

Uses of the Word 'World' in the New Testament

This word has been indiscriminately used for four different Greek words of entirely different meanings. In Matthew 24 we read of "the end of the world" (v. 3), and of the gospel being preached in "all the world" (v. 14) by the disciples. It is obvious from other Scriptures that the world is not coming to an end, and it is also obvious that the disciples did not preach the gospel in China, Britain, India etc. Understanding the Greek words used and marking them in our Bibles will better enable us to understand the scriptures.

GE

"Ge" signifies "the earth." It has been many times translated "earth," but only once translated "world" in Rev. 13:3.

AION

"Aion" signifies "an age," of long or short duration. The age of man is limited; the "aion" of Deity is eternal.

"An age, or period of time". (WE Vine).

Aion is often translated in scripture as "world" or "course". Bro Thomas defines it as a "course of things termed olv olahm in the Hebrew writings, and which in innumerable places is very erroneously rendered *ever*" (**Herald Vol 9, p152**).

"This is the word, then, adopted by the Septuagint, and by the writers of the New Testament, as the best in the Greek language, by which to designate the Abrahamo-Mosaic and the Abrahamo-Messianic cycles, and the cycles beyond.

"The period of each existence", says Aristotle, "is its aion." A man's life-time is his aion; the period of the apocalyptic Beast of the Sea's continuance is its aion; the time during which the Aaronic High-Priesthood was appointed to continue was its aion,.." Bro Thomas, **Christadelphian Vol 9 (1872) p465**.

Aion often occurs as "for ever and ever", which literally means: "for the age of the ages". It occurs fourteen times in the Apocalypse. This phrase does not define eternity, but the millennial age of one thousand years that is made up of shorter epochs of time. Christ's dominion over flesh will last one thousand years (Rev. 20:6), after which he will deliver a perfected Kingdom up to the Father that He might be all and in all (1 Cor. 15:24-28).

Uses of the Word 'Aion':

Matt 6:13 for **ever**. Amen.

Matt 12:32 neither in this **world**

Matt 13:22 the care of this **world**

Matt 13:39, 40, 49 is the end of the **world**, in the end of this **world**, at the end of the **world**

Matt 21:19 henceforward for **ever**

Matt 24:3 of the end of the **world**?

Matt 28:20 the end of the **world**.

Amen.

Mark 3:29 hath **never** forgiveness

Mark 4:19 cares of this **world**,

Mark 10:30 in the **world** to come eternal life

Mark 11:14 hereafter for **ever**

Luke 1:33 the house of Jacob for **ever**;

Luke 1:55 to his seed for **ever**.

Luke 1:70 been since the **world began**:

Luke 16:8 the children of this **world**

Luke 18:30 and in the **world** to come life everlasting.

Luke 20:34, 35 children of this

world marry, to obtain that **world**

John 4:14 shall **never** thirst;

John 6:51 shall live for **ever**:

John 6:58 shall live for **ever**.

John 8:35 (2x) in the house for

ever: *but* the Son abideth **ever**.

John 8:51, 52 he shall **never** see

death, he shall **never** taste of death

John 9:32 Since the **world began**

John 10:28 they shall **never** perish

John 11:26 believeth in me shall **never** die

John 12:34 that Christ abideth for **ever**:

John 13:8 Thou shalt **never** wash my feet.

John 14:16 abide with you for **ever**;

Acts 3:21 since the **world began**.

Acts 15:18 beginning of the **world**.

Rom 1:25 blessed for **ever**. Amen.

Rom 9:5 blessed for **ever**. Amen

Rom 11:36 glory for **ever**. Amen

Rom 12:2 conformed to this **world**

Rom 16:27 Jesus Christ for **ever**.

1 Cor 1:20 the disputer of this

world?

