

File under: οἰκουμένη or oikoumenee
 English: "inhabited-earth."

The KJ translates this noun 14x by "world" and once by "earth." The word κόσμος (kosmos) is "world" and KJ translates this word, "world" 187x. Thus the meaning of οἰκουμένη is lost or at least confused. The word οἰκουμένη is the feminine, singular, nominative, present, passive, participle of the verb οἰκέω (oikeō), "to-dwell." In turn οἰκέω is from the noun οἶκος (oikos), "home" or "household" (sometimes also "house.")

Theological Dictionary of the N.T. Vol. V p. 157

¹ The concept of the οἰκουμένη is first geographical, but then becomes cultural and political. Religion, philosophy and politics (e.g., the concept of dominion in Alexander the Gt.) combine to create the idea of a generally binding human society. There thus arises the cosmopolitanism of later Hell. culture with its philosophical understanding of humanity: "The ideally Hellenic is as such the cosmopolitan, which represents true humanity; severed from its specific local background, it embraces the world." "Even the originally non-Hellenic, understood as the generally human, is now assimilated into the Hellenic; under the concept of the rational it is elevated into the sphere of the ideally Hellenic. The antithesis between the Hellenic and the barbarian shifts. The Hellenic gives up its national restriction to rule over the oecumene. The world of culture is identical in principle with the oecumene; non-culture is on the frontiers of the oecumene" (Kaerst, 18). In Hellenism the οἰκουμένη takes the place of the ancient πόλις, the νόμος κοινός or λόγος ὀρθός that of the ancient νόμοι. In the imperial period the philosophical concept of the Hellenic οἰκουμένη fuses with the political and legal structure of the Roman Empire; the idea that the Empire embraces the οἰκουμένη is a Gk. conception. "While Roman political leaders after the Second Punic War allowed the almost unavoidable extension of Roman power in the East almost unwillingly, apart from a few bold innovators like the older Scipio, the Gks. were quick to recognise the Roman expansion in its total significance. The invasion of Asia, the third continent, by Roman power, seemed to them to be a decisive step on the way to world conquest, and the victory over Antiochus of Syria an epoch in the history of the known world. Under the impress of this event envoys from the East greeted the Romans as lords of the oecumene. Others proclaimed in inspiring visions the dawn of a universal Roman empire replacing Macedonian dominion"

← πόλις - city,
 νόμος κοινός -
 common law or
 λόγος ὀρθός
 straight word
 of the ancient
 νόμοι - laws.

In the NT the word οἰκουμένη is always with the article and in the singular.

οἰκουμένη KJ

Mat. 24: 14. shall be preached in all the world
 Lu. 2: 1. that all the world should be taxed.
 4: 5. unto him all the kingdoms of the world
 21: 26. which are coming on the earth;
 Acts 11: 28. dearth throughout all the world:
 17: 6. have turned the world upside down
 31. in the which he will judge the world
 19: 27. whom all Asia and the world worshippeth.
 24: 5. among all the Jews throughout the world,
 Ro. 10: 18. their words unto the ends of the world.
 Heb 1: 6. the firstborn into the world,
 2: 5. not put in subjection the world to come,
 Rev. 3: 10. which shall come upon all the world,
 12: 9. which deceiveth the whole world:
 16: 14. kings of the earth and of the whole world,

In these verses the word οἰκουμένη is certainly not the world. →

LUKE 2 CT

1 But it-came-to-pass in those days a decree went-out from Caesar Augustus, all the inhabited-earth to-be-being-registered;
 2 This registration first came-to-pass as Cyrenius is governing of-the Syria.
 3 And all were-proceeding to-be-being-registered, each into one's-own city.

LUKE 4 CT

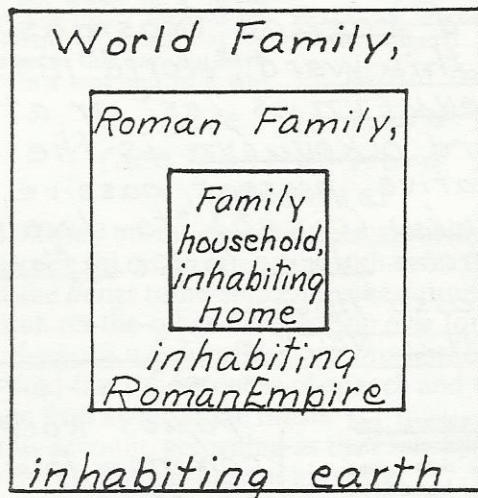
5 And the slanderer having-led him up into a high mountain he-pointed-to all the kingdoms of-the inhabited-earth for-him in a point of-time.
 6 And the slanderer said to-him, I-shall-give to-you quite-all this authority and their glory; because it-has-been-and-is-still-given-over to-me, and to-whom if I-am-willing I-am-giving it.

