

STUDY XII
EXPLANATION OF CHART REPRESENTING THE PLAN OF THE AGES

- (1) What is the special advantage of using the Chart of the Ages in Bible study? Page 219, par. 1.
- (2) Point out on the chart the three great dispensations, giving the duration of each. How are these designated in the Scriptures? Page 219, par. 2.
- (3) What is the relation of each of these "worlds" to the Divine Plan and to each other? Who is the prince of "this present evil world"? Who were the spirit rulers of the first world? How do the Scriptures indicate that the world before the flood was under ministration of angels? Page 220.
- (4) What has Jehovah permitted mankind to attempt during "this present evil world," and why has man failed to properly govern himself? Page 221, par. 1.
- (5) How is the second great dispensation subdivided into distinct ages? How are these designated, and what are the characteristic features of each, as shown in the Scriptures? Page 221, pr. 2 to 4; page 222, par. 1.
- (6) Of how many ages is the third great dispensation composed? What is the first of these called, and what is its object? Page 222, par. 2.
- (7) What will doubtless be the characteristics of the remaining "ages to come"? Page 223, par. 1.
- (8) What is the order of progress during these dispensations? What was the duration of the "harvest" of the Jewish age? Page 223, par. 2.
- (9) When did the Jewish age end in a measure, and why was divine favor shown to individuals of that nation for three and a half years afterwards? Page 223, par. 3.
- (10) At what time did the Jewish age end in its more complete sense? Page 223, par. 4.
- (11) When did the Gospel age begin, and what is the purpose of this age? Page 224, par. 1.
- (12) Is there a "harvest" period in the end of the Gospel age? How is the harvest of the Jewish age a "shadow" or picture of this harvest? Page 224, par. 2.

(13) On the chart, what do the letters K, L, M, N, P and R represent? Upon what plane was Adam before he sinned? And to what plane did he fall through disobedience? What does plane P represent? Page 224, par. 3.

(14) What two classes are respectively represented as actually or reckonedly standing upon plane N? Page 225, par. 1.

(15) What offer has God made during the Gospel age to all upon the plane of justification through faith? And what is the significance of presenting ourselves as "living sacrifices"? Page 225, par. 2.

(16) Since Jehovah would not accept blemished or imperfect typical sacrifices, how can any member of the fallen race become an acceptable sacrifice? Page 226, par. 1.

(17) Upon what plane, as illustrated on the chart, are all consecrated believers reckoned as standing? And how are these considered in God's sight? Page 226, par. 2.

(18) What does plane L represent, and what conditions must be carried out before this plane can be reached? At what time will the body of Christ enter upon this plane of spirit-birth? Page 227, par. 1.

(19) What is the further step beyond perfection of spirit being, and how is it shown on the chart? What is the difference in glory between planes L and K? Page 227, par. 2.

(20) Why is the figure of a pyramid eminently fit to represent perfection from a Scriptural and mathematical standpoint? Page 228, par. 1.

(21) Upon which plane shall we place the pyramid representing Adam when created? Page 228, par. 2.

(22) Where would Abraham and others of the Patriarchs be represented on the chart, and why? Page 228, par. 3.

(23) Upon what plane is all the remaining world of mankind since the flood? Page 228, par. 4.

(24) What does plane P represent, and who only were lifted up to that plane? Page 229, par. 1.

(25) What was the baptism of fire upon the Jewish nation, and where is it represented on the chart? Page 229, par. 2.

(26) What did the justice of God require in the nature of a ransom price for the condemned human race, and how did Jesus meet those requirements? Where is our Lord represented upon the chart? Page 229, par. 3.

(27) "Being found in fashion as a man," what was Jesus' next experience as Scripturally illustrated on the chart? Page 230, par. 1; par. 2, first 6 lines.

(28) How long did our Lord remain upon the spirit-begotten plane M, and when did he reach the plane of spirit-birth, as illustrated on the chart? Page 230, par. 2, 6th line to end of par.

(29) Did not Jesus after His resurrection appear as a man? What was His object in so doing, and what Scripture explains His mysterious resurrection powers? Page 231, par. 1.

(30) When was Jesus' new nature reckoned as begun, and when was it actually completed, as shown on the chart? Page 231, par. 2.

(31) When did Jesus reach plane K, the plane of divine glory, and what has been His position during the whole Gospel age? Page 231, par. 3.

(32) How may the church attain to the plane of divine glory with her Lord, and what steps are necessary in order to reach the plane of justification, N? Page 231, par. 4.

(33) How is the word nature properly used? Page 232, footnote.

(34) Does justification change our nature? What is the offer made to the justified, by the Lord? Page 232, par. 1.

(35) As illustrated on the chart, how far does faith carry us along the pathway to glory? And what further is necessary in order to make progress toward the goal, and reach plane M? Page 233, par. 1.

(36) When we present our all to the Lord, and ask how we shall perform our sacrifice, what instructions are given us through His Word? Page 234, par. 1.

(37) When will our "crown" be won? Page 234, par. 2.

(38) What will be the experience of those who "sleep," and of those of the same class who are "alive" at the second advent of the Lord? Page 234, par. 3.

- (39) What is the "Marriage of the Lamb," and how is it illustrated on the chart? Page 235, par. 1.
- (40) Describe the four classes of the nominal Gospel church represented on the chart by n, m, p, and q. Page 235, par. 2, to Page 237, par. 1.
- (41) In which parable does our Lord show His determination to separate the "wheat" from the "tares," and at what time will this take place? Page 237, par. 2.
- (42) Who are the "good seed" and the "tares," respectively? Page 238, par. 1.
- (43) Into what two parts is the harvest of the Gospel age divided? And what are the correspondencies between the harvests of the Gospel and Jewish ages? Page 238, par. 2.
- (44) Where is the separation of the "little flock" from "Babylon" shown on the chart? What do figures t, u and v represent? Page 239, par. 1.
- (45) How are the experiences of those who have built with "gold, silver and precious stones," and with "wood, hay and stubble," respectively, represented on the chart? Page 240.
- (46) When will the Time of Trouble affect the world, and what will be natural Israel's experiences during this period? Page 241, par. 1.
- (47) Describe the manner in which the perfect pyramid on the chart will be gradually made complete, and what will be the experience of all who "will not hear that Prophet"? Page 241, par. 2.
- (48) Briefly, what will be the consummation of Jehovah's Plan? Page 242, par. 1.
- (49) How does the pyramid beautifully illustrate the one-ness of the whole restored creation? Page 242, par. 2, 3.
- (50) What is the order of selecting the "living stones" in this glorious structure, and how does it essentially differ from an earthly building? Page 243, par. 1, 2.
- (51) Briefly show the harmony of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness with the Chart of the Ages. Page 244.