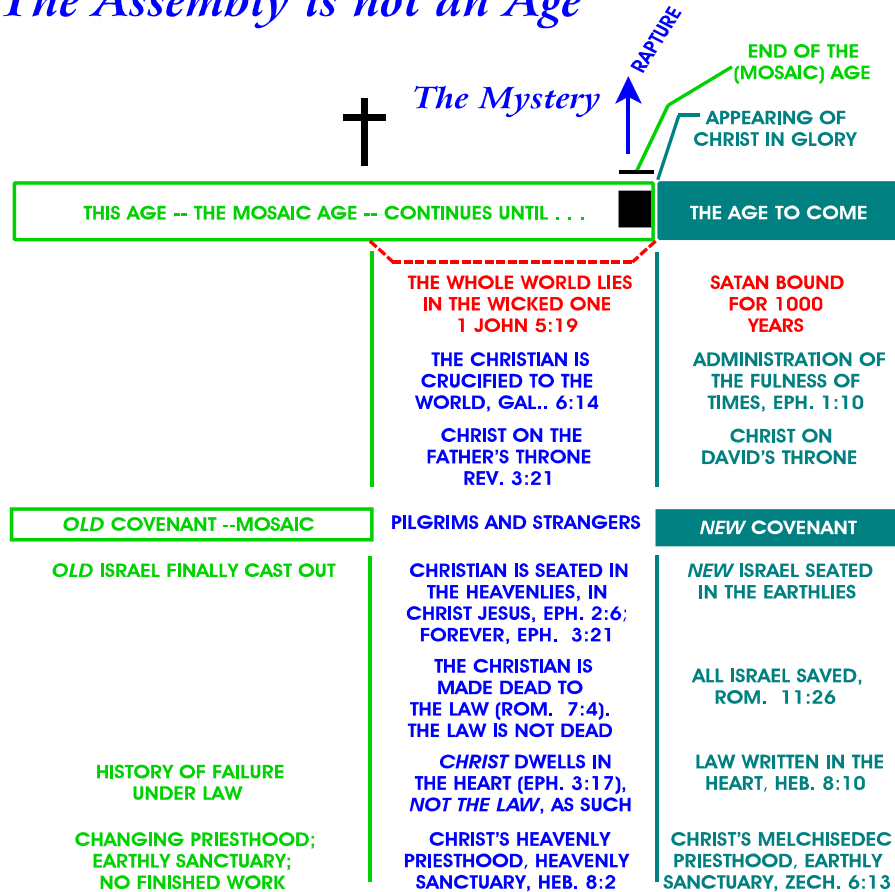


# The Assembly is not an Age



“. . . NEITHER IN THIS AGE NOR IN THE COMING [ONE]” MATT. 12:32

Covenants are for the earth, not for the **heavenlies**. 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 **Melchisedec priest**hood 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 **heavenlies** 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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