



The Time Is Coming And Now Is



Matthew 28:20 Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

ARE WE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS?

What is this Feast of Tabernacles?



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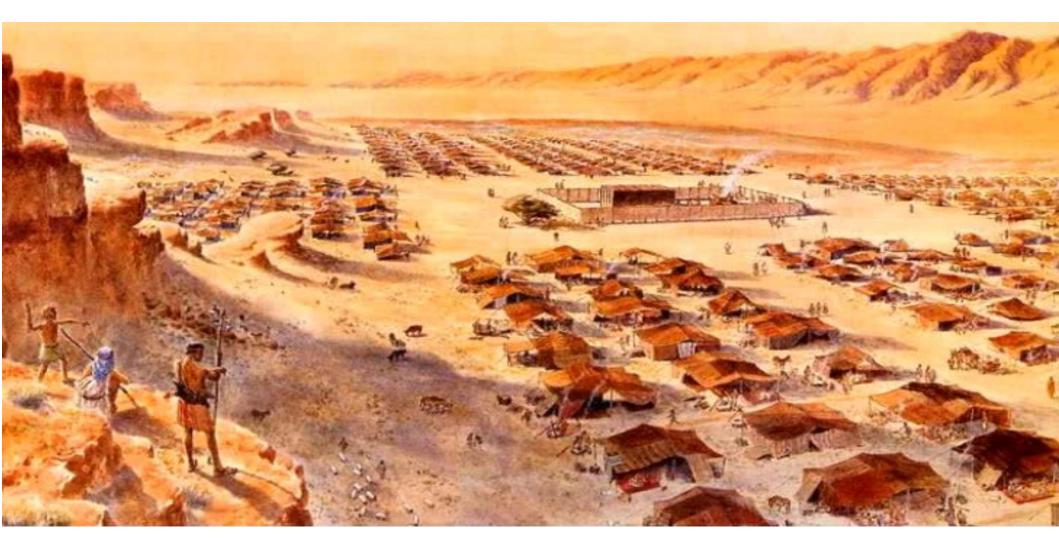
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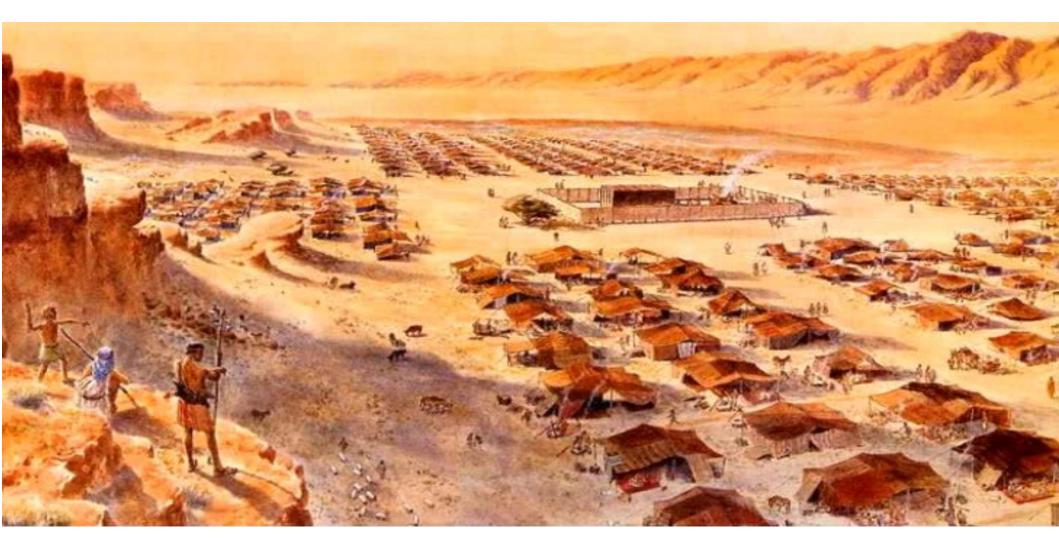
Leviticus 23:41-43 And ye shall keep it a Feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month. Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths: That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

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The Time In The Wilderness

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The Church In The Wilderness

Numbers 14:28-34 ... As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in Mine ears, so will I do to you: Your carcases shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against Me, Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I sware to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised. But as for you, your carcases, they shall fall in this wilderness. And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcases be wasted in the wilderness. After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know My breach of promise.

