

The Kingdom of the World

Revelation 11:15 - 19

World - Kosmos

Vine's Expository Dictionary:

- I. an apt and harmonious arrangement or constitution, order, government
- II. ornament, decoration, adornment, i.e. the arrangement of the stars, 'the heavenly hosts', as the ornament of the heavens. 1 Pet. 3:3
- III. the world, the universe
- IV. the circle of the earth, the earth
- V. the inhabitants of the earth, men, the human family
- VI. the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ
- VII. world affairs, the aggregate of things earthly
the whole circle of earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures, etc, which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ
- VIII. any aggregate or general collection of particulars of any sort the Gentiles as contrasted to the Jews.

Let's see how "world" is used in the New Testament

John 14:22 - 31

This "world" should be defined as:

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*John 15:18 "If the **world hates** you, keep in mind that **it hated** me first. 19 If you belonged to the **world, it would love** you as its own. As it is, you do not **belong to the world**, but I have chosen you out of the **world**. That is why the **world hates** you.*

- "world hates"
- "it hated"
- "world, it would love"
- "belong to the world"
- "world hates"

The ... "III. the world, the universe" , "IV. the circle of the earth, the earth" can't hate or love, but people and an "aggregate of things earthly" can!

The World System - (VII. world affairs, the aggregate of things earthly the whole circle of earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures, etc, which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ)

The principles and tactics of the Kingdom of God and the World System are constantly at odds with each other.

Kingdom of God

Loves
Gives
Forgives
Heals
Provides
Creates

The World System

Hates
Steals
Holds a Grudge
Kills
Lack
Destroys

Anything of this world that distracts us from following our King or causes us to live by teachings or principles other than those taught by the Word of God should be anathema.

*John 17:6 "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me **out of the world**."*

We all have come out of that system, (or must come out of that system!!)
We are not suppose to operate in the "World System"

Our trust, principles and tactics must be aligned with our King and His Kingdom!

John 17:16 - 19

God has given us a place in His Kingdom so that by living by Kingdom principles we can lead others out of the Kingdom of this World into the Kingdom of God.

2 Timothy 3:1 - 5

This World System is headed in a direction away from God. We are not to follow it!!

Psalm 146