **AGES** clearly maps out the orderly arrangement, the deep design and the wonderful scope of the divine **PLAN** .

(b) Faithful children of God long to know when the King of Glory shall come in and the prince of darkness be **BOUND**; when the children of light shall shine forth as the **SUN**; when the saints shall be received into full divine **ADOPTION** and the groaning creation released from the **BONDAGE** of corruption; and when our heavenly Father's glorious character shall be fully revealed to an astonished world.

10. It is pleasing to the heavenly Father for his children to be interested in the **TIME** features of his plan.

11. (a) God is pleased for us to search the **SCRIPTURES**, and be in such an attitude which will discern truth as it becomes due.

(b) One is on safe ground as long as he studies the **WORD** of God and avoids idle **SPECULATIONS**.

(c) In due time and order every recorded feature of the times and seasons is manifested to those **WATCHING**.

(d) The entire outline of God's plan, together with the time features of that plan, is due to be understood in the period designated "The time of the **END**." (Daniel 12:9,10)

(e) Can the prophecies be understood until God's due time? **NO**

12. (a) To some of the disciples who inquired regarding the time for the establishment of the kingdom, our Lord said, "It is not for you to know (at that time) the times or the **SEASONS** which the Father hath appointed by his own authority." (Acts 1:7)

(b) Our Lord exhorted his disciples to take heed, **WATCH** and **PRAY**. (Mark 13:32,33,37)

13. (a) Does our Lord now know concerning the times and seasons? **YES**

(b) The very fact that God's plan, with its time features is now discernible by those watching, is strong proof that we are now living in the dawn of the **MILLENNIAL DAY**.

(c) If prophecy was not designed to be understood, would there be an object in giving it? **NO**

14. (a) The Almighty God has **FIXED** and definite times and **SEASONS** for every feature of the work.

(b) God's infinite power and **WISDOM** guarantee that there can be no delay.

15. (a) At the time Jesus told his disciples to watch,

the **FATHER** had not revealed the times and seasons connected with his plans to anyone.

(b) Did our Lord rebuke those who wished to know regarding the times and seasons? **NO**

(c) When due, the time features are revealed to those **WATCHING**.

16. (a) Those living in the "due time" who are obediently watching shall **UNDERSTAND**. (Daniel 12:9,10)

(b) One who neglects to watch loses a **BLESSING**.

(c) Some who are not watching are either blinded by **SATAN** or overcharged with matters of this **LIFE**.

(d) The fully consecrated should seek chiefly the **KINGDOM** and life to come.

17. (a) On the mount of transfiguration Peter, James, and John saw in a figure the glory of the coming **KINGDOM** of Christ. (2 Peter 1:16; Matthew 17:1-7)

(b) Moses represented the **ANCIENT WORTHIES** (Hebrews 11:38-40) who shall be the earthly representatives of the heavenly kingdom.

(c) Elijah represented the **OVERCOMERS** of this Gospel Age.

(d) While relating the vision, Peter points to the prophetic testimony and urged a **WATCHING** attitude on the part of the saints. (2 Peter 1:19)

(e) The subject of **RESTITUTION** was spoken by all of God's holy prophets. (Acts 3:19-21)

18. (a) The Day of the Lord comes as a **THIEF** in the night, (1 Thessalonians 5:1-4) but the watchers are not in darkness.

(b) The trouble which comes during the first part of "the Day of the Lord" is sudden as "**TRAVAIL**" upon a woman.

19. (a) The faithful, meek and humble students of the word will at no time be in **DARKNESS**.

(b) Name some of the faithful of the house of servants who were informed of events beforehand: **ABRAHAM**, **NOAH**, **SIMEON**, **ANNA**.

(c) Jesus certainly shall know of the times and seasons in due time since he is to accomplish the **PLAN**.

(d) He makes known the plan to those close

to him and associated in his work—his FRIENDS, his saints.

20. (a) Most of what was revealed to God’s servants, the prophets, (Amos 3:7) was not for themselves but for the Gospel CHURCH. (1 Peter 1:12)

(b) The day of the Lord will not come upon the FAITHFUL as a thief and a snare for they will be watching.

21. (a) The children of the light are begotten of the TRUTH. (James 1:17,18)

(b) The fully consecrated are developed and sanctified by the TRUTH. (John 17:17)

22. (a) The saints who are watching have KNOWLEDGE of the fact that the day of the Lord has begun, but the world is in IGNORANCE.

(b) The consecrated must watch, pray, and take heed lest at any time their hearts are overcharged with CARES of this life. (Luke 21:34-36)

23. (a) Children of God, living in the day of the Lord, who remain in ignorance of the fact must be either surfeited with the things of this life and INTOXICATED with the spirit of the world, or else OVERCHARGED with the cares of this life.