What did Tabernacles mean according to Paul's inspired text?

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man **perish**, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 5:1-4 For we know that if **our** earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

What did Tabernacles mean according to Peter's inspired text?

2 Peter 1:13-15 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; Knowing that shortly **I must put off** this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

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John 5:25-29 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in Himself; so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself; And hath given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

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Ephesians 2:1 And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Ephesians 2:5-6 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

Colossians 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Hebrews 11:8-10 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which My covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put My law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be My people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know Me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Matthew 26:26-28 As they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks for it, and broke it. He gave to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave to them, saying, "All of you drink it, for this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for the remission of sins.

ARE WE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS?

Isaiah 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

Micah 4:1 But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

Daniel 2:1 In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams; and his spirit was troubled, and his sleep went from him

Daniel 2:31-34 You, O king, saw, and behold, a great image. This image, which was mighty, and whose brightness was excellent, stood before you; and the aspect of it was awesome. As for this image, its head was of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of brass, its legs of iron, its feet part of iron, and part of clay. You saw until a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet that were of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

Daniel 2:35-38 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken in pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that no place was found for them: and the stone that struck the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. You, O king, are king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the strength, and the glory; and wherever the children of men dwell, the animals of the field and the birds of the sky has He given into your hand, and has made you to rule over them all: you are the head of gold.

Daniel 2:39-40 After you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you; and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. The fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron, because iron breaks in pieces and subdues all things; and as iron that crushes all these, shall it break in pieces and crush.

Daniel 2:41-43 Whereas you saw the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, because you saw the iron mixed with miry clay. As the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. Whereas you saw the iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men; but they shall not cling to one another, even as iron does not mingle with clay.

Daniel 2:44-45 In the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a Kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall the sovereignty of it be left to another people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Because you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God has made known to the king what shall happen hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation of it sure.

Head of Gold

Breast of Silver

Thighs of Brass GREECE

Legs of Iron

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Micah 4:1 But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. Mark 1:14-15 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Hebrews 1:1-2 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds:

Acts 2:16-20 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on My servants and on My handmaidens I will pour out in those days of My Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

Luke 4:17-21 The book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. He opened the book, and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, Because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted. To proclaim release to the captives, Recovering of sight to the blind, To deliver those who are crushed, And to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began to tell them, "Today, this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

"The coming of the end also meant a new beginning—the beginning of God's new age, the messianic age. The new age was also referred to as the kingdom of God, which meant "the time of God's rule." This new age would be a time of righteousness (e.g., Isa 2:2-4). It would be a time of the fullness of the Spirit (Joel 2:28-30) when the new covenant spoken of by Jeremiah would be realized (Jer 31:31-34; 32:38-40). Sin and sickness would be done away with (e.g., Zech 13:1; Isa 53:5). Even the material creation would feel the joyful effects of this new age (e.g., Isa 11;6-9).

Thus when John the Baptist announced the coming of the end to be very near and baptized God's Messiah, eschatological fervor reached fever pitch. The Messiah was at hand, the one who would usher in the new age of the Spirit (Luke 3:7-17).

Jesus came and announced with his ministry that the coming kingdom was at hand (e.g., Mark 1:14-15; Luke 17:20-21). He drove out demons, worked miracles, and freely accepted the outcasts and sinners—all signs that the end had begun (e.e., Luke 11;20; Matt 11:2-6; Luke 14:21; 15:1-2). Everyone kept watching him to see if he really was the Coming One. Would he really bring in the Messianic Age with all of its splendor? Then suddenly he was crucified—and the lights went out.

But no! There was a glorious sequel. On the third day he was raised from the dead, and he appeared to many of his followers. Surely now he would "restore the kingdom to Israel" (Acts 1:6). But instead he returned to the Father and poured out the promised Spirit. Here is where problems show up for the early church and for us. Jesus announced the coming kingdom as having arrived with his own coming. The Spirit's coming in fullness and power with signs and wonders and the coming of the new covenant were signs that the new age had arrived. Yet the end of this age apparently had not yet taken place. How were they to understand this?

How to Read the Bible for All its Worth, pp.146-148

COVENANT: NEW or RENEWED?

Jeremiah 31:31-32 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which My covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

The Hebrew in Jeremiah 31:31 translated "*new covenant*" is "*b'rit chadasha*"

Strong's Hebrew Dictionary 2319. רְדָשׁ *chadash* from 2318; new:—fresh, new thing.

