

# The Word "World"

Many people are confused by the Scriptural use of the word "world". This word is rendered from four different Greek words that have various meanings but often similar applications.

1. **Kosmos** - Regular, normal disposition, present order, harmonious arrangement, and often refers to the whole world and Universe.

**G2889**

κόσμος

kosmos

*kos'-mos*

Probably from the base of [G2865](#); orderly *arrangement*, that is, *decoration*; by implication the *world* (in a wide or narrow sense, including its inhabitants, literally or figuratively [morally]): - adorning, world.

2. **Aion** - An age, a course, a messianic period

**G165**

αἰών

aiōn

*ahee-ohn'*

From the same as [G104](#); properly an *age*; by extension *perpetuity* (also past); by implication the *world*; specifically (Jewish) a Messianic period (present or future): - age, course, eternal, (for) ever (-more), [n-]ever, (beginning of the, while the) world (began, without end). Compare [G5550](#).

3. **Oikoumene** - Land, the world, (in Scripture, generally referring to the Roman Empire), the inhabited earth.

**G3625**

οἰκουμένη

oikoumenē

*oy-kou-men'-ay*

Feminine participle present passive of [G3611](#) (as noun, by implication of [G1093](#)); *land*, that is, the (terrene part of the) *globe*; specifically the Roman *empire*: - earth, world.

4. **Ge** - soil, earth, ground, region, territory, a land within fixed boundaries.

**G1093**

גֵּ

gē

ghay

Contracted from a primary word; *soil*; by extension a *region*, or the solid part or the whole of the *terrene* globe (including the occupants in each application): - country, earth (-ly), ground, land, world.

## **GE** Strongs G#1093

Jesus concentrated His efforts on the Jews to whom He was sent. In **John 17:4**, He says, *"I have glorified thee on the **earth** ("**ge**"). I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do."*

Joh 17:4 I<sup>G1473</sup> have glorified<sup>G1392</sup> thee<sup>G4571</sup> on<sup>G1909</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> earth.<sup>G1093</sup> I have finished<sup>G5048</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> work<sup>G2041</sup> which<sup>G3739</sup> thou gavest<sup>G1325</sup> me<sup>G3427</sup> to<sup>G2443</sup> do.<sup>G4160</sup>

In **Matthew 24:30**, it says, *"And then shall appear the sign of the son of man in heaven and then shall all the tribes of the **earth** ("**ge**") mourn, and they shall see the son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."*

Mat 24:30 And<sup>G2532</sup> then<sup>G5119</sup> shall appear<sup>G5316</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> sign<sup>G4592</sup> of the<sup>G3588</sup> Son<sup>G5207</sup> of man<sup>G444</sup> in<sup>G1722</sup> heaven.<sup>G3772</sup> and<sup>G2532</sup> then<sup>G5119</sup> shall all<sup>G3956</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> tribes<sup>G5443</sup> of the<sup>G3588</sup> earth<sup>G1093</sup> mourn,<sup>G2875</sup> and<sup>G2532</sup> they shall see<sup>G3700</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> Son<sup>G5207</sup> of man<sup>G444</sup> coming<sup>G2064</sup> in<sup>G1909</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> clouds<sup>G3507</sup> of heaven<sup>G3772</sup> with<sup>G3326</sup> power<sup>G1411</sup> and<sup>G2532</sup> great<sup>G4183</sup> glory.<sup>G1391</sup>

Luke 18:8 says, ....*"I tell you that he will avenge them speedily, nevertheless; when the son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the **earth**?" ("**ge**)"*

Luk 18:8 I tell<sup>G3004</sup> you<sup>G5213</sup> that<sup>G3754</sup> he will avenge<sup>G4160</sup> them<sup>G846</sup> speedily.<sup>G1722</sup> Nevertheless<sup>G4133</sup> when the<sup>G3588</sup> Son<sup>G5207</sup> of man<sup>G444</sup> cometh,<sup>G2064</sup> shall<sup>G687</sup> he find<sup>G2147</sup> faith<sup>G4102</sup> on<sup>G1909</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> earth?<sup>G1093</sup>

Jesus here was speaking a parable to the nation of Israel, a nation of tribes. He was speaking of God's judgment that was coming against them.

Two other notable references that exemplify the Greek word "ge" are **Revelation 1:7** and **Acts 3:25**.

