THIS PRESENT WORLD

INTRODUCTION: This age is one of many mentioned in the Bible, the revelation and purposes of God being different in each of them.

Col.1:26 “hid from ages” Eph.2:7 “the ages to come”

Gal.1:4 “present … world” Eph. 1:10; 3:2

1. THE DURATION OF THIS AGE.

THIS AGE BEGAN AFTER THE CRUCIFIXION.

Heb.9:26 “in the end of the world… put away sin”

Matt. 16:18 “I WILL build my church.”

THIS AGE WILL END WHEN CHRIST RETURNS.

Titus 2:12, 13 “this present world, looking for … appearing”

1. THE CHARACTER OF THIS AGE.

Gal.1:4 “present EVIL world” Phil. 2:15 “crooked, perverse”

II Tim.3:13 “shall wax worse and worse… deceived”

1. THE WORK OF SATAN IN THIS AGE.

HE GUIDES THE COURSE OF THE AGE.

II Cor. 4:4 “god of this world” Eph.6:12 “rulers” Eph.2:2

HE BLINDS MEN TO THE GOSPEL.

II Cor. 4:3-4 “blinded the minds… lest…” Luke 8:12.

HE IS NOW PREPARING AN OUTWARD REBELLION.

II Thess.2:7 “the mystery of iniquity doth already work”

1. THE PURPOSE OF GOD IN THIS AGE.

TO SAVE SINNERS BOTH JEW AND GENTILE.

Jews: Rom. 1:16 “salvation, to the Jew first”

Gentiles: Acts 15:14 “God… did visit the Gentiles”

TO BUILD HIS CHURCH OF BOTH JEW AND GENTILE.

Eph.2:13-16 “made both one” Eph. 3:6 “of the same body”

1. THE BUSINESS OF BELIEVERS IN THIS AGE.

TO EVANGELIZE THE WHOLE WORLD.

Matt. 28:19-20 “all nations” Acts 1:8 “uttermost part”

TO LIVE A SEPARARTED GODLY LIFE.

Titus 2:12 “live… godly in this world” Gal. 1:4; I John 2:15.

TO DISPLAY THE WISDOM AND GRACE OF GOD.

Eph.3:10, “Now… known the manifold wisdom of God.” Also I Pet. 2:9

1. THE CONDITION OF ISRAEL IN THIS AGE.

NATIONALLY: SET ASIDE, NOT CAST AWAY.

Rom.11:1-2 “God hath not cast away His people”

Rom. 11:8, 25 “blindness in part is happened to Israel”

INDIVIDUALLY: NO DIFFERENT FROM GENTILES.

Rom. 3:9 and Rom. 10:12 “no difference”

1. THE POSTION OF CHRIST IN THIS AGE.

HE IS REJECTED BY THE WORLD. I Cor. 1:23 and John 5:38.

HE IS EXALTED BY THE FATHER. Phil. 2:9 and Eph. 1:20-22.

HE IS INTERCEDING FOR US. Heb. 4:14; Rom. 8:34; I John 2:1.

HE IS EXPECTANTLY AWAITING HIS TRIUMPH Heb. 10:13