

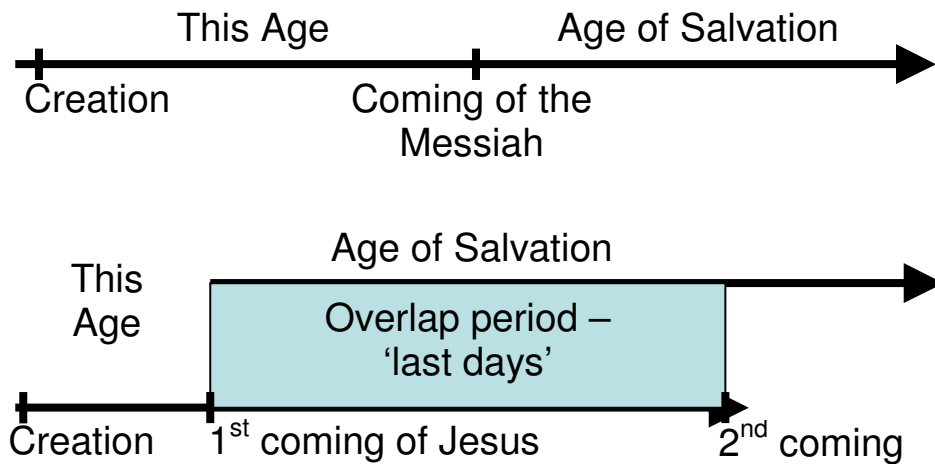
# INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

## AWAITING THE FULFILMENT - THE APOSTLES' WRITINGS

### THE LETTERS OF PAUL



# THE OVERLAP OF THE AGES



## ▶ The Return of Christ

- **The rebellious will experience his judgement.**
- **Believers who are alive at the time will be changed.**
- **The creation itself will be liberated from its bondage.**
  
- **Christians have already been ‘rescued from the dominion of darkness’.**
- **Christians are citizens of Christ’s heavenly kingdom.**
- **Christians have died with Christ and been raised with him.**

## ▶ Ethics and the Gospel

- **Christians must pursue the values, ideals and behaviour appropriate to the Kingdom of God.**
- **As those who have already been raised with Christ, Christians now participate in his resurrection life.**
- **For the moment their heavenly life remains secure with Christ in God and not visible to others.**

# OTHER NEW TESTAMENT WRITINGS

**Hebrews**

**James**

**1 Peter 2 Peter**

**1 John 2 John 3 John**

**Jude**

**Revelation**

# APOCALYPTIC SYMBOLS

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Totality, Completeness, Perfection</b>
<b>3½</b>	<b>Incompleteness</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>The number for the earth</b>
<b>The Sea</b>	<b>A place of evil</b>
<b>Beasts</b>	<b>Human, ungodly power</b>
<b>White</b>	<b>Victory</b>
<b>Black</b>	<b>Famine</b>
<b>Red</b>	<b>War</b>
<b>Pale</b>	<b>Death</b>
<b>Babylon</b>	<b>Organised evil and corruption</b>