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The Court Will Convene

Daniel 7:26-28

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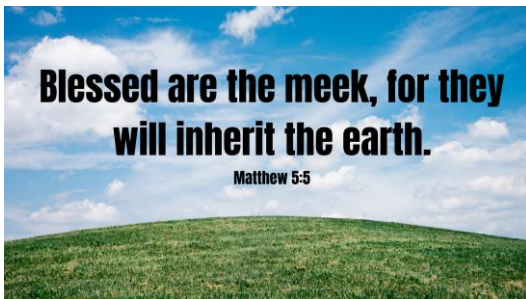
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We often neglect the reality of God's coming Kingdom. One day the court *will* convene and the kingdoms (countries) of this world will be judged and become the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ and of the saints.

Jesus will receive all authority and God's rule will be over all the Earth. This earthly Kingdom will never be destroyed. 1000 years later it will be handed over to the Father so that God may be all in all and then there will be no more pain, suffering or death. (1 Corinthians 15, Revelation 21)



Throughout Scripture we see that the promise, the reward, and our hope is God's Kingdom on the Earth. In fact, God created the earth and created mankind to dwell on the earth. Mankind's destiny and destination has not changed since that time.

Abraham was promised the land, and did not receive it. David was promised an heir on the throne forever. Jesus told us that the meek would inherit the earth.

In fact, the Lord's prayer that many pray every Sunday is clear, "Your Kingdom come, ON EARTH as it is in heaven." **Jesus is returning to the Earth to crush the Kingdoms of this world and establish His Father's Kingdom from Jerusalem, over all the Earth.**

God's will is NOT done on the earth as it is in heaven. It wasn't done when Jesus was here, and it isn't done now. It will only be done when Jesus comes at the very end of this present evil age.

Contrary to the popular "Christian" song, we are not "building His Kingdom now", nor should we be trying to. Our work is to proclaim God's Kingdom and to enlist people who will be citizens of the Kingdom when Jesus comes.

In **Hebrews 2:7-9** it says that mankind was made a little lower than the angels; but God crowned them with glory and honor and put everything under their feet. In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. **Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them**, but we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death.

Jesus has been exalted and crowned with glory and everything has been put under his feet, that is, declared to be put under his feet, yet, everything is not subjected to him at this time. Another passage says that he is still waiting in heaven for his enemies to become his footstool. And in 1 Corinthians 15 we are told that he must put everything under his feet, including death, which will only happen *after* the Great White Throne Judgement (Revelation 20:14), and then he will hand the Kingdom over to the Father so God will be over all (1 Corinthians 15:24-28).



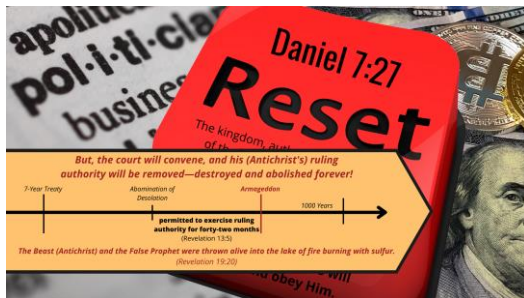
Before Adam and Eve sinned, they were living under God's rule. Once they disobeyed and sinned, they took that rulership upon themselves and put the crown on their own heads.

Then as a chosen nation, Israel rejected God as their king and wanted to be like the rest of the world having an earthly king. So today, all of mankind is ruled over by mortal, unrighteous, selfish, and power-hungry leaders.

A messiah, a human being like us, was prophesied back when God cursed Satan in the Garden. He revealed more information about who this person would be over the years until God's chosen and anointed human Messiah was begotten and born.

Daniel wrote that at the end of this age a “rock” cut not by human hands, would crush all the other governments and rule forever after. **Jesus from Nazareth was and is that man, Messiah, and “rock” that will crush every authority on earth.**

Jesus is now immortal and that makes it possible for him to sit on David’s throne forever. But today the world is not subjected to Jesus and there is no King on a throne in Jerusalem, only wicked governments, some worse than others, ruling all the nations. Perhaps soon, the Antichrist will rise from them and rule the world.



But one day the court will convene, and his ruling authority will be removed—destroyed and abolished forever! (That is, the Antichrist’s ruling authority will be abolished. He will be the last mortal “king” to rule the nations.)

Then the kingdom, authority, and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be delivered to the people of the holy ones of the Most-High. **(This is so simple! The saints, God’s people, will be getting all the nations turned over to them, on the earth!)** God’s kingdom is an eternal kingdom; all authorities will serve him and obey him (through His Son and His saints).’ **This is the conclusion of the matter! This is how the story ends, or actually, begins!** (Daniel 7:26-27)

Daniel 7:28 says that when Daniel heard all of this, his thoughts troubled him greatly, and the color drained from his face. *I wonder if Christians today take this prophecy as serious as Daniel did?*

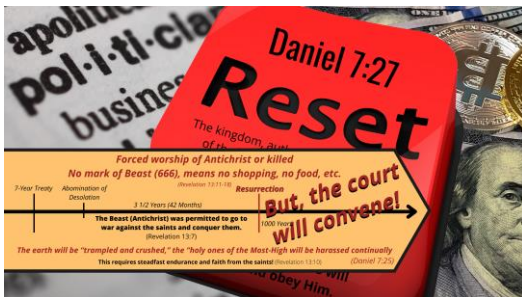
Daniel 7.21-22 explains that *while Daniel was watching, a horn began to wage war against the holy ones and was defeating them, until the Ancient of Days arrived and judgment was rendered in favor of the holy ones of the Most-High. Then the time came for the holy ones to take possession of the Kingdom.*

This is Hebrews 2 finally being fulfilled. At this time everything, including the nations, will be subject to Jesus and the saints! **The location does not change!** The only change is *who* is ruling, not *where* anyone is ruling.

At that time the holy ones will take possession of the kingdoms of the earth and establish one Kingdom rule over the entire earth, over all the nations. God’s Kingdom rule through His

agent, His anointed Messiah, Jesus, and the holy ones, will be the beginning of a new Kingdom on the earth, a single universal Kingdom, truly a new world order! Jesus' enemies will be made a footstool for his feet and he will reign on the Father's behalf.

(Daniel 7:18 The holy ones of the Most-High will receive the kingdom and will take possession of the kingdom forever and ever.)



But before this happens the earth will be “trampled and crushed,” the “holy ones of the Most-High will be harassed continually,” and they will be delivered into the hands of Antichrist for 3 ½ years.

If anyone is meant for captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed by the sword, then by the sword he must be killed. This requires steadfast endurance and faith from the saints (Revelation 13:10).

But be encouraged! The court will convene, and Antichrist's, and all worldly governments, ruling authority, will be removed—destroyed and abolished forever! Hallelujah Amen! as Joe Martin says.



Then the kingdom, authority, and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be delivered to the people of the holy ones of the Most-High. His Kingdom is an eternal Kingdom; all authorities will serve him and obey him. Again, this Kingdom is on the earth and Jesus, with the saints, will be ruling, or governing, “under the whole heaven,” not “over” the earth or “in heaven.”

This Kingdom rule is world politics and economics **reset** for real, and for eternity.



Daniel saw all of this happening ON THE EARTH. Even John, in Revelation, although he saw things in the spirit in heaven at times, like on a movie screen, saw events that were pertaining to what would be happening ON THE EARTH in the future.

Jesus said the meek will INHERIT THE EARTH (Matthew 5:5) and we pray, "Your Kingdom come ON EARTH!" The prayer is that God's Kingdom, that is His rule that is now in heaven, would finally come to the earth as well. The prayer asks the Father that His government would be upon the earth, which means, over all the nations that are on the earth.

Unlike Israel when they chose a king over YHVH, the Christian's prayer is for YHVH to be supreme ruler, instead of the present ruling authorities who are greedy, violent, and power-hungry leaders. At no time does "thy Kingdom come," all of a sudden become a Kingdom above the earth or in heaven, or, prior to the return of Messiah Jesus.

Christians were not told to usher in this Kingdom; they were told to herald it, and announce it like Jesus did. Our purpose, or goal today, cannot be to try to bring about this Kingdom, or make the governments of this world rule people or countries righteously, like only Jesus will when he comes and is King.

Jesus is not ruling from heaven, nor is he enthroned as King yet on earth. In fact, he is still waiting to come to earth and to put all of his enemies put under his feet at that time.

With that said, followers of Messiah can and should live and practice a Kingdom lifestyle today. We are in training, and we have been given a job to do as we see in the parable of the master going away for a while and having given his servants "talents" to use.

In English we may confuse our thinking about "talents." He was not talking about skills or abilities; he was talking about money in the parable. I believe though, Jesus' parable does encompass both, and even more. The talents can be anything that we have been given. The bottom line, our lives and everything we have been blessed with, are what he has given us and what we will be required to give an account for. **We must invest what we have, and our lives, in productive Kingdom activity for the master. It is a dangerous thing to bury, or just sit on what we have been given!**



In **Luke 4:43** Jesus told them that he *must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God to the other towns too, for that is what he was sent to do*. Jesus was sent, or commissioned by God, to tell people about God's coming rule, His government, on the earth, what it would be like, and how one could have citizenship.

This Kingdom was referred to as the Kingdom of God or the Kingdom *OF* heaven, but never a Kingdom *IN* heaven. Even the verse many like to argue where Jesus said that he goes to prepare a place for us, does not say that that place remains in heaven, in fact, if this is perhaps referring to the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:1-5), that too, as does Jesus, come down out of heaven to the earth.

John 14:1-3 *Do not let your hearts be distressed. You believe in God; believe also in me. There are many dwelling places in my Father's house. Otherwise, I would have told you, because I am going away to make ready a place for you. And if I go and make ready a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that where I am you may be too.*

Jesus did not give any details about this "place" he was going to prepare for us. We do know from his constant teaching on the future Kingdom, that it would be on the earth.

James and John asked about places *prepared* for believers in the coming Kingdom in **Mark 10:40**, but Jesus replied, "to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give. It is for those for whom it has been prepared." Even if those places were "prepared" in heaven, neither Jesus, nor James and John, even entertained the idea that those places would be somewhere other than in the Kingdom on the earth.

The main hope is that where Jesus will be, there we will be too. If to read the rest of Scripture, we see that Jesus will be on the earth. In **Zechariah 14:4** it says that his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives.

If preaching and teaching about the coming Kingdom was what the Almighty God commissioned Jesus to do leading up to his ultimate sacrifice, ought we not lead with this same message and hope? This message of God's rule finally being administered over all nations on the earth, is the hope of those same nations. There will finally be a government that has its citizens in mind, and one that truly rules righteously.



When we understand the Kingdom hope, we understand the nature of man, and thus the nature of Jesus. When we understand who God's anointed Messiah is and see him as God's ruling agent, we can better understand who the Father is. And when we then know the Father, the only true God, and Messiah Jesus, we are able to love and worship them as they deserve.

Jesus said that the most important commandment was to know, *that is to understand and believe*, that YHVH is one God, not multiple ones rolled into one, or one consisting of multiple essences. He said we should know and believe this, and then unlike the demons, we should love YHVW with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength (Deuteronomy 10:12, Joshua 22:5, Mark 12:30).

Jesus also said that when we say that we love him, this means must obey Him. Love and obedience go hand in hand (John 14:15, 21, 23, 1 Peter 1:22, 1 John 2:5, 5:2, Deuteronomy 10:12, 30:16, 20, Nehemiah 1:5). You can't compromise one or the other.

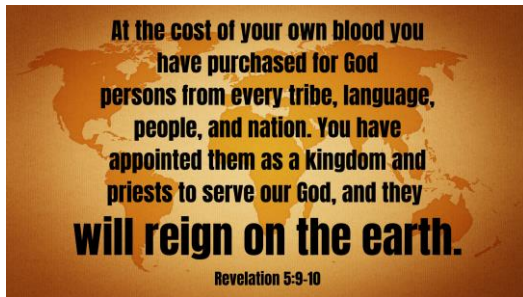
There is a difference between knowing the command and the obeying the commission. It says that even the demons understand; they know that YHVW is only one God, and they shudder (James 2:19.) But just knowing this fact obviously does not get you in the Kingdom since we know that Gehenna has been prepared for Satan and his angels (**Matthew 25:31, Revelation 20:10, Isaiah 24:21-22**).

Of course, people must hear and learn about who Jesus and the Father are, it is all a part of the puzzle. But that is not where Jesus started. The finished puzzle is God's Kingdom with His anointed King ruling after this present world's ruling authorities are put under his feet. Only then, after the White Throne Judgement, will the anointed King hand the cleaned-up Kingdom over to the One who anointed him, the Almighty God (1 Corinthians 15:24-28).

The Gospel, Jesus' message throughout his ministry, was the Gospel of the Kingdom of God: what it is, who will be ruling, where it will be (on the earth), and when it will be (when he returns at the end of this evil age.) After one understand the Kingdom, they should be compelled to know the true King of the Kingdom, that is, who he is. Those who choose to love him and follow him, because of what they saw first in his proclamation of the future Kingdom of God, will in turn share this good news with others.

So which puzzle piece or pieces would Jesus be willing to leave out? Most likely none; he taught about all of them. The Kingdom picture would not be complete if any pieces were missing, big

or small. Our job is to turn over all of the pieces and put them together. If we see someone is missing a piece or two, we should help them find their missing piece.

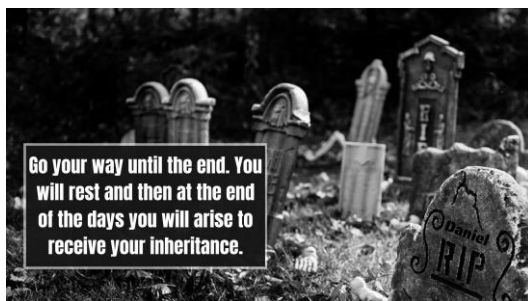


In **Revelation 5:9-10** it says that *Jesus was killed, and at the cost of his own blood he purchased for God persons from every tribe, language, people, and nation. He has appointed them as a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign ON THE EARTH.*

Again, this kingdom of priests ruling the nations happens after the Great Tribulation and Armageddon, both of which also happen ON THE EARTH!

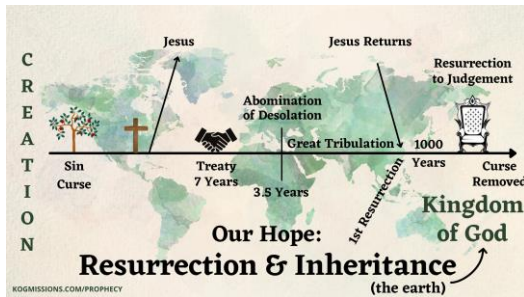
It is important to understand the role of priests here. It is not about offering sacrifices up in a temple. In **2 Chronicles 17:3-10** priests were sent and taught throughout Judah, taking with them the scroll of the law of the LORD. They traveled to all the cities of Judah and taught the people. This was after the new king got rid of all idolatry and wicked practices.

Jesus will conquer and destroy the Antichrist who had set himself up as God over all the earth. Idolatry and the Abomination that caused Desolation will be cut down and destroyed. At that time, the saints will rule with Jesus, and my guess, as his kingdom of priests, we will be sent to teach the mortals about the law of the Lord, perhaps governing one, five or ten cities.



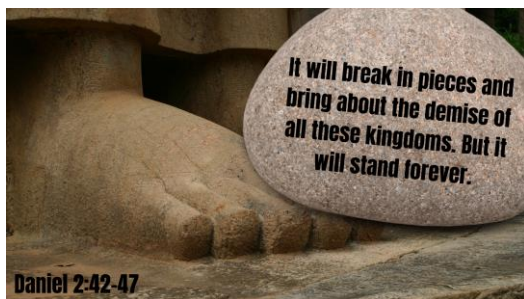
In **Daniel 12:9-13** Daniel said that he heard, but did not understand. So, he said, *Sir, what will happen after these things? The angel said, Go, Daniel. For these matters are closed and sealed until the time of the end.* (But we do see more was revealed in these *last days, the time of the end*, since the time of Jesus' resurrection. He revealed a lot more information to John in Revelation!)

Daniel was told that *many will be purified, made clean, and refined, but the wicked will go on being wicked. None of the wicked will understand, though the wise will understand.*



He then tells him that *from the time that the daily sacrifice is removed and the abomination that causes desolation is set in place, there are 1,290 days. Blessed is the one who waits and attains to the 1,335 days. But you Daniel should go your way until the end. You will rest and then at the end of the days you will arise to receive what you have been allotted, your inheritance.* Daniel's hope was resurrection, and ours is as well.

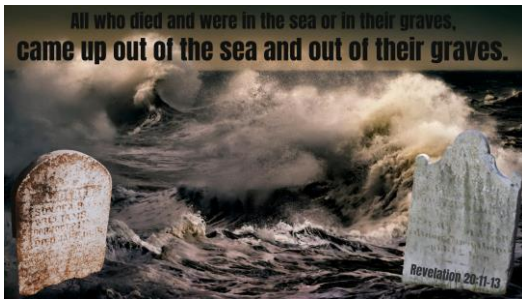
God's plan from creation was the hope of resurrection. People live on the earth. They die and return to the earth. Then they are resurrected from the earth and will either receive their reward and inheritance, *the earth and immortality*, or they will be condemned and be destroyed and their memory forgotten.



Daniel 2:42-45 tells us that the *latter stages of the present worldly kingdom on the earth at this time of the end of this age will be partly strong and partly fragile. As iron mixed with wet clay, so people will be mixed with one another without adhering to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.*

In the days of those last kings (who are ruling the earth on the earth) the God of heaven will raise up an everlasting Kingdom (in place of the present temporary kingdoms which are on the earth) that will not be destroyed and a Kingdom that will not be left to another people (not because it is in heaven, but because it is God's Kingdom for God's people.)

*It will break in pieces and bring about the demise of all these worldly kingdoms. But contrary to them, God's Kingdom will stand forever. In interpreting the king's dream Daniel told him that he saw that a stone that was cut from a mountain, but not by human hands; it smashed the iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold into pieces. The great God made known to the king what will occur in the future. **The dream is certain, and its interpretation is reliable.***



After the 1000-year reign when the White Throne Judgment takes place, the dead who were not raised when Jesus returned, are raised from their graves on the earth; they are not called back from heaven and it does not say their "soul" was put back into them. They become living souls once again, just like God created Adam from the dust of the earth, and they will be judged. Some will be granted immortality, like those received when Jesus returned, and others will be condemned to destruction.

Revelation 20:13 (11-13) says that *the sea gave up the dead that were in it, and Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each one was judged according to his deeds.* It is clear that the dead, all who died and were in the sea or in their graves, came up out of the sea and out of their graves. **They came up from the earth, not down from heaven.** We even see a New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven to the earth at that time, and that God Himself will make His home with us, not us going to Him (Revelation 21:2-3, 22:18-19). His tabernacle will be here and he will be "tabernacling" with us; He will "pitch His tent" and dwell in unbroken communion with us.



Colossians 3:24 tells us that we can receive a reward and an inheritance. *"You know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward."*

*Jesus is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may **receive the eternal inheritance** he has promised, since he died to set them free from the violations committed under the first covenant. **For where there is a will, the death of the one who made it must be proven. For a will takes effect only at death**, since it carries no force while the one who made it is alive. Indeed, according to the law almost everything was purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. (Hebrews 9:15-28).*

What is in a will is what will be inherited after someone's death. After Jesus died, the promised inheritance can now be received. Jesus will bring it with him when he comes, we do not receive it when we die. Just as he said, *I am coming soon, and my reward is with me* (Revelation 22:12).

As a result of this promised inheritance, as we live each day waiting for the bridegroom, whatever we are doing we should *work at it with enthusiasm, as to the Lord and not for people, because we know that we will receive our **inheritance from the Lord as the reward*** (when we are resurrected when Jesus returns). *We ought to serve the Lord Christ because the one who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there are no exceptions (Colossians 3:23-25).*

There is a blessing and a curse, as God told Israel, and He gave them the freewill to choose what they would receive. In this passage, we see there will be a reward and punishment, and again, we all have a choice to make, and free-will to choose what we will receive.

Even those who choose to follow Jesus and are waiting for him to return, could end up falling away if they are like five of the ten virgins in Jesus' parable (Matthew 25:1-13). All ten were waiting for the bridegroom, but only five were still prepared with oil and waiting when he finally came. Those unprepared had the door shut in front of them and they missed the wedding.

Similarly, the seed of the Kingdom that people often receive with a sincere heart, in the end withers and dies, gets choked out by the world, or is stolen by Satan because they are not vigilant (Matthew 13:3-23, Mark 4:3-20, Luke 8:4-15). Unfortunately, this not only happens in the lives of individual believers, but also in churches and ministries today. Jesus warned the churches in Revelation since some had become lukewarm and other had lost their first love. The Kingdom seed of hope must be attended to daily if it is to grow, rather than shrivel up and die.

A believer's reward or inheritance, is resurrection and immortality on the earth. Abraham was promised the earth and we are heirs according to that promise.

*So, in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise (Galatians 3:26-29).***

This is speaking of *all* who will choose to clothe themselves with Messiah and walk in obedience, not just a select few or 144,000.

It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the *righteousness that comes by faith (Romans 4:13)*.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place he would LATER RECEIVE as an inheritance, and he went out without understanding where he was going. By faith he lived as a foreigner in the promised land as though it were a foreign country, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, who were fellow heirs of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with firm foundations, whose architect and builder is God (Hebrews 11.8-10).

Hebrews 11.39-40 tells us that the list of faithful believers, that Abraham was one of, *all were commended for their faith, yet they did not receive what was promised. For God had provided something better for us, so that they would be made perfect together with us, on the earth, not in heaven.*

Abraham went to the grave holding on to the promise God gave him, and trusted that God would keep His word and that he would one day receive his inheritance.



In **Acts 2:29-36** we see another covenant that promises that humans will reign on the earth. *Although David both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day, he was a prophet and knew that **God had sworn to him with an oath to seat one of his descendants on his throne.***

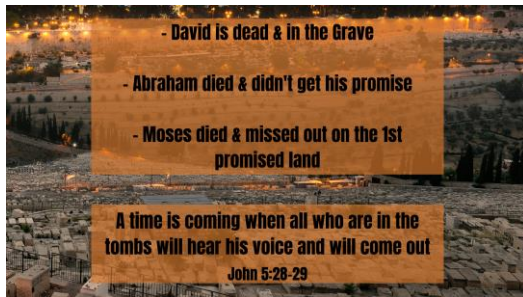
David by foreseeing this spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did his body experience decay. This Jesus God raised up, and we are all witnesses of it. So then, exalted to the right hand of God, and having received the promise of the holy spirit from the Father, he has poured out what you both see and hear. For David did not ascend into heaven, but he himself says,

'The Lord said to my lord, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

Therefore, let all the house of Israel know beyond a doubt that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.”

David too went to the grave without having an eternal descendant on the throne, yet he believed God and knew that God would keep His word. We have this same hope, that one day David’s descendant, Jesus, will sit on his promised throne and rule the earth, *from the earth*.

Psalm 16.10-11 *You will not abandon me to Sheol; you will not allow your faithful follower to see the Pit. You lead me in the path of life.*



John 5:28-29 says, *do not be amazed at this, because a time is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out (come out of their graves, wake up! Not come back from heaven)—the ones who have done what is good to the resurrection resulting in life, and the ones who have done what is evil to the resurrection resulting in condemnation.*

Resurrection is the key! If there is no resurrection, there is no life after death, you would just remain dead, as would Jesus have (1 Corinthians 15). **And life after death, or better yet, coming to life after being dead, only happens at Jesus’ return, which is at the first resurrection, or at the resurrection of judgement, the Great White Throne Judgement. All humans who ever lived will come back to life at one of these resurrections.**

John 5:28-29 is similar to **Daniel 12:2** - *Many of those who sleep in the dusty ground will awake— some to everlasting life, and others to shame and everlasting contempt.*

These two verses are the short version. They are an overview of what will happen, simply stating the fact that everyone will be resurrected. Some will receive life and others will be punished and destroyed forever. It does not give a timeframe or insinuate that there is only one resurrection where all this takes place at once. Revelation is clear about the two resurrections, agreeing with the first resurrection Jesus spoke about in Matthew 24.

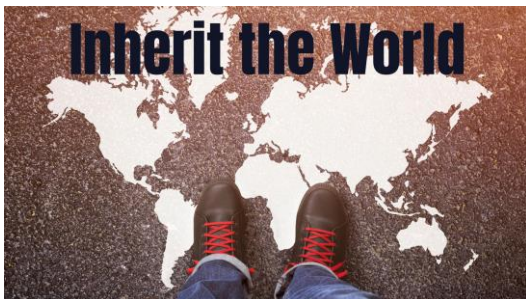


Micah 4 talks about future days where *people and nations go up to the mountain of YHVH for instruction and judgments* (to get disputes settled).

Swords will be made into plowshares, and spears into pruning hooks. Nations will not use weapons against other nations, and they will no longer train for war. LIFE WILL BE VERY DIFFERENT, but life will still be here on the earth.

Each will sit under his own grapevine or under his own fig tree without any fear. (It doesn't say that each will get his own cloud!) The LORD of Heaven's Armies has decreed this!

God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth and everything in them, has decreed that this earth will be renewed and restored and that human beings will live on it and rule over it, just as He intended from the beginning. **(Genesis 1:28, Revelation 21)**



Humanity's hope is to inherit the world. The promise was to Abraham and to his descendants; and believers *are* his descendants through Jesus. **This promise to inherit the world will not come through military strength or wealthy rulers, it will be fulfilled through the righteousness that comes by faith (Romans 4.13).**

The governments and leaders of the world have refused to hear and obey the One who gave them their authority, the One who has allowed them to rule this planet for the time being.

But, be encouraged and know that ***the court will convene, and the world's ruling authority will be removed—destroyed and abolished forever! At that time, the kingdom, authority, and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be delivered to the people of the holy ones of the Most-High and God's kingdom will be an eternal kingdom; all authorities will serve Him and obey Him (through His son and His saints). This is the conclusion of the matter!***