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TO RULE
With CHRIST

In our last Bible Study
we talked about



“The Purpose Of An Everlasting Life.”

An everlasting life is a life without end
– a life of infinite existence.




Everlasting life is a life
that lives forever and ever.
As mortals, we live in a
dimension
bound by space and time.

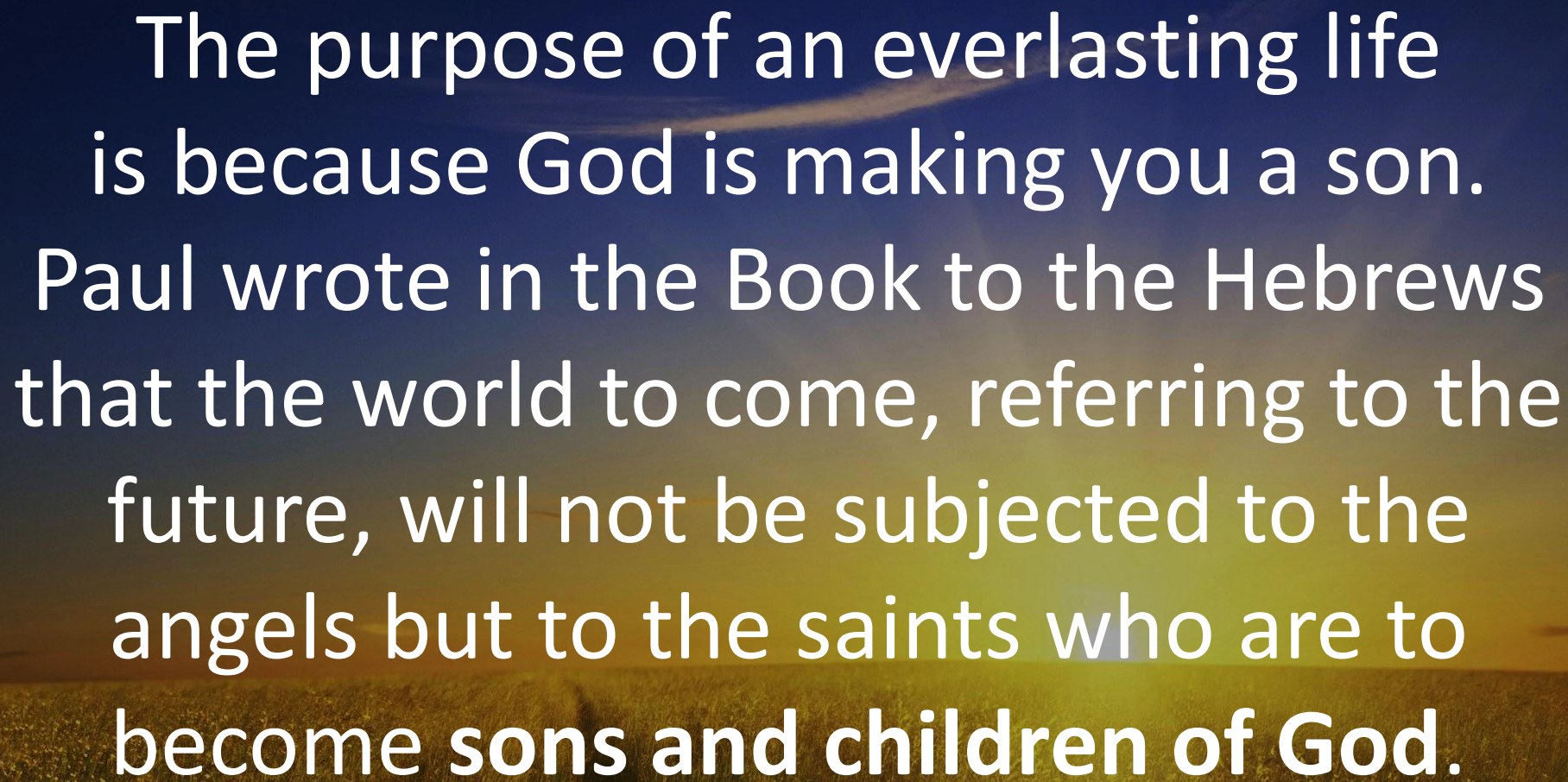
Everlasting, which is synonymous to infinite, is a concept that is complex to grasp and difficult to appreciate.