Exodus 1:8 Now there arose up a **new** [*chadasha*] king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.

Was this the same king, just re-coronated, or a new king?

Leviticus 23:16 Even unto the morrow after the seventh Sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a **new [chadasha]** meat offering unto the LORD.

Was this a re-offering of previously offered wave loaves, or was it the offering of <u>new</u> loaves, never before offered?

Numbers 28:26 Also in the day of the firstfruits, when ye bring a **new** [*chadasha*] meat offering unto the LORD, after your weeks *be out*, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work:

Same context as Leviticus 23:16 - the offerings for Pentecost (being the day to offer firstfruits of the new harvest).

Leviticus 26:10 And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new [chadasha].

Leviticus 26:10 You shall eat old store long kept, and you shall move out the old because of the new.

How does one renew a harvest?

Deuteronomy 20:5 And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man *is there* that hath built a **new [chadasha]** house, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it.

Deuteronomy 22:8 When thou buildest a **new** [*chadasha*] house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from thence.

If you have just built a house, is it new or renewed?

Deuteronomy 24:5 When a man hath taken a **new [chadasha]** wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: *but* he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken.

Is this a renewed wife, or a new wife?

This particular form of *chadasha* is also used in:

Deuteronomy 32:17, Joshua 9:13, Judges 5:8, Judges 15:13, Judges 16:11, 12, 1 Samuel 6:7, 2 Samuel 6:3, 2 Samuel 21:16, 1 Kings 11:29-30, 2 Kings 2:20, 1 Chronicles 13:7, 2 Chronicles 20:5, Job 29:20, Job 32:19, Psalms 33:3, Psalms 40:3, Psalms 96:1, 98:1, Psalms 144:9, Psalms 149:1, Ecclesiastes 1:9-10, Song of Solomon 7:13, Isaiah 41:15, Isaiah 42:9-10, Isaiah 43:19, Isaiah 48:6, Isaiah 62:2, Isaiah 65:17, Isaiah 66:22, Jeremiah 26:10, Jeremiah 31:22, Jeremiah 31:31, Jeremiah 36:10, Lamentations 3:23, Ezekiel 11:19, Ezekiel 18:31, & Ezekiel 36:26.

Every one of these verses, by their context, show the meaning of *chadasha* is "new," not "renew."

Can chadash mean "renew"? A form of it can.

We just looked at Strong's #2319 which means "new" in <u>every</u> instance.

Let's briefly look at #2318.

Strong's Hebrew Dictionary 2318. יְדַשׁ *chadash* a primitive root; to be new; causatively, to rebuild. 1 Samuel 11:14 And Samuel saith unto the people, Come and we go to Gilgal, and renew [chadash] the kingdom there;

Psalms 51:10 A clean heart prepare for me, O God, And a right spirit **renew [chadash]** within me.

Psalms 103:5 Who is satisfying with good thy desire, **Renew [chadash]** itself as an eagle doth thy youth.

But recall, H2018 isn't the form used to describe the New Covenant that Jeremiah prophesied, H2019 is.

שָׁדַשָ châdash, khaw-dash'

NOT USED to describe the "New Covenant"

CAN mean "renew"

Lexicon :: Strong's H2318 - chadash	Aa
	חָדַש
Transliteration	Pronunciation
chadash	khā dash' (Key)
Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)
verb	A primitive root
Dictionary Aids	
TWOT Reference: 613	
KJV Translation Count — Total: 10x	
The KJV translates Strongs H2318 in the fol	llowing manner: renew (7x), repair (3x).
Outline of Biblical Usage [?]	
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ii. to repair	Different
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Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)
adjective	From אָדָש (H2318)
Dictionary Aids	
TWOT Reference: 613a	
KJV Translation Count — Total: 53x	
The KJV translates Strongs H2319 in	the following manner: new (48x), new thing (4x), fresh (1x).
Outline of Biblical Usage [?]	
I. new, new thing, fresh	
Strong's Definitions [?]	(Strong's Definitions Legend)

EPH 6:17 AND TAKE ... THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD

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Further, what is the context of Jeremiah?

Just after he mentions this *b'rit chadasha*, he goes on to delineate that it is "*lo k ´b ´rit*" -- that is:

"NOT LIKE the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand..."

In other words, it is not a re-newed covenant---it is different...it is NEW.

