The Assembly is not an Age

The Mystery

1. John 5:19
The Christian is crucified to the world, Gal. 6:14
Christ on the Father’s throne, Rev. 3:21

Satan bound for 1000 years
Administration of the fulness of times, Eph. 1:10
Christ on David’s throne

Old Covenant – Mosaic

Old Israel finally cast out
History of failure under law
Changing priesthood; earthly sanctuary; no finished work

New Covenant

Pilgrims and strangers
Christian is seated in the heavens, in Christ Jesus, Eph. 2:6; forever, Eph. 3:21
Christ is made dead to the law (Rom. 7:4). The law is not dead
Christ dwells in the heart (Eph. 3:17), not the law, as such
Christ’s heavenly priesthood, heavenly sanctuary, Heb. 8:2

End of the (Mosaic) age
Appearing of Christ in glory
The age to come

"... Neither in this age nor in the coming [one]" Matt. 12:32

Covenants are for the earth, not for the heavens. To place the Christian under a covenant is dispensational corruption.

Christ’s present priesthood is connected with the heavenly sanctuary (Heb. 8:2; cp 10:19) where all Christians may enter and worship as priests. The Melchizedec priesthood is millennial, when the sons of Zadok are the ministers in the earthly sanctuary (Ezek. 40-48).

We live in the Mosaic age called in Scripture “this age.” The church (i.e., the assembly) is not an age among the earthly ages. We are seated in the heavens in Christ Jesus, though down here in testimony, but are not of the world even as Christ is not of the world (John 17).

What Scripture calls “the end of the age” is a short period at the end of the Mosaic age, shown in the chart as black. Daniel’s 70th week occurs after the rapture. There may be a space of time between the rapture and the opening of the 70th week; Scripture does not indicate one way or the other. There is reason from Matt. 13 to think that the epoch called “the end of the age” will begin prior to the rapture.

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