Everlasting simply means
indeterminable by time.

That is what the scripture says in
2 Peter 3:10;



**“for God a thousand years
is just like a day.”**



The purpose of an everlasting life
is because God is making you a son.
Paul wrote in the Book to the Hebrews
that the world to come, referring to the
future, will not be subjected to the
angels but to the saints who are to
become **sons and children of God.**

Hebrews 2:5-17

He further said that our lowly bodies
will be transformed like unto the
glorious body of Christ.

Notice carefully Philippians 3:21,

**“who, by the power that enables him to
bring everything under his control, will
transform our lowly bodies so that they
will be like his glorious body. ”**

The Apostle Peter also categorically states
that we are to participate
in the divine nature.

2 Peter 1:4 Through these he has given us
his very great and precious promises, so
that through them you may participate in
the divine nature and escape the
corruption in the world caused by evil
desires.



I hope we start to comprehend the enormity of the declaration.

We are to participate in the divine nature with glorified body similar to that of Christ.

This glorified spiritual body will dwell in eternity.

A person stands in silhouette on a dark, grassy hill, looking out over a vast landscape at sunset. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the left side of the horizon, casting long, golden rays across the sky and reflecting on the water in the foreground. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative. The person's reflection is visible in the calm water below.

Busy Eternity

Have you ever contemplated
what everlasting is like?



What is it to live forever?

People associate everlasting life with idyllic bliss in idleness – as in enjoying a grand retirement for the rest of eternity.

Would you like to be in a state of eternal idleness without meaning and purpose?

Boredom and dullness can be worse than death. Living a trillion years in complete idleness and boredom is the worst thing that can happen to anyone.

Our God is not an idle God.
God is active - **always at work.**
The Bible talks about eternity with
excitement and anticipation.



Mark this; everlasting life will be filled with meaning, purpose and glory.

Jesus said: My Father is working.

Therefore, there is work to be done in eternity. God the Father is working, Jesus Christ is working and when the time comes, the saints too will be working.

In God's prophetic timeline,
the saints will be resurrected at the
return of Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:51-54 and
1 Thessalonians 4:13-16.

1 Corinthians 15:51-54

51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—

52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

53 For the perishable must clothe itself
with the imperishable, and the mortal
with immortality.

54 When the perishable has been clothed
with the imperishable, and the mortal
with immortality, then the saying that is
written will come true:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

1 Thessalonians 4:13-16

13 Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.

14 We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

15 According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

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**Yes, the resurrected saints
will be with Christ forever.**

**What will the
resurrected saints do?**

The answer is in Revelation 20:4-5.

4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

5 (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection.

Yes, our role in the millennium is to rule with Christ. Revelation 3:21.

21 To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

The background of the image is a landscape. In the foreground, there is a lush green field. In the middle ground, there is a dark line of trees. In the background, the sun is setting or rising, creating a golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the field.

THE MILLENNIUM

CHRIST'S RULE ON EARTH

When Christ returns He will set up an earthly kingdom for a thousand years called the **Millennium**.

For a thousand years the world will be at peace and at one with God. Isaiah prophesied this in chapter 9:6-7.

Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

When Christ comes, He will set-up a Kingdom and rule over the whole earth with an iron scepter. Revelation 19:11-16.

11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war.

