

Distinguishing Ages from the World System

Scripture Reading:
Galatians 1:3-5

The God's purpose for believers is to:

Yield to the Lordship of Christ's control

Grow in grace

Show forth the indwelling Life of Christ in our daily activities

Use the provisions of our salvation to *defend* our minds from the spiritual attacks of our 3 spiritual enemies (The sin nature, Satan, the World System)

INTRODUCTION

The orderly arrangement of the Satanic World System has been designed to control and direct mankind for Satan's purposes

One of the most confusing terms in the King James translation is the Greek word **αιων** – (ion) - "age"

The KJV translates this word 39x by the same English word that is used to translate the Greek word **κοσμος** - (cosmos) - "world"

INTRODUCTION

Defining the Term "Age" in Scripture

- In NT Scripture, an "age" is a segment in time or eternity in which God reveals some aspect of His character or abilities to His intelligent beings (men and spirit beings)

- Eph 2:7, 3:21; Col 1:26

An Overview of Previous Ages

**1st Age: the
creation of all
spirit beings**

- **Revelation: God's unlimited knowledge and power**

**2nd Age: the
creation of
the Universe**

- **Revelation: God's unlimited power and His immensity (spirit essence) is infinite to finite beings**

**3rd Age: God's
judgment on
Lucifer's
rebellion**

- **Revelation: God's is omniscient, holy, and righteous**

Eph 2:7 "... in the ages to come ..."



Eph 3:21 "... throughout all ages ..."



Col 1:26 "... hid from ages and from generations..."

Future Ages Predicted

The name of this age: "...the present evil age..." Gal 1:4

The revelation of this age

Sons of Satan vs God's sons - Rom 8:14, Matt 13:36-39

Satan's sons try to imitate God's sons (son = a mature one)

Two sources of power - Mk 10:30, Eph 2:2

Two different "Jesus" are preached - II Cor 11:4 (earthly only and the divine)

Two different gospels are preached - II Cor 11:4

**A Closer Look
at This
Present Age**

Two different gospels are preached - II Cor 11:4

The “here and now” vs eternal realities

Feeding the physically hungry only vs giving out “the Living Bread”

Providing clean drinking water vs providing “the Water of Life”

Concerned for providing for medical care for this short physical life only vs providing eternal spiritual healing (I Pet 2:24)

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Sons of Satan vs God's sons - (continued)

Satan's sons are of "the lie" but God's sons are of the truth -
Jn 8:44

Sons of Satan love the World System

God's Sons love the brethren - I Jn 3:10

**A Closer Look
at This
Present Age
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- The purpose of Biblical ages is to reveal various aspects of God's eternal character and abilities
- The purpose of "this present age" is to reveal the antithesis of God's character and abilities
- God does this by providing His ETERNAL LIFE to His sons for the display of this quality of LIFE before a dark and spiritually dead world (fallen mankind) Mk 10:30, Phil 2:15
- The purpose of Satan's World System is to control and direct unsaved mankind in order to accomplish his purposes - II Thess 2:1-12

Conclusion