

The Eternality of God

The Eternality of God in the Old Testament.

1. God stands outside of time.

Isaiah 46:10

Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'

2. God is described as eternal (קִדְמוֹת – qedem).

Deuteronomy 33:27

The eternal God is your refuge, And underneath are the everlasting arms; He will thrust out the enemy from before you, And will say, 'Destroy!'

3. God inhabits eternity (עֶד – ad)

Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

“Eternal” in the Greek New Testament.

1. The Mistranslation of αἰών – *aion*.

1 Timothy 1:17

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Eph 3:11

...according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,

2. Eternal Life (αἰώνιος – *aionios*)

The great majority of uses of the word “eternal” in the New Testament are in the phrase “eternal life.” For example:

John 17:3

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

3. Eternal (αἰδιος – *aidios*) is also used of God’s Power and Godhead.

Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

4. Eternal (αἰώνιος – *aionios*) is used of the believer’s future post-resurrection body

2 Corinthians 5:1

For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

5. The Holy Spirit is Eternal (αἰώνιος – *aionios*).

Hebrews 9:14

... how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

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6. Jesus Christ is the "I am."

John 8:58-59

Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

John 18:4-6

Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?"

They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them.

Now when He said to them, "I am," they drew back and fell to the ground.