(b) The saints are exhorted to watch with their lamps trimmed and BURNING and with OIL in their vessels.

24. (a) The prophecies uttered by the prophets, though recorded aforetime, and made to bear witness to the divine foreknowledge and arrangement, were for the learning of those living in the due time for their FULFILLMENT. (Romans 15:4)

(b) The patient, searching children of God need “meat in due SEASON” during this evil day.

(c) At the same time the old order is passing away, the new era and dispensation DAWNS.

25. A combination time-lock used in some of the largest banks illustrates the divine arrangement of time PROPHECY.

26. (a) Since we are living in the morning of the great day of restitution, Jehovah’s Anointed is giving the watchers the necessary information as to how the key of prophecy is to be operated by those who desire to find TREASURES of infinite wisdom.

(b) Those who are watching may unlock the treasures of divine wisdom because the MORNING

hour has come.

27. (a) Each feature of truth may be opened now because it is MORNING.

(b) He who opens will indeed know GOD as never before.

28. (a) We should examine the scriptures with a REVERENT spirit.

(b) It is the privilege of the saints to now lift their heads and rejoice because their DELIVERANCE draweth nigh. (Luke 21:28)

29. (a) Our God is a God of ORDER.

(b) Are all the features of God’s plan carried out on time? YES (Galatians 4:4; Mark 1:15; 1 Corinthians 15:4; John 7:30)

30. (a) Time prophecies were given to enable the student of the word to recognize the foretold events when DUE.

(b) Prophecies marked the time and manner of the FIRST advent and also the SECOND advent of Christ, the world’s Redeemer.

31. Are the majority of professed Christians indifferent to the prophecies which point out both advents of Christ? YES

32. (a) Did fleshly Israel, as a whole, know the time of the first advent of Christ? NO

(b) Did the prophet foretell the stumbling of both the houses of Israel—the nominal Jewish house and the nominal Christian house? YES (Isaiah 8:14)

(c) Only a REMNANT in the harvest of each dispensation is prepared to receive and appreciate the truths then due.

(d) Each individual Christian should see to it that he is not one of the lukewarm nominal Christians which shall surely STUMBLE.

33. (a) Careful attention should be given not only to time-prophecy but also to the MANNER of our Lord’s second presence.

(b) In addition to knowledge, the child of God should be holy and HUMBLE.

(c) Will the worldly and overcharged ones discern the signs of the time? NO

34. (a) Our Lord at the first advent dismissed the FAULT-FINDING quibbles of the Pharisees with dark and EVASIVE answers.

(b) Jesus made the truth clear to the HUMBLE earnest seekers. (Matthew 13:10,11)

35. (a) Truth separates the earnest and humble, and strengthens, and ENLIGHTENS them.

(b) Those with the improper condition of heart will be unworthy to become the BRIDE of Christ.

36. (a) The scriptures counsel us to cultivate the graces of Christian character and to preserve constantly that condition of heart which will enable us to discern TRUTH—especially the great truth of our Lord's presence and the dispensational changes.

(b) Truth is a sickle which SEPARATES the wheat from the TARES.

37. (a) Does odium attach to the study of prophetic time? YES

(b) Have "Second Adventists" and others misapplied prophetic time? YES

(c) The worldly wise at the first advent said: "Can any good thing come out of NAZARETH?" (John 1:46)

38. (a) Did both the Jews at the 1st advent and the Second Adventists have false expectations? YES

(b) Have the Adventists failed to recognize the manner and the object of our Lord's return? YES

39. Is one blessed who does not heed the scornful smile of the world? YES

40. (a) God seeks one who worships him in spirit and TRUTH. (John 4:23)

(b) Prophetic time was not given for the world but for the church to enlighten, COMFORT, ENCOURAGE, STRENGTHEN, and guide them in these troublous times.

(c) The true church will point to the glorious OUTCOME of Jehovah's plan and will lift up A STANDARD for the people. (Isaiah 62:10)

41. (a) The prophetic time-evidences were designed to guide our words and deeds in the early dawn of the MILLENNIAL Day.

(b) Will the student who gives attention to the prophetic time-proofs have lasting profit? YES

(c) God's plans are working together in TIME as well as in kind, to the development of his glorious purposes.

42. (a) Were the Jews and the Second Adventists looking for the wrong thing at the right time? YES

(b) The fire which is to devour the earth in the Day of the Lord is SYMBOLIC, not literal.

43. (a) Does it do violence to some prophecies to endeavor to make them fit into a 24 hour day? YES

(b) The order and harmony of God's plan are just as manifest in its TIMES and seasons as in the glorious features of that plan mapped out on the Chart of the AGES.