12 His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.

13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

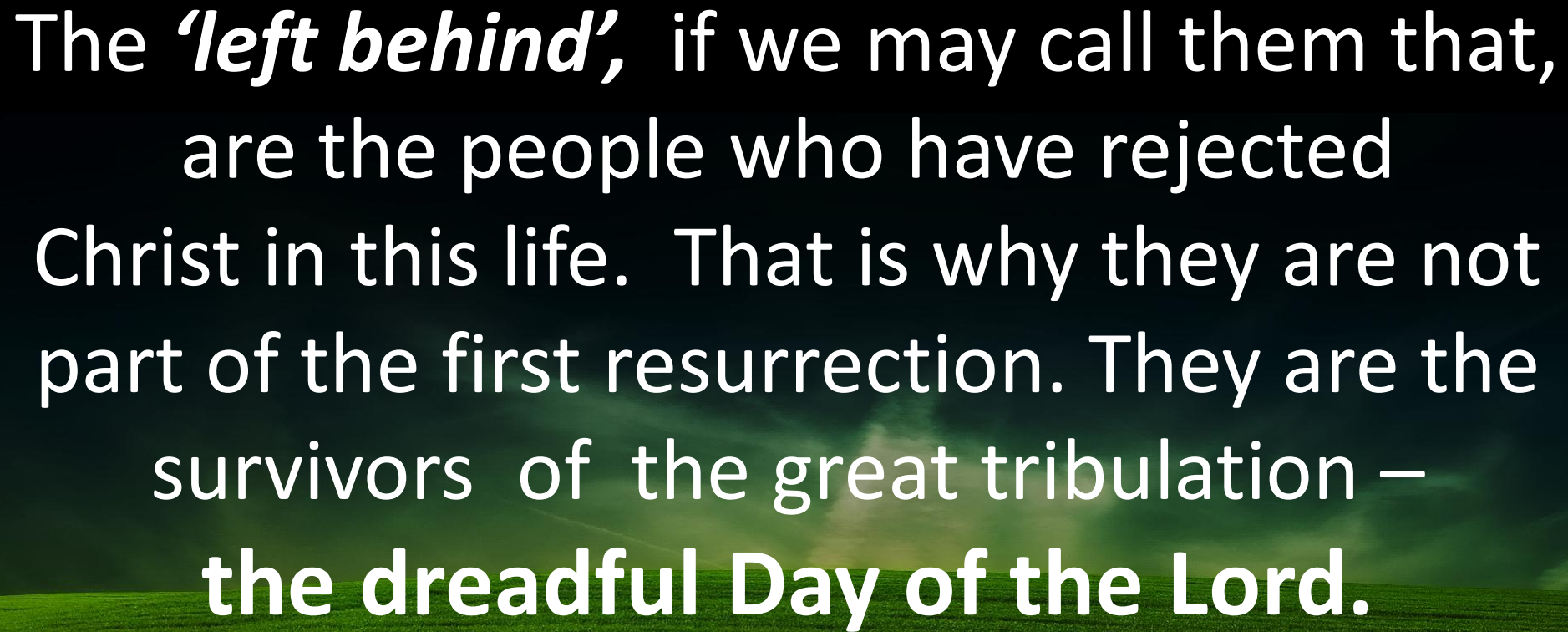
16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

The resurrected saints will play a critical role in the millennial reign of Christ. The logical question you might ask is...

what happens to those who are left behind – who are not part of the resurrection from mortal to immortality?

The answer is **they are the ones**
who will enter into the millennial
reign of Christ.