**Rev 1:7** Behold, <sup>G2400</sup> he cometh <sup>G2064</sup> with <sup>G3326</sup> clouds; <sup>G3507</sup> and <sup>G2532</sup> every <sup>G3956</sup> eye <sup>G3788</sup> shall see <sup>G3700</sup> him, <sup>G846</sup> and <sup>G2532</sup> they <sup>G3748</sup> also which <sup>G1574</sup> pierced <sup>G846</sup> him: <sup>G2532</sup> and <sup>G3956</sup> all <sup>G5443</sup> kindreds <sup>G3588</sup> of the <sup>G1093</sup> earth <sup>G1093</sup> shall wail <sup>G2875</sup> because of <sup>G1909</sup> him. <sup>G846</sup> Even so, <sup>G3483</sup> Amen. <sup>G281</sup>

**Act 3:25** Ye <sup>G5210</sup> are <sup>G2075</sup> the children <sup>G5207</sup> of the <sup>G3588</sup> prophets, <sup>G4396</sup> and <sup>G2532</sup> of the <sup>G3588</sup> covenant <sup>G1242</sup> which <sup>G3739</sup> God <sup>G2316</sup> made <sup>G1303</sup> with <sup>G4314</sup> our <sup>G2257</sup> fathers, <sup>G3962</sup> saying <sup>G3004</sup> unto <sup>G4314</sup> Abraham, <sup>G11</sup> And <sup>G2532</sup> in thy <sup>G4675</sup> seed <sup>G4690</sup> shall all <sup>G3956</sup> the <sup>G3588</sup> kindreds <sup>G3965</sup> of the <sup>G3588</sup> earth <sup>G1093</sup> be blessed. <sup>G1757</sup>

## Kosmos [Strongs G#2889](#)

"Kosmos" is often used to refer to the Jews in a broader sense, that is to their present order or arrangement of Old Covenant Judaism. This Greek word "kosmos" is used by Jesus as He prays in the garden prior to His crucifixion in **John 17:6**. ***"I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world ("kosmos"): thine they were, and thou gavest them me and they have kept thy word."***

**Joh 17:6** I have manifested <sup>G5319</sup> thy <sup>G4675</sup> name <sup>G3686</sup> unto the <sup>G3588</sup> men <sup>G444</sup> which <sup>G3739</sup> thou gavest <sup>G1325</sup> me <sup>G3427</sup> out of <sup>G1537</sup> the <sup>G3588</sup> world: <sup>G2889</sup> thine <sup>G4674</sup> they were, <sup>G2258</sup> and <sup>G2532</sup> thou gavest <sup>G1325</sup> them <sup>G846</sup> me; <sup>G1698</sup> and <sup>G2532</sup> they have kept <sup>G5083</sup> thy <sup>G4675</sup> word. <sup>G3056</sup>

The Greek word "kosmos" was also used in **John 17:14-16**. Jesus' teaching was confined to the "kosmos" of the Jews. His disciples were in the world "kosmos" but no longer a part of the existing arrangement of Judaism; they were now followers of Jesus. (**John 17:18**) Jesus had come to reach for His "kosmos", to reach for those in the existing arrangement of Judaism. (**Matthew 15:24, Luke 11:50**)

## Oikoumene [Strongs G#3625](#)

The Greek word "oikoumene" is used in the following Scriptures which illustrate the 1st century understanding of this word:

**Acts 17:6, Romans 10:18, Revelation 12:9, Revelation 16:14**

**Act 17:6** And<sup>G1161</sup> when they found<sup>G2147</sup> them<sup>G846</sup> not,<sup>G3361</sup> they drew<sup>G4951</sup> Jason<sup>G2394</sup> and<sup>G2532</sup> certain<sup>G5100</sup> brethren<sup>G80</sup> unto<sup>G1909</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> rulers of the city,<sup>G4173</sup> crying,<sup>G994</sup> These<sup>G3778</sup> that have turned the world upside down<sup>G387 G3588 G3625</sup> are come<sup>G3918</sup> hither<sup>G1759</sup> also;<sup>G2532</sup>

**Rom 10:18** But<sup>G235</sup> I say,<sup>G3004</sup> Have they not<sup>G3378</sup> heard?<sup>G191</sup> Yes verily,<sup>G3304</sup> their<sup>G848</sup> sound<sup>G5353</sup> went<sup>G1831</sup> into<sup>G1519</sup> all<sup>G3956</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> earth,<sup>G1093</sup> and<sup>G2532</sup> their<sup>G848</sup> words<sup>G4487</sup> unto<sup>G1519</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> ends<sup>G4009</sup> of the<sup>G3588</sup> world.<sup>G3625</sup>

**Rev 12:9** And<sup>G2532</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> great<sup>G3173</sup> dragon<sup>G1404</sup> was cast out,<sup>G906</sup> that old<sup>G744</sup> serpent,<sup>G3789</sup> called<sup>G2564</sup> the Devil,<sup>G1228</sup> and<sup>G2532</sup> Satan,<sup>G4567</sup> which deceiveth<sup>G4105</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> whole<sup>G3650</sup> world;<sup>G3625</sup> he was cast out<sup>G906</sup> into<sup>G1519</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> earth,<sup>G1093</sup> and<sup>G2532</sup> his<sup>G848</sup> angels<sup>G32</sup> were cast out<sup>G906</sup> with<sup>G3326</sup> him.<sup>G846</sup>