1 Cor 2:6 (2x) yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world
 1 Cor 2:7-8 before the world unto our glory, princes of this world knew
 1 Cor 3:18 seemeth to be wise in this world
 1 Cor 8:13 while the world standeth
 1 Cor 10:11 the ends of the world
 2 Cor 4:4 god of this world
 2 Cor 9:9 remaineth for ever.
 2 Cor 11:31 which is blessed for evermore
 Gal 1:4 present evil world
 Gal 1:5 (2x) glory for ever and ever. Amen.
 Eph 1:21 not only in this world
 Eph 2:2 according to the course of this world
 Eph 2:7 in the ages to come
 Eph 3:9 beginning of the world
 Eph 3:11 the eternal purpose
 Eph 3:21 (2x) throughout all ages, world without end.
 Eph 6:12 darkness of this world
 Phil 4:20 for ever and ever.
 Col 1:26 hid from ages
 1 Tim 1:17 (3x) Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Tim 6:17 rich in this world,
 2 Tim 4:10 loved this present world,
 2 Tim 4:18 (2x) for ever and ever. Amen.
 Tit 2:12 this present world;
 Heb 1:2 he made the worlds;
 Heb 1:8 O God, is for ever and ever
 Heb 5:6 priest for ever
 Heb 6:5 powers of the world to come
 Heb 6:20 an high priest for ever
 Heb 7:17 priest for ever
 Heb 7:21 a priest for ever
 Heb 7:24 because he continueth ever
 Heb 7:28 who is consecrated for evermore.
 Heb 9:26 in the end of the world
 Heb 11:3 understand that the worlds
 Heb 13:8 and for ever.
 Heb 13:21 (2x) be glory for ever and ever. Amen.
 1 Pet 1:23 abideth for ever.
 1 Pet 1:25 endureth for ever.
 1 Pet 4:11 (2x) and dominion for ever and ever. Amen
 1 Pet 5:11 (2x) for ever and ever. Amen.
 2 Pet 2:17 is reserved for ever.

2 Pet 3:18 now and for ever. Amen.
 1 John 2:17 will of God abideth for ever.
 2 John 2 shall be with us for ever
 Jude 13 of darkness for ever.
 Jude 25 both now and ever. Amen.
 Rev 1:6 for ever and ever. Amen.
 Rev 1:18 I am alive for evermore
 Rev 4:9 (2x) liveth for ever and ever,
 Rev 4:10 (2x) liveth for ever and ever
 Rev 5:13 unto the Lamb for ever and ever.
 Rev 5:14 (2x) liveth for ever and ever.
 Rev 7:12 (2x) for ever and ever. Amen.
 Rev 10:6 (2x) liveth for ever and ever,
 Rev 11:15 (2x) shall reign for ever and ever.
 Rev 14:11 (2x) ascendeth up for ever and ever.
 Rev 15:7 (2x) liveth for ever and ever.
 Rev 19:3 (2x) rose up for ever and ever.
 Rev 20:10 (2x) for ever and ever.
 Rev 22:5 (2x) shall reign for ever and ever

KOSMOS

“Primarily order or arrangement” (WE Vine)

Bro Thomas defines Kosmos as (**Herald Vol 9 p 152**): “A *kosmos* is anything constituted or arranged by what the moderns call “a constitution”, or by the force of circumstances; as a kingdom, empire, state, or what is called “world”. Each of these, or a system of states, has its *course*, or *aion*; so that when the end of the *course* is arrived at, the abolition or destruction of the particular *state* of necessity ensues. Hence the question, “What is the sign of the end of the *Aion*?” is equivalent to what is the sign of the end of Judah’s Commonwealth? For, when the *Mosaic Aion* should terminate, *Judah’s Kosmos* would be dissolved.”

Uses of the word ‘kosmos’:

Matt 4:8 kingdoms of the world,
Matt 5:14 Ye are the light of the world.
Matt 13:35 the foundation of the world.
Matt 13:38 The field is the world;
Matt 16:26 shall gain the whole world
Matt 18:7 Woe unto the world
Matt 24:21 since the beginning of the world
Matt 25:34 from the foundation of the world.
Matt 26:13 preached in the whole world,

Mk 8:36 shall gain the whole world,
Mk 14:9 throughout the whole world
Mk 16:15 Go ye into all the world
Luke 9:25 he gain the whole world
Luke 11:50 the foundation of the world
Luke 12:30 the nations of the world
John 1:9 that cometh into the world.
John 1:10 (3x) He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

John 1:29 the sin of the world.
John 3:16* For God so loved the world
John 3:17 (3x) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
John 3:19 come into the world
John 4:42 Saviour of the world.
John 6:14 come into the world.
John 6:33 life unto the world.
John 6:51 life of the world.
John 7:4 shew thyself to the world.
John 7:7 The world cannot hate you

John 8:12 I am the light of the **world**
John 8:23 (2x) ye are of this **world**;
I am not of this **world**.
John 8:26 I speak to the **world**
John 9:5 (2x) As long as I am in the
world, I am the light of the **world**.
John 9:39 into this **world**
John 10:36 sent into the **world**
John 11:9 light of this **world**.
John 11:27 should come into the
world.
John 12:19 behold, the **world** is
gone after him.
John 12:25 in this **world**
John 12:31 (2x) Now is the
judgment of this **world**: now shall
the prince of this **world** be cast out.
John 12:46 I am come a light into
the **world**
John 12:47 (2x) to judge the **world**,
but to save the **world**.
John 13:1 (2x) depart out of this
world unto the Father, having loved
his own which were in the **world**, he
loved them unto the end.
John 14:17 whom the **world**
cannot receive
John 14:19 and the **world** seeth
me no more
John 14:22 and not unto the
world?
John 14:27 not as the **world** giveth
John 14:30 the prince of this **world**
John 14:31 But that the **world**
John 15:18 If the **world** hate you
John 15:19 (5x) If ye were of the
world, the **world** would love his
own: but because ye are not of the
world, but I have chosen you out of
the **world**, therefore the **world**
hateth you.
John 16:8 reprove the **world** of sin
John 16:11 the prince of this **world**
John 16:20 but the **world** shall
rejoice:
John 16:21 born into the **world**.
John 16:28 (2x) come into the
world: again, I leave the **world**
John 16:33 (2x) In the **world** ye
shall have tribulation: but be of
good cheer; I have overcome the
world.
John 17:5 before the **world** was.
John 17:6 gavest me out of the
world
John 17:9 I pray for them: I pray
not for the **world**
John 17:11 (2x) And now I am no
more in the **world**, but these are in
the **world**
John 17:12 While I was with them
in the **world**

John 17:13 I speak in the **world**
John 17:14 (3x) I have given them
thy word; and the **world** hath hated
them, because they are not of the
world, even as I am not of the
world.
John 17:15 out of the **world**
John 17:16 (2x) They are not of the
world, even as I am not of the
world.
John 17:18 (2x) As thou hast sent
me into the **world**, even so have I
also sent them into the **world**.
John 17:21 that the **world** may
believe
John 17:23 that the **world** may
know
John 17:24 foundation of the **world**
John 17:25 the **world** hath not
known thee
John 18:20 openly to the **world**
John 18:36 (2x) My kingdom is not
of this **world**: if my kingdom were of
this **world**
John 18:37 into the **world**
John 21:25 even the **world** itself
Acts 17:24 God that made the
world
Rom 1:8 throughout the whole
world.
Rom 1:20 creation of the **world**
Rom 3:6 judge the **world**
Rom 3:19 all the **world**
Rom 4:13 heir of the **world**,
Rom 5:12 entered into the **world**
Rom 5:13 was in the **world**
Rom 11:12 riches of the **world**
Rom 11:15 reconciling of the **world**
1 Cor 1:20 wisdom of this **world**?
1 Cor 1:21 the **world** by wisdom
1 Cor 1:27 (2x) foolish things of the
world to confound the wise; and
God hath chosen the weak things of
the **world**
1 Cor 1:28 And base things of the
world,
1 Cor 2:12 not the spirit of the
world
1 Cor 3:19* For the wisdom of this
world
1 Cor 3:22 or the **world**
1 Cor 4:9 spectacle unto the **world**
1 Cor 4:13 the filth of the **world**
1 Cor 5:10 (2x) the fornicators of
this **world**, or with the covetous, or
extortioners, or with idolaters; for
then must ye needs go out of the
world.
1 Cor 6:2 saints shall judge the
world? and if the **world** shall be
judged by you,

1 Cor 7:31 (2x) And they that use
this **world**, as not abusing it: for the
fashion of this **world** passeth away.
1 Cor 7:33 are of the **world**
1 Cor 7:34 the things of the **world**
1 Cor 8:4 nothing in the **world**
1 Cor 11:32 condemned with the
world.
1 Cor 14:10 voices in the **world**
2 Cor 1:12 conversation in the
world
2 Cor 5:19 reconciling the **world**
2 Cor 7:10 the sorrow of the **world**
Gal 4:3 elements of the **world**
Gal 6:14 (2x) the **world** is crucified
unto me, and I unto the **world**.
Eph 1:4 foundation of the **world**
Eph 2:2 course of this **world**
Eph 2:12 without God in the **world**
Phil 2:15 lights in the **world**
Col 1:6 all the **world**
Col 2:8 rudiments of the **world**
Col 2:20 (2x) from the rudiments of
the **world**, why, as though living in
the **world**,
1 Tim 1:15 Jesus came into the
world
1 Tim 3:16 believed on in the
world
1 Tim 6:7 we brought nothing into
this **world**
Heb 4:3 foundation of the **world**
Heb 9:26 foundation of the **world**
Heb 10:5 cometh into the **world**
Heb 11:7 condemned the **world**
Heb 11:38 (Of whom the **world**
was not worthy
Jas 1:27 unspotted from the **world**
Jas 2:5 the poor of this **world**
Jas 3:6 a **world** of iniquity
Jas 4:4 (2x) friendship of the **world**
is enmity with God? whosoever
therefore will be a friend of the
world is the enemy of God.
1 Peter 1:20 foundation of the
world
1 Peter 3:3 Whose **adorning**
1 Peter 5:9 in the **world**
2 Peter 1:4 in the **world** through
lust
2 Peter 2:5 (2x) And spared not the
old **world**, but saved Noah the
eighth person, a preacher of
righteousness, bringing in the flood
upon the **world** of the ungodly;
2 Peter 2:20 pollutions of the **world**
2 Peter 3:6 the **world** that then was
1 John 2:2 the sins of the whole
world
1 John 2:15 (3x) Love not the
world, neither the things that are in
the **world**. If any man love the

world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1 John 2:16 (2x) For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

1 John 2:17 And the world passeth away

1 John 3:1 therefore the world knoweth us not

1 John 3:13 if the world hate you

1 John 3:17 But whoso hath this world's good

1 John 4:1 out into the world

1 John 4:3 in the world

1 John 4:4 that is in the world

1 John 4:5 (3x) They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

1 John 4:9 into the world

1 John 4:14 Saviour of the world

1 John 4:17 so are we in this world

1 John 5:4 (2x) For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world:

and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith.

1 John 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world

1 John 5:19 the whole world lieth in wickedness.

2 John 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world

Rev 11:15 The kingdoms of this world

Rev 13:8 foundation of the world

Rev 17:8 foundation of the world

OIKOUMENE

'Oikoumene' signifies "the habitable" and not the entire globe. The habitable, in Paul's day, was limited to the Roman Empire.

Uses of the word 'oikoumene':

Mt 24:14 preached in all the world

Lu 2:1 that all the world should be taxed.

Lu 4:5 kingdoms of the world

Lu 21:26 coming on the earth:

Ac 11:28 throughout all the world:

Ac 17:6 turned the world upside down

Ac 17:31 judge the world

Ac 19:27 and the world worshippeth.

Ac 24:5 throughout the world

Ro 10:18 ends of the world

Heb 1:6 into the world

Heb 2:5 the world to come

Re 3:10 upon all the world

Re 12:9 deceiveth the whole world

Re 16:14 of the whole world