

# Eschatology Series

## Session 1: What the future holds – the Biblical timeline

An eschatological glossary:

'A vocabulary which explains the meaning of words which are antiquated, local or technical,'

1. Hebrews 1:2 'last days' – Gk: Eschaton  
A comprehensive term from the time of the resurrection until the time of the final judgement which will usher in the Messianic KINGDOM

2 Timothy 3:1

In these LAST DAYS perilous times shall come

When do the LAST DAYS come to an end?

Is it the end of the world?

2. Hebrews 1:2

God (the Father) has spoken to us by His Son (Jesus) by whom He made the WORLDS

In Greek two words are translated 'WORLD' – KOSMOS and AEON

COSMOS is essentially the universe or earth

AEON is an AGE or PERIOD OF TIME

The phrase "the end of the world" should be rendered "the end of the age" in the most places (Vine)

so

Hebrews 1:2 should translate – by whom He made the AGES

Definition: An aeon or age is not so much the actual length of time but more a period marked out by SPIRITUAL or MORAL characteristics (e.g. New Age)

now

Hebrews 11:3

Through faith we understand that the AGES (not worlds) were framed by the Word of God ...

Hebrews 6:5

tasted the good Word of God and the powers of the AGE (not world) to come

1 Corinthians 2:6-7

A wisdom not of THIS AGE ...

God predestined before the AGES ...

wisdom none of the rulers of this present AGE understood

FORMER AGE

THIS PRESENT AGE

END OF THIS AGE

THE LAST DAYS

### 3. Kingdom – Basileia

Definition: Basileia is primarily an *abstract noun*, the sphere of God's rule before it is a geographical place

Matthew 6:10

Let it come the Kingdom of Thee (lit)

Luke 17:21

Behold the Kingdom of God is within you

Daniel 4:25-26

recognise that the Most High is ruler over the world

recognise that Heaven rules

Revelation 11:15

The kingdom of the WORLD (cosmos)

and

He will reign unto the AGES (ACEON)

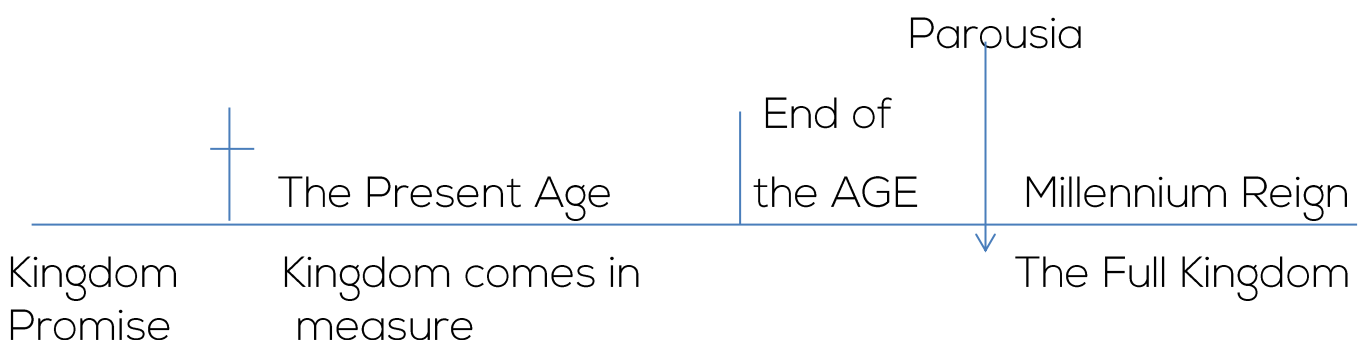
the AGES (AEON) – forever

Already/Not yet tension of the Kingdom

Israel the paradigm nation:

Genesis 12:3 In you all the families of the earth will be blessed.

Genesis 17:8 I will give you the land of Canaan for an EVERLASTING possession.



2 Peter 1:11

Practice righteousness to obtain an entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord

2 Peter: 16

We made known to you the 'coming of the Lord.'