**Rev 16:14** For<sup>G1063</sup> they are<sup>G1526</sup> the spirits<sup>G4151</sup> of devils,<sup>G1142</sup> working<sup>G4160</sup> miracles,<sup>G4592</sup> which<sup>G3739</sup> go forth<sup>G1607</sup> unto<sup>G1909</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> kings<sup>G935</sup> of the<sup>G3588</sup> earth,<sup>G1093</sup> and<sup>G2532</sup> of the<sup>G3588</sup> whole<sup>G3650</sup> world,<sup>G3625</sup> to gather<sup>G4863</sup> them<sup>G846</sup> to<sup>G1519</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> battle<sup>G4171</sup> of that<sup>G1565</sup> great<sup>G3173</sup> day<sup>G2250</sup> of God<sup>G2316</sup> Almighty.<sup>G3841</sup>

The Jewish historian Josephus verified the fact that the Romans ruled the whole world. Josephus said: ***"I am at amity with and well respected by the Romans, who, I may say so are rulers of the whole world". ("oikoumene") "And the inhabitable world ("oikoumene") was subjected to them".*** (the Romans) Josephus, Antiquities 15.11.1 & 19.2.4

## Aion Strongs G#165

The word **"Aion"** has its use in Scripture as age noting the end of the Old Covenant, not the end of time. Many people when they read the Scriptures mistake the word world, (**"aion"**) to mean the end of this physical planet when it really means **the end of the age**. The end of their age was coming very soon, that is the end of the Old Covenant. The following Scriptures use the Greek word **"aion"** which means age:

**Matthew 12:32, Matthew 13:39-40,49** (the harvest referred to here is the end of the world (**"aion"**)), **Matthew 24:3, Matthew 28:20, Mark 10:30, Acts 3:21, Romans 12:2, Ephesians 1:21, Hebrews 9:26**

**Mat 12:32** And<sup>G2532</sup> whosoever<sup>G3739 G302</sup> speaketh<sup>G2036</sup> a word<sup>G3056</sup> against<sup>G2596</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> Son<sup>G5207</sup> of man,<sup>G444</sup> it shall be forgiven<sup>G863</sup> him;<sup>G846</sup> but<sup>G1161</sup> whosoever<sup>G3739 G302</sup> speaketh<sup>G2036</sup> against<sup>G2596</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> Holy<sup>G40</sup> Ghost,<sup>G4151</sup> it shall not<sup>G3756</sup> be forgiven<sup>G863</sup> him,<sup>G846</sup> neither<sup>G3777</sup> in<sup>G1722</sup> this<sup>G5129</sup> world,<sup>G165</sup> neither<sup>G3777</sup> in<sup>G1722</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> world to come.<sup>G3195</sup>

**Mat 13:39** (G1161) The<sup>G3588</sup> enemy<sup>G2190</sup> that sowed<sup>G4687</sup> them<sup>G846</sup> is<sup>G2076</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> devil;<sup>G1228</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> harvest<sup>G2326</sup> is<sup>G2076</sup> the end<sup>G4930</sup> of the<sup>G3588</sup> world;<sup>G165</sup> and<sup>G2532</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> reapers<sup>G2327</sup> are<sup>G1526</sup> the angels.<sup>G32</sup>  
**Mat 13:40** As<sup>G5618</sup> therefore<sup>G3767</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> tares<sup>G2215</sup> are gathered<sup>G4816</sup> and<sup>G2532</sup> burned<sup>G2618</sup> in the fire;<sup>G4442</sup> so<sup>G3779</sup> shall it be<sup>G2071</sup> in<sup>G1722</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> end<sup>G4930</sup> of this<sup>G5127</sup> world.<sup>G165</sup>

Mat 13:49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

Mat 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

Mat 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mar 10:30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

Act 3:21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Eph 1:21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

Heb 9:26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

As you can see, it is extremely important to consider the context when assigning a meaning to the terms rendered as world as well as the time and understanding of the people being addressed.

Many of the more modern translations of the English Bible have these words accurately rendered as "age" and not "world".

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3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?	3 sitting but him on the mountain [of] the olives approach him The Students in [one] own Saying say! [to] us when? These will be and What? {is} The Sign [of] the yours coming and [of] the end [of] the age	3 And when he is sitting on the mount of the Olives, the disciples came near to him by himself, saying, 'Tell us, when shall these be? and what is the sign of thy presence, and of the full end of the age?'	3 And as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the taught ones came to Him separately, saying, "Say to us, when shall this be, and what is the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

**Above is Matthew 24:3 in the King James Version, Apocryphal New Testament, Young's Literal Translation and the Scriptures.**

Please have a look at these verses for yourself and remember look into everything that has been presented and check for yourself as scripture says in **2 Timothy 2:15**

*"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth".*

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