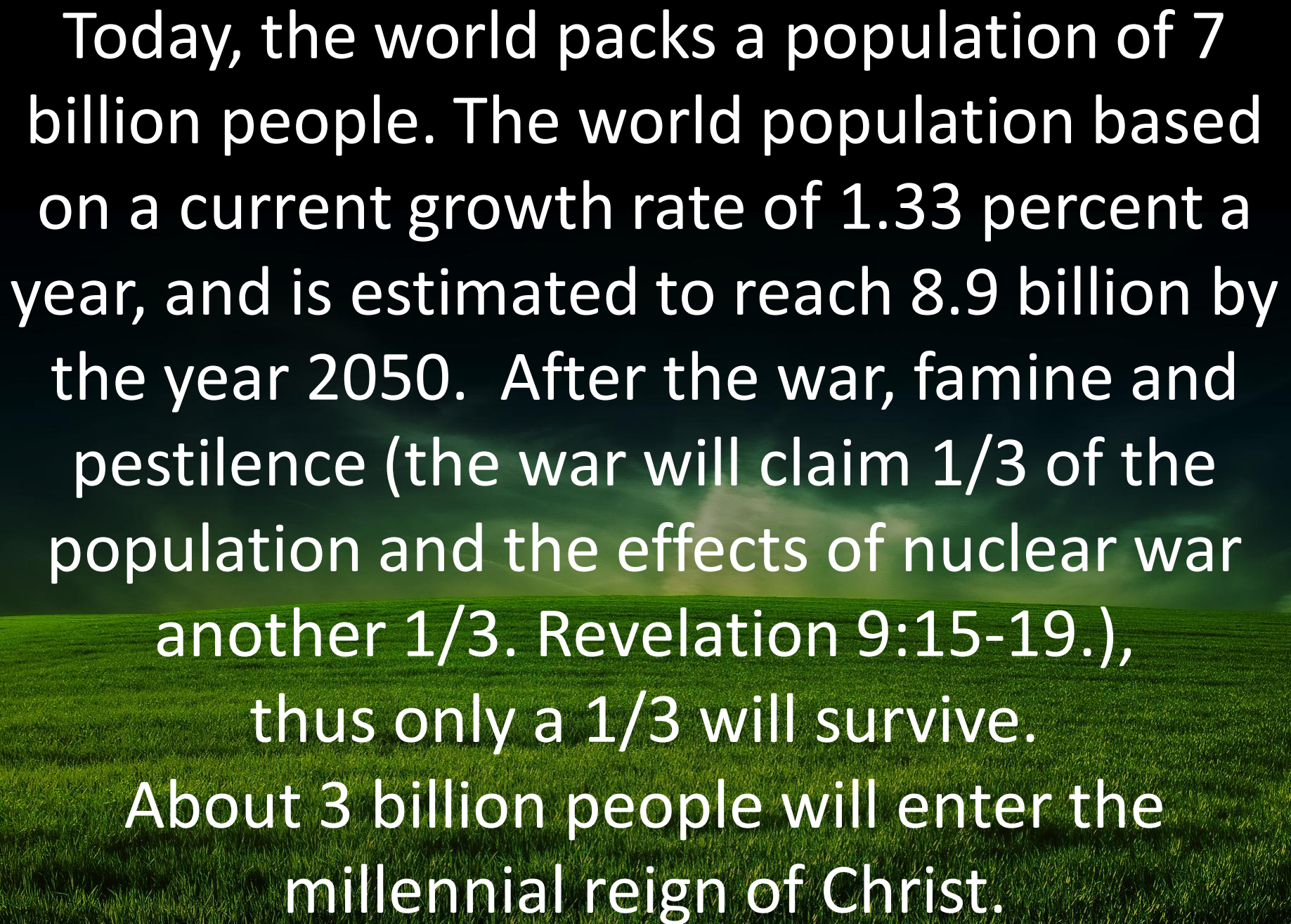


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The *'left behind'*, if we may call them that,
are the people who have rejected
Christ in this life. That is why they are not
part of the first resurrection. They are the
survivors of the great tribulation –
the dreadful Day of the Lord.

They have gone through and experienced the horrors of the 7 trumpets and 7 bowls of plagues. They were exposed to the destruction of the land, seas, lakes and rivers. They are the remnants of the two thirds ($2/3$) of mankind who perished in wars, the ensuing famine and the plagues.

The 1/3 of humanity who survived the great tribulation will also enter the millennial reign of Christ. They survived and were first hand witnesses of the horrors of the devastation. They will see the ecology destroyed, while some are still nursing some sort of personal affliction from the effects of war and the plagues. Some might lose an eye, limb and/or sickly.

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Today, the world packs a population of 7 billion people. The world population based on a current growth rate of 1.33 percent a year, and is estimated to reach 8.9 billion by the year 2050. After the war, famine and pestilence (the war will claim 1/3 of the population and the effects of nuclear war another 1/3. Revelation 9:15-19.), thus only a 1/3 will survive. About 3 billion people will enter the millennial reign of Christ.

In the millennium, the saints will have many things to do. Things we cannot yet fully imagine now. It is going to be an exciting and challenging time.



There will be no boring moment during the millennium when we sit to rule with Christ.