Coming to the New Testament, there are two words for "new" in reference to the "new covenant" Jeremiah wrote of:

"neos" (used once in Hebrews 12:24) and "kainos" (used eight times).

Matthew 26:28 For this is My blood of the **new testament** [*kainos diatheke*], which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Mark 14:24 And He said unto them, This is My blood of the **new testament** [*kainos diatheke*], which is shed for many.

Luke 22:20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the **new testament** [*kainos diatheke*] in My blood, which is shed for you.

1 Corinthians 11:25 After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the **new testament [kainos diatheke]** in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

2 Corinthians 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament [*kainos diatheke*]; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

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2 Corinthians 3:14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament [*palaios diatheke*]; which *vail* is done away in Christ.

παλαιος palaios *pal-ah-yos'* from 3819; antique, i.e. not recent, worn out

Hebrews 8:6-8 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by so much as He is also the mediator of **a better covenant**, which has been enacted on better promises. For if that **first** covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a **second**. For finding fault with them, He said, "Behold, the days come," says the Lord, "That I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah;

Hebrews 8:9-12 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers, In the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; For they didn't continue in **My covenant**, And I disregarded them," says the Lord. "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel. After those days," says the Lord; "I will put My laws into their mind, I will also write them on their heart. I will be to them a God, And they will be to Me a people. They will not teach every man his fellow citizen, Every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' For all will know Me, From the least of them to the greatest of them. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness. I will remember their sins and lawless deeds no more."

Hebrews 9:15 For this reason He is the mediator of a new [kainos] covenant, since a death has occurred for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, that those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Hebrews 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant [neos diatheke], and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

2537. καινος *kainos* of uncertain affinity; new (especially in freshness; while 3501 is properly so with respect to age.

3501. νεος neos a primary word; "new", i.e. (of persons) youthful, or (of things) fresh;

Both "*kainos*" and "*neos*" mean new—NOT renew.

Mark 1:27 ...what new [kainos] doctrine is this?...

Mark 2:21-22 No man also seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment: else the **new piece [kainos]** that filled it up taketh away from the old, and the rent is made worse. And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but new wine must be put into **new [kainos]** bottles.

John 19:41 Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a **new** [*kainos*] sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid.

If one wants to state that something is being made new again in Greek, the prefix "*ana*" must be added to the word for new (be it, *neos* or *kainos*).

Consider for example, the Anabaptists.

They are referred to by that appellation because they were "baptized again" or "re-baptized." **2 Corinthians 4:16** For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is **renewed** [*anakainoo*] day by day.

Colossians 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is **renewed** [*anakainoo*] in knowledge after the image of Him that created him:

341. ανακαινοω *anakainoo* from 303 and a derivative of 2537; to renovate:—renew.

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

Titus 3:5 not by works of righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to His mercy, He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and **renewing** [*anakainosis*] by the Holy Spirit

ανακαινωσις anakainosis from 341; renovation:-

Hebrews 6:6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again [anakainizo] unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh [anastauroo], and put Him to an open shame.

340. ανακαινιζω *anakainizo* from 303 and a derivative of 2537; to restore:—renew.

388. ανασταυροω *anastauroo* from 303 and 4717; to recrucify (figuratively):—crucify afresh.

Just as "*ana*" has to prefix "*kainizo*" to mean "renew," so "*ana*" must prefix "*stauroo*" to mean "recrucify." **Ephesians 4:23** And be renewed [*ananeoo*] in the spirit of your mind;

365. ανανεοω *ananeoo* from 303 and a derivative of 3501; to renovate, i.e. reform:—renew.

Clearly, in order for the idea of "re-newed" to be conveyed in Greek, the prefix "ana" MUST be present. It is NEVER present in any of the Scriptures that reference the NEW COVENANT.

Hebrews 9:15 For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, since a death has occurred for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, that those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

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Notice, Messiah is the Mediator of a BETTER covenant -- its better, *not the same!*

It has BETTER promises - not the same!

There was a FIRST, and now a SECOND - not the same!

Hebrews 8:9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers, In the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt

This New Covenant is NOT according to the first covenant - it is not the same!

Galatians 4:22-24 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.

A New Priesthood?

Hebrews 8:7 For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

Hebrews 8:13 In that He saith, A new *covenant*, He hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old *is* ready to vanish away.

Hebrews 9:1 Then verily the first *covenant* had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.