ACTS 11 CT

28 But one out-of them, Agabus by-name having-stood-up gave-a-sign through the Spirit a great famine to-be-about to-be over the total inhabited-earth; one-which came-to-pass upon Claudius.

οἰκουμένη - p. 2

Perhaps the following explanation may give some idea as to how I can best understand the word, and it may also help you. In Luke 2:1 page 1; all



the Roman family inhabiting the Roman Empire to be taxed; not travelers or members of other countries. In Luke 4:5 page 1; all the Kingdoms in the Roman Empire, their glory was offered to Jesus as this authority belonged to Satan because of the 6th world power. (see Babylon, etc.) Acts 11:28 page 1; the great famine in the Roman Empire in the days of Claudius.

ACTS 17 CT

6 But not having-found them they-were-dragging Jason and some brothers upon the rulers-of-the-city, shouting that the ones having-upset the inhabited-earth, these are-being-alongside in-this-spot also,

Again, the Roman family inhabiting the Roman Empire. In Acts 19:27, the total Asia and the Roman family inhabiting the Roman Empire.

ACTS 19 CT

27 But not only this the part to-us is-being-in-peril to-come into disrepute, BUT also the temple of-the great goddess Artemis to-be-figured with-reference-to nothing, and-additionally also of-her majesty to-be-being-about to-be-being-lowered, whom the total Asia and the inhabited-earth is-holding-in-vestigation.

The temple was still standing and the Jews had not yet gone into world-wide dispersion. Again, the Jews inhabiting the Roman Empire.

ACTS 24 CT

5 For having-found the man, this pestilence, also moving strife among-all the Jews, the-ones throughout the inhabited-earth and-additionally one-standing-first of-the sect of-the Nazarenes,

6 Who also tried to-profane the temple, whom also we-retained and we-willed to-be-judging according-to our law;

I believe we are still concerned with the limits of the Roman Empire, the center of all Greek, Egyptian, and Roman mythology of the Zodiac. The inhabited earth has limits.

ROMANS 10 CT

16 BUT not all obeyed the good-news. For Isaiah is-saying: Lord who trusted in our hearing?

17 So the trust is out-of hearing, but the hearing is through saying of-Messiah.

18 BUT I-am-saying, have they not heard? Yea-therefore: Their utterance went-out into all the earth, and their sayings into the limits-of-the inhabited-earth.

The word "world" is more inclusive. The word "inhabited-earth" is more the idea of "World Family", to which you must belong; as all the Roman Empire subjects, who were registered. (Luke 2:1 p.1)

Note how all these words are related.

Origins, p.176
Eric Partridge

economic, adj, whence economics; economical; economist, economize, economy; ecumenical; sepe diocese; parish, parishioner; parochial, whence parochialism.

1. The base of all these words is Gr oikos, a dwelling place, esp a house, app for *woikos, having r *woik- and being therefore akin to L uicus, ML vicus, and so to E village and vicinity, treated at VICINAGE (f.a.e.). For the simple word, cf the element eco-.

2. Oikos occurs in the notable cpd oikonomos, steward, with 2nd element -nomos, from nemein, to distribute (cf the element nomo-): whence oikonomia, household management, whence, via L oeconomia and perh MF-F économie, the E economy. The derivative Gr adj oikonomikos becomes L oeconomicus, whence, perh via MF-F, the E economic, with extn economical having special sense 'thrifty'. MF-F économie has derivatives économiste and économiser: whence E economist, economize.

3. Gr oikos has derivative oikein, to live in (a house), to inhabit, with pp oikoumenos, whence oikoumenē (gē), the inhabited world, with its own adj oikoumenikos, LL oecūmenicus, E ecumenic, usu in extn ecumenical, world-wide, esp concerning the Church as a whole.

To judge the inhabited-earth, not the world, not believers.