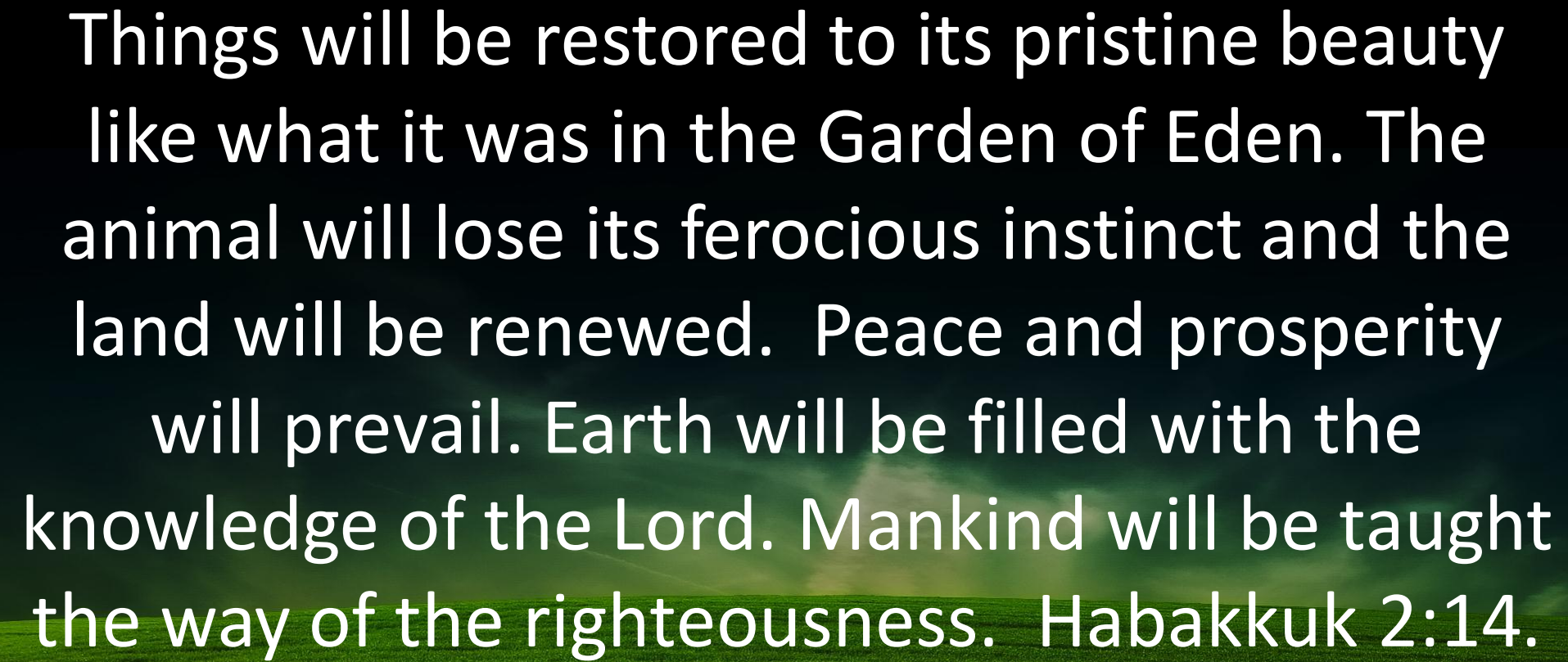
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21 To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

With Christ as King and Banner, we will reign with Him for 1,000 years.

In the Millennium, God will restore earth's environment and ecology to its pre-fall pristine state, filled with the knowledge of God. During this period the ruins will be repaired and general healing will ensue.

Isaiah 11:1-11 and Isaiah 35:1-10.



Things will be restored to its pristine beauty like what it was in the Garden of Eden. The animal will lose its ferocious instinct and the land will be renewed. Peace and prosperity will prevail. Earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. Mankind will be taught the way of the righteousness. Habakkuk 2:14.

14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

In this new environment the people and their children will live in peace and safety. They will enjoy their days and live out their years in full. They will learn the ways of the Lord and obey them.

Isaiah 65:17-25

A person is silhouetted against a bright sunset over a mountain range. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong lens flare effect. The person is standing on a ridge, looking out over the landscape. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and scattered clouds. The overall mood is contemplative and majestic.

The Rulership Role

Most of the changes will be gradual and be done by God through the saints, especially the redevelopment of the human nature. Part of the process of instituting character change is to rule with an iron scepter.

God's righteousness and laws will prevail.

God' government is a theocracy.

It is a God led government.

It is a union of church and state.

Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Revelation 19:16

16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this
name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD
OF LORDS.

The millennial government of Christ like
any government needs an organization.
And an organization needs staffing.

Who will staff Christ's government?

The clue is in Romans 11:25

25 I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.

God is calling a specific number of the Gentiles before calling the rest of the Israelites. God will call the vast majority of the Israelites only when the numbers of the gentile converts are filled up.

Intriguing, yet it is a clear declaration of Paul. God is calling a fixed number of the saints from among the gentiles and eventually of the Israelites. We know that towards the end 144,000 Israelites will be sealed together with a multitude of other people and race.

Revelation 7:4-9

4 Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

5 From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben 12,000, from the tribe of Gad 12,000,
6 from the tribe of Asher 12,000, from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000, from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000,

7 from the tribe of Simeon 12,000, from the tribe of Levi 12,000, from the tribe of Issachar 12,000,

8 from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000, from the tribe of Joseph 12,000, from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.

9 After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

The question is...

why is there a need for a fixed number?

The Government



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God is a God of Order. We know
that from Job 25:2.

"Dominion and awe belong to God; he
establishes order in the heights of heaven.

There is an absolutely
good reason behind the numerical
requisite.

God is setting up a ruling government
over the nations of the earth.

Jesus will sit as

King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

He will rule from Jerusalem.

The saints will become kings and priests
and will rule with Christ.

We know from scripture that the twelve disciples will rule over the 12 tribes of Israel.
Matthew 19:28-29.

28 Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.

We further know each tribe of Israel is a nation by herself.

The USA, UK, Denmark, Netherland, Sweden, Finland, etc.

The gentile nations might be ruled by Paul assisted by Luke, Titus, Timothy, Barnabas, etc.

The states, provinces and cities ruled by the saints.

God is setting up a new government and He needs people to fill up the offices. The Apostles knew this that's why they were jockeying for position. Matthew 20:20-23

20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.

21 "What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

22 "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered.

23 Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

Some of these high positions are reserved and selected by The Father Himself.

God has an organizational chart in mind and He needs a specific number of people to fill up leadership positions. These positions are to be filled up by the resurrected saints.

Revelation 20:4-6

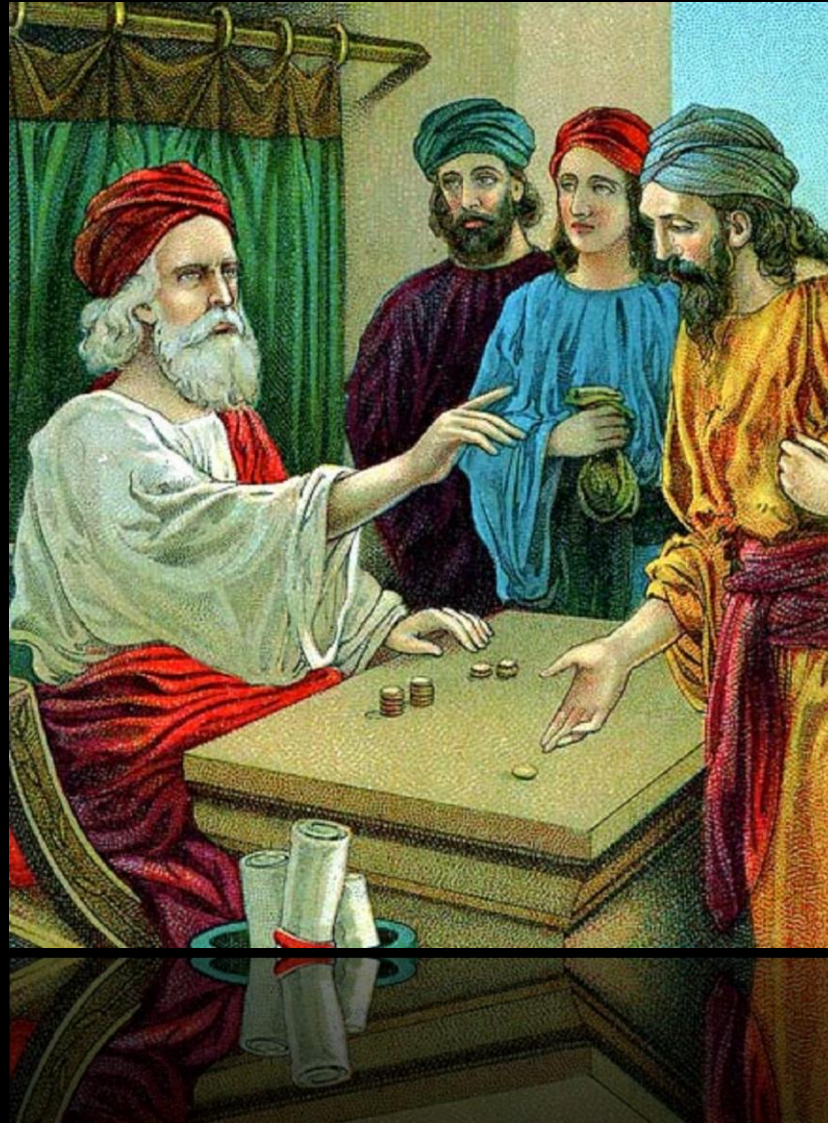
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worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

5 (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

Parable of the Pound



This is where the relevance of the
parable of the pound comes in.
Luke 19:11-27

God is doing His organizational staffing.

He needs good, reliable, able and trustworthy people to do the work of rebuilding and re-educating the world.

He is looking for a specific number of people with **godly character**.

What position we will eventually occupy depends on what we do with our pound today.

That “**pound**” is represented by the Holy Spirit which God gives you today.

If you produce ten folds,
you shall rule over ten cities.

If you produce 100 folds,
you shall rule over a hundred.

If you waste the opportunity,
you would have wasted it for eternity.

Let us make our “**pound**” produce as many folds as we possibly can.

Our future position and reward depended on what we do for God today.

The parable of the pound and the talent (minas) is only relevant in this context.

The full number of the gentiles is not yet complete. Consequently, the vast majority of the Israelites are not yet being called.

But, when that day comes, the Israelite and Jewish conversion can come speedy.

Romans 11:23-24

23 And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.

24 After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!

It is easy for the natural branches to be grafted into their own olive tree.

God is building a kingdom to rule over the nations of the earth. He is organizing and staffing the government with resurrected saints qualified to rule in the soon coming kingdom of His Son.

When the full number of the saints is complete, and the time has reached its fullness, Christ will return to set up His kingdom.

Royal Priesthood



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The **saints** will assume leadership role in the ruling kingdom as **kings and priests** of God Most High.

We can read that in Revelation 1:6, Revelation 2:26 and Revelation 5:10.

Rev 1:6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

Rev 2:26 To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—

Rev 5:10 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

Curiously, in 1 Peter 2:9-10 the Christians are called a **Royal Priesthood**.

Royal priesthood refers to a kingly lineage and authority.

1 Peter 2:9-10

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Again in Revelation 1:6, reference is made to a kingdom to be priest of God Most High.

Rev 1:6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

The saints are to become a
kingdom of priest!

What kind of priesthood are they going to be?

Definitely, not of the Aaron priesthood
but a priesthood that is more superior.
A priesthood that has political powers
over territories and people.

Above all, an endless priesthood!
It is the priesthood in the
Order of Melchizedek
with Jesus Christ as the High Priest!

Revelation 20:6. The saints are to become kings and priests; and they reign upon earth.

6 Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

Yes, as priests we are to reign with Christ
for a thousand years!

To reign with Christ as Kings and Priests!

We will have our assigned territory of
responsibility like Melchizedek King of Salem.

Wherein he was both King and Priest at the same time. This is the type of Priesthood in the Order of Melchizedek.

The **resurrected saints** are to become Kings and Priests with Jesus Christ as the High Priest.

Ruling With Christ



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Yes, the resurrected saints will have an active, creative and participative role to play in the millennial reign of Christ.

**This is the reason
why you are called by God today!**



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There will be much work to be done in the Kingdom of God. You can forget about your harp playing days. You won't have time to idyll away. Your days will be filled with meaning and purpose.



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You will assume a most vital, significant and purposeful role in the millennial kingdom of God. You are destined to rule with Christ....
as kings and priests.

The saints, you, will reign with Christ for a
1000 years!

There is an exciting work that is
reserved only for the true believers.



You will work with the “left behind.”
You will teach them the way of the Lord and
explain to them God Almighty’s plan for
everyone.

You will minister and rule over them.

You will help them know God and
eventually attain salvation.



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These are some of the roles the saints
are envisioned to perform:



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1. Healing of the people

The people who will enter the millennial reign of Christ are the non-believers. They are rebellious and stubborn. They too will be lost, bewildered, hurt, angry and needed guidance.

As saints, you will be there to heal the wound and grief. You are to comfort people who are in anguish and in a state of shock. You are to bring forth understanding, reconciliation, appeasement and forgiveness.

❑ **Jeremiah 33:6-11** talks about how God will cleanse them from their sin of rebellion and restore them in a beautiful land with new beginning.

❑ **Isaiah 57:16-19** talks about a healing of love wherein God will no longer be enraged with the people but would give them grace and to guide them and comfort them.

❑ **Isaiah 61:1-3** talks about the proclamation of the Lord's favor. A period of general amnesty, forgiveness and reconciliation.



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The saints will spearhead the process of the healing of the people.

You will explain and demonstrate to the people the grace and plan of God for all the people.

You will make them understand that God's grace and forgiveness have come upon them; affording them a brand new beginning to start life all over again.



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2. Restoring and rebuilding the ruined cities

After the great war and the destruction of civilization as we know it today, massive restoration and rebuilding will have to happen. Infrastructure, utilities and new cities have to be constructed. A new civilization needs to be in place. Therefore, the ruins will be restored. Part of the restoration is the harmony and peace of the civil order. The saints will spearhead and lead this massive restoration and rebuilding work.

□ **Isaiah 61:4-6** talks about the rebuilding of the ruined cities

□ **Isaiah 58:11-12** also talks about the restoration of broken walls

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3. To teach and guide

As priest of God Most High, one of our primary roles is to teach the way of the Lord to the people. You will teach with the power of the Holy Spirit. **What do we teach the people?** You will continue to preach the gospel of grace and the gospel of salvation and the gospel of the Kingdom of God.

You will teach not only from the Bible but also
from your personal experience.

You will share with them your personal story
of salvation. How you came to the truth and
attained salvation. Experience is the best
teacher and probably you will anchor
your teaching on that.

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You will continue to teach the **law of God**.
Explain the benefits and wisdom of keeping
God's law through your own personal
experience. **How you came to the knowledge
of the truth, how you repented, how you
were baptized, how you endured to the end
and how you struggled to live a holy and
righteous life.**

You are the witnesses and evidences of God's
mighty grace and saving power.

Your personal account of **conversion and salvation** is a powerful message to the rest of humanity.



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So again what do you teach?
You shall teach the laws of God. How do we
effectively teach it? We teach them by your
personal experience.

- Ezekiel 44:23-24
- Psalms 78:1-8
- Psalms 119:1-8 and 33-40



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The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters fill the sea. Habakkuk 2:14.

That is your role and function in the millennium – to **fill** the whole earth with this spiritual knowledge.

Hab 2:14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

4. To judge

To judge is to dispense justice with righteousness.

During the millennium, it is going to be an autocracy where church and state are merged.

The **10 commandments** will be the basic law through out the land upon it judgments are made. The saints will settle disputes whenever they arise. You will dispense justice with righteousness, compassion and mercy.

- Ezekiel 44:24 – priests dispensing justice
- Deut. 17:8-12 – deciding on difficult cases
- 1 Corinthians 6:2-3 – the saints are to judge the world referring to the time of millennial reign of Christ when they seats as priests of God and of Christ.
- Psalms 9:8 - judge with equity
- Psalms 98:9 - judge with righteousness



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be magnified
be praised

5. To rule

To rule is to govern and exercise leadership authority over the people. To rule is the role of a King. Transform the nature and conduct of man. We will rule with an iron scepter together with Christ. There will be peace and order through out the land.

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- Isaiah 32:1 – rule with justice.
- Psalm 67:4 – guide the nations
- Proverbs 28:2 - maintain order
- Revelation 12:5 - rule with an iron scepter



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Through benevolent governance, we will:

- Calm and subdue the angry passions of people;
- Change their feelings and their conduct;
- Dispose them to peace;
- Tend them to mitigate jealousy, hatred and anger,
- To produce kindness to captives, and to those who had been oppressed.

Work to Do



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The millennium foresees a-1000-years of
peace and prosperity under Christ.

Things will be restored to the unspoiled time
at the Garden of Eden. The saints under the
divine lead of Christ, the King of kings and Lord
of lords, will restore paradise
to earth.



Peace, harmony and unity will prevail.
Knowledge of the Lord will overflow the land.

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Summary



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Have you ever wondered what the role of
the resurrected saints (our role)
will be in the **Millennium**?



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Brethren, wonder no more.
The resurrected saints will become a
**Royal Priesthood in the
Order of Melchizedek**
to reign with Christ for a thousand years.



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priests of God Most High we shall reign
with Christ for a thousand years.

Revelation 5:10

Rev 5:10 “You have made them to be a
kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they
will reign on the earth.”

Isn't it nice to know?

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