

Introduction to the Third Enemy of the Believer: The World System

Scripture Reading:

I John 2:14-17

INTRODUCTION

- The purpose of the NT believer is to fulfill the pre-planned works of Eph 2:10. These works consist of:
 - Yielding - Rom 12:1
 - Growing - II Pet 3:18
 - Showing forth the life of Christ in your daily activities - Phil 2:15
- These 3 types of works are the OFFENSIVE works of the NT believer.
- The DEFENSIVE works of the NT believer are designed to defend against our three enemies: the flesh, Satan, and the world system.

- The meaning of the term “world” κοσμος
- The usage of the term “world” in Scripture
- The confusion of KJV translations using the term “world”
- The term identified as one our spiritual enemies
- The origin of the World System
- The purpose and effect on mankind, both saved and lost
- The makeup of the World System
- The NT believer’s appropriate use of the World System
- The length of existence and final destruction of the World System

An Overview of this Series of Studies on The World System

The Meaning of the Term “World”

The verb κοσμεο - (cos-me-o)

- Used 10x | NT
- Translated “adorned” 5x, “garnished” 4x, “trimmed” 1x
- Meaning = ‘to arrange, ‘put in order’

The noun κοσμος - (cosmos)

- Used 186x in NT
- Translated “world” 185x, “adorning” 1x (cf I Pet 3:3)

The Usage of the Term “World” in Scripture

- **God’s ordered arrangement of the created universe**
 - Jn 1:10, 17:5, Acts 17:24, Rom 1:20, Eph 1:4
- **Satan’s ordered arrangement over mankind on planet Earth**
 - I Jn 2:15-17, James 4:4
- **The unregenerate population of mankind which under the influence of the World System is called “the world” in the NT**
 - Jn 3:16-17, 12:19 (cf vs 9-11), II Cor 5:19

The Confusion of KJV Translations using the Term "World" in Scripture

- **τψ - gay**
 - 248x in NT
 - Translated "earth", "land", "country", "ground"
 - "ground" = 247x, "world" 1x (cf Rev 13:3)
- **ιονιουσ - ionios**
 - 78x in NT
 - Translated "eternal", "everlasting", "forever" 68x, "world" 3x

The Confusion of KJV Translations using the Term “World” in Scripture (continued)

- οἰκουμένα – oikumene
 - 15x in NT
 - Translated “world 15x, meaning = ‘inhabited earth’
- ἰόν - ion
 - 126x in NT
 - Translated “forever”, “ever”, “evermore” 75x, “never” 7x, “eternal 2x, “course” 1x, “world” 39x, “age(s)” 3x
 - The proper understanding of ion comes from the 3 verses that the KJV translate “age(s)” (cf Eph 2:7, 3:21; Col 1:26)
 - All 126 uses of ion should be translated “age(s)”

CONCLUSION

- The purpose of the NT believer is to fulfill the pre-planned works of Eph 2:10.
 - The DEFENSIVE works of the NT believer are designed to defend against our three enemies: the flesh, Satan, and the world system
 - The OFFENSIVE actions of the NT believe
 - Yielding our lives to Christ's Lordship - Rom 12:1
 - Growing in grace and the experiential knowledge of Christ - II Pet 3:8
 - Showing forth our Savior's indwelling LIFE before a spiritually lost and physically dying world- Phil 2:15
- **GO! Defending, yielding, growing, shining as lights!**