Hebrews 8:6-8 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by so much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises. For if that **first priesthood**[?] had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for <u>a second</u>. For finding fault with them, He said, "Behold, the days come," says the Lord, "That I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah;

Hebrews 8:8-13 For finding fault with them, He saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new **covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in My covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to Me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know Me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. In that He saith, A new covenant, He hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

ARE WE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS?

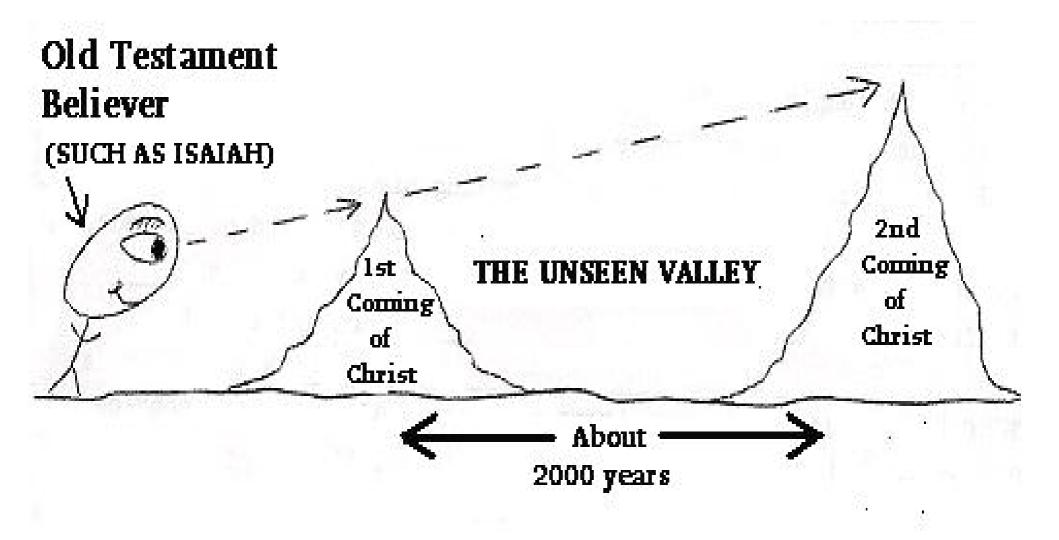
The original schema of the Old Testament and the rabbis was strictly linear:

This present age

The age to come Messiah comes Messianic woes, wars with Israel's enemies Spirit poured out All Israel become prophets Great peace, prosperity

Time

1 Peter 1:10-11 Concerning this salvation, the prophets sought and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching for who or what kind of time the Spirit of Christ, which was in them, pointed to, when it predicted the sufferings of Christ, and the glories that would follow them.



Two Comings Not Foreseen

I saw in the night visions, and, **behold**, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before Him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 7:13-14

Two Comings Not Foreseen

"R. Alexandri said: R. Joshua b. Levi pointed out a contradiction. it is written, in its time [will the Messiah come], whilst it is also written, I [the Lord] will hasten it! — if they are worthy, I will hasten it: if not, [he will come] at the due time. R. Alexandri said: R. Joshua opposed two verses: it is written, And behold, one like the son of man came with the clouds of heaven whilst [elsewhere] it is written, [behold, thy king cometh unto thee...] lowly, and riding upon an ass! - if they are meritorious, [he will come] with the clouds of heaven; if not, lowly and riding upon an ass"

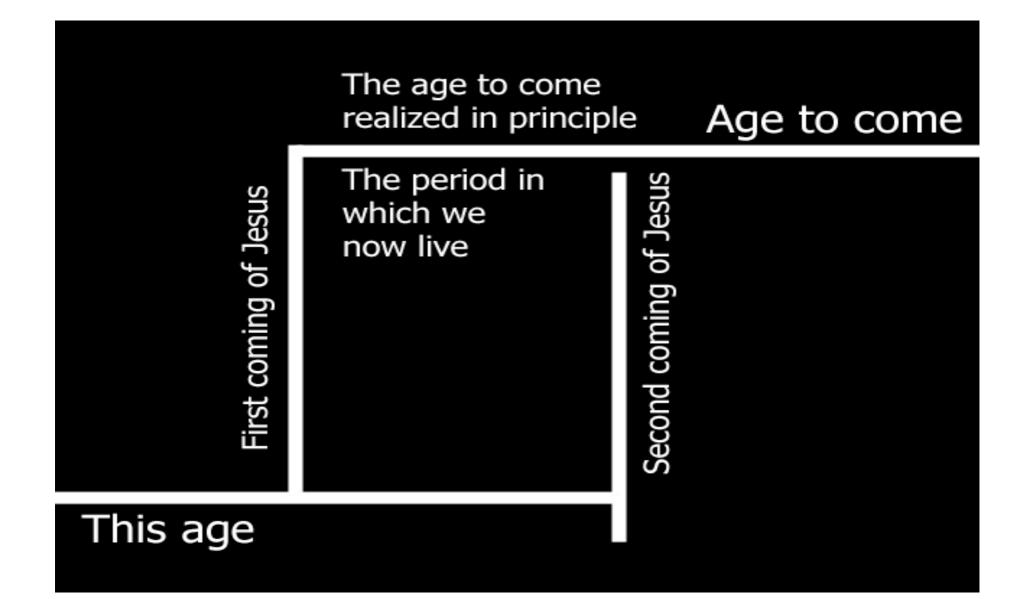
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The Talmud

The *Tanna debe Eliyyahu* teaches: The world is to exist six thousand years. In the first two thousand there was desolation; two thousand years the Torah flourished; and the next two thousand years is the Messianic era, but through our many iniquities all these years have been lost.¹

He should have come at the beginning of the last two thousand years; the delay is due to our sins.

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Jesus' view of the Kingdom of God

- Jesus taught that the Kingdom of God will be fulfilled in the future:
 - Matt 25:31: when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit upon His glorious throne
- But Jesus also taught there a present aspect to the Kingdom.
 - Luke 17:20-21: the Pharisees asked Jesus, "When will the Kingdom of God come?" Jesus replied, "The Kingdom of God isn't ushered in with visible signs. You won't be able to say, 'here it is!' or 'It's over there!'. For the Kingdom of God is among you."

Daniel 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to of people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

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"Very early, beginning with Peter's sermon in Acts 3, the early Christians came to realize that Jesus had not come to usher in the "final" end but the "beginning" of the end, as it were. Thus they came to see that with Jesus' death and resurrection, and with the coming of the Spirit, the blessings and benefits of the future had already come. In a sense, therefore, the end had already come. But in another sense the end had not yet fully come. Thus it was *already* but *not* yet.

The early believers, therefore, learned to be a truly eschatological people. They lived between the times—that is, between the *beginning* of the end and the *consummation* of the end. ... Already they knew God's free and full forgiveness, but they had not yet been perfected (Phil 3:10-14). Already victory over death was theirs (1 Cor 3:22), yet they would still die (Phil 3:20-21). Already they lived in the Spirit, yet they still lived in the world where Satan could attack (e.g., Eph 6:10-17).

Already they had been justified and faced no condemnation (Rom 8:1), yet there was still to be a future judgment (2 Cor 5:10). They were God's future people. They had been conditioned by the future. They knew its benefits and lived in the light of its values, but they, as we, still had to live out these benefits and values in the present world.

The hermeneutical key to much in the New Testament, and especially to the ministry and teaching of Jesus, is to be found in this kind of "tension." Precisely because the kingdom, the time of God's rule, has been inaugurated with Jesus' own coming, we are called to *life* in the kingdom, which means life under His Lordship, freely accepted and forgiven but committed to the ethics of the new age and to seeing them worked out in our own lives and world in this present age.

Thus when we pray, "Your kingdom come," we pray first of all for the consummation. But because the kingdom--the time of God's rule--that we long to see consummated has already begun, the same prayer is full of implications for the present."

How to Read the Bible for All its Worth, pp.146-148

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2 Corinthians 3:12-16 Having therefore such a hope, we use great boldness of speech, and not as Moses, who put a veil on his face, that the children of Israel wouldn't look steadfastly on the end of that which was passing away. But their minds were hardened, for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains, because in Christ it passes away. But to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. But whenever one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

Jesus' view of the Kingdom of God

- Power of the Kingdom is available today
- But complete fulfillment
 – the <u>reign</u> of God
 – will come when Jesus returns
- The Kingdom is both <u>now</u> and <u>not yet</u>.

Titus 2:11-14 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this **present world**; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

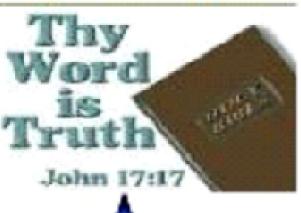
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