The inhabited-earth does not include the believers in the future for believers are members of the "body" of the Messiah. The Philadelphia "church" is the "church" which is his body.

(See the course, Rev. Translation and Commentary I)
(Also see Apologetics 16)

MATTHEW 24 CT

11 And many false-prophets will-be-raised, and they-will-lead-astray many,

12 And because-of the lawlessness to-be-multiplied, the charity-of-the many will-be-cooled.

13 But the-one having-persevered with-reference-to a finish, this-one will-be-saved.

14 And this good-news-of-the kingdom will-be-preached in the total inhabited-earth with-reference-to a testimony to-all the Gentiles and then the finish will-be-present.

⤵ Note: 1. The good-news of the Kingdom - not salvation.
2. The total inhabited-earth, not the world. The family of nations in the UN.
3. This was done May 11, 1949. (see Apologetics #14 photo)

ACTS 17 CT

30 On-the-one-hand therefore the God having-looked-on-with-unconcern the times-of-the ignorance, the-things now he-is-delivering-a-message-to-the MEN all-MEN everywhere to-be-repenting,

31 In-as-much-as he-made-stand a day in which he-is-about to-be-judging the inhabited-earth in justice, by a man whom he-appointed, having-held-beside a trust to-all, having-stood him again out-of dead ones.

HEBREWS 1 CT

6 But at-the-time-that again he-might-lead-in the first-born into the inhabited-earth, he-is-saying: And let all angels-of-God worship him.

HEBREWS 2 CT

5 For not to-angels he-subjected the inhabited-earth, namely the future, concerning which we-are-speaking.

REVELATION 3 CT

10 Because you-kept the word of my perseverance, I myself also shall-keep you out-of the hour of-the trial namely-of-the future hour to-be-coming on the total inhabited-earth, to-try the ones residing on the earth.

As I understand this last verse, the "church" which is the Lord's "body" will be kept out of the hour of the trial - still future - coming on the total world family - which is outside the body. The ecumenical movement is the movement toward a unification of the world family; - hence; the "inhabited-earth", NOT "world" in these particular passages.

Luke 21:24 a - filled in 70 AD. Luke 21:24 b began in 70 AD till June 7, 1967. Luke 21:25,26 has begun: "(things) coming-on, for the inhabited-earth, NOT "world."

How far are we into these prophecies? The World Council of Churches, the visible ecumenical movement, was formed in 1948. This movement offers a "church home" for all "faiths". All Eastern religions are being joined with Catholics, Protestants, Witchcrafts, Mormonism, Masonry, etc. The United Nations came into existence Oct. 24, 1945. There are now 159 member nations, indeed a World Family. Economics, ecology, third world nations dominate the scene. The man-made celestial satellites are drawing the families of the earth closer and closer. (Latin satellitem, acc. of satelles, a bodyguard. Origens) The ultimate use of these

ROMANS 11 CT

25 For I-am not willing for YOU to-be-being-ignorant brothers, of this mystery, in-order that YOU-might not be prudent in yourselves, that petrification has-come-to-pass-and-still-is from part to-the Israeli, until of-which time the fulness of-the Gentiles might-come-in,

LUKE 21 CT

24 And they-will-fall by-mouth of-dagger, and they-will-be-led-captive into all the Gentiles; and Jerusalem will-be being-trodden by nations until seasons of-nations might-be-fulfilled.

25 And signs will-be in sun and moon and stars, and over the earth a holding-together of-nations in perplexity, as sea and surf is sounding,

26 As MEN are stopping-breathing from fear and anticipation of-the-things coming-on for-the inhabited-earth, for the powers of-the heavens will-be-stirred.

27 And then they-will-see the son of-the MAN coming in a cloud with power and much glory.

REVELATION 12 CT

9 And the dragon, namely-the great one, namely-the serpent, namely-the ancient one, the one being-called a slanderer, also the adversary, namely-the one leading-astray the total inhabited-earth, was cast, he-was-cast into the earth, and his angels were-cast with him.

REVELATION 16 CT

14 For they-are spirits of-little-demons, doing signs, to-be-proceeding-out over the kings of-the total inhabited-earth, to-gather them together with-reference-to the war of-the day, namely-the great day of-the God, namely-the Almighty.

satellites is beyond description. Are we seeing "the fulness of-the Gentiles", "this mystery"?