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**Kingdom
of
God on Earth
in the
New Testament**

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The Kingdom of God on Earth in the New Testament.

In the final pages of the book of the Bible we read, Jesus returns as King of kings and the Lord of lords, with the armies of heaven (i.e., the resurrected redeemed), to rule the nations. The following study shows that the New Testament contains many Scriptures, that promise those who overcome and endure to the end, will rule and reign on earth with Christ.

The meek will inherit the earth and see God.

- **Matthew 5:6-7:** “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Pray God’s Kingdom comes on earth.

- **Matthew 6:8-12:** Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.
- Those blessed of God will inherit the kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world.
- **Matthew 25:31–34:** “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Those who endured with Christ will eat with Jesus in his Kingdom.

- **Luke 22:28-30:** “You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, ²⁹ and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

The Kingdom of God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- **Acts 28:30–31:** He (Paul) lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, ³¹ proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

The Kingdom of God in focus here embraces, the present Kingdom that exists by faith and love in the hearts of the redeemed in Christ, and to the literal Kingdom of God to come on earth when Jesus returns in glory.

The resurrected redeemed will judge the world.

- **1 Corinthians 6:1-2:** When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? ² Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases?

Sons and daughters of God are heirs with Christ.

- **Galatians 4:7:** So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then **an heir** through God.

Those who endure will reign with Jesus.

- **2 Timothy 2:12:** if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us.

The resurrected redeemed will receive and inheritance.

- **1 Peter 1:3-4:** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ **to an inheritance** that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

Those who overcome will have authority over nations.

- **Revelation 2:26:** The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations,

The resurrected redeemed will reign on earth.

- **Revelation 5:10:** and you have made them (the resurrected redeemed) a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

The resurrected redeemed will rule the nations with Christ.

- **Revelation 17:13-16:** He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron.

The resurrected redeemed will reign with Christ a thