

## Heaven - Part Five

### Ruling on the Earth with Jesus as Co-heirs.

John 8:23 – Jesus said, “I am not of this world.”

John 18:36-37 – Before Pilate Jesus declared,

“My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” <sup>37</sup> Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose, I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” <sup>38</sup> Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

The earth in Jesus’ time was still under the curse. It was ruled by Satan and his demonic kingdom. The kingdoms of the earth belonged to Satan.

Luke 4:5-7. “And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup> and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.

So technically speak, Jesus’ kingdom was not of this world, but it ultimately will be.

Revelation 5:1-10

- Vs. 4 – no one is worthy to open the scroll.
- Vs. 5-9 – Jesus is worthy to open the scroll. The redeemed praise Him.
- Vs. 10 – We will reign on the earth as kings and priests.

When Jesus returns as King of Kings and Lord of Lords it means the end of Satan’s dominion and begin the uncontested rule of Christ for all eternity.

### The Importance of the Land

- The earth is the Lords (Psalm 24:1)
- We will inherit the land (Psalm 25:13)
- The blessed will inherit the earth and evil doers cut off (Psalm 37:9, 11, 22)
- The Lord is King over all the earth (Psalm 47:2)
- Those who make the Lord their refuge will inherit the land (Isaiah 57:13)

### God’s Unconditional Land Grant to Abraham

- Genesis 12:1, 7 – although under the curse, God gave Abraham land to reveal God’s glory on earth. (See Deuteronomy 28: 1-15)
- Galatians 3:29 – we are Abraham’s seed and heirs according to the promise.

God has chosen to entrust Earth's rule to us, as co-heirs ruling and reigning with Jesus as our King and we as His bride.

Revelation 11:15

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.

Psalms 72: 8-11

May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River<sup>[b]</sup> to the ends of the earth! May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust! May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts! May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

Note: the kingdoms of the earth are not destroyed but transformed and come to worship Christ.

### **Ruling With Christ.**

Jesus will reign with his bride over the earth, crushing the demonic and godless kingdom that stood before his return.

Daniel 2:31 – 35

You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. <sup>32</sup> The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest, and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, <sup>33</sup> its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. <sup>34</sup> As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay and broke them in pieces. <sup>35</sup> Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Daniel 2: 44-45

And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, <sup>45</sup> just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure."

The kingdom of Babylon, Medes/Persians, Greeks, Romans, and the final kingdom (antichrist?) will all be destroyed by God and His kingdom will be established forever on the Rock.

- 1 Corinthians 6:2-3 St. Paul tells us we will judge the world and angels.
- 2 Timothy 2:12 – we will reign with Him.

- Revelation 2:10 – the crown of life given.
- Revelation 2:26 – he who does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nation.
- Revelation 3:21 – he who overcomes will sit with Jesus on His throne.

### **Freedom from Loving the Cursed World**

- James 4:4 – friendship with the world is hatred toward God.
- Romans 12:1-2 – do not be conformed to this world but be transformed.
- I John 2:15-16 – do not love the world for all that is in the world is lust of flesh, eyes, and pride.
- 1 Corinthians 3:19 – the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God.

### **Our Inheritance.**

Romans 8: 16-17

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Daniel 7:9-10; 13-14

“As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

“I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 7:27

And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven **shall be given to the people of the saints** of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

Ephesians 6:8 – everyone will receive a reward.

Matthew 5:12 – great is your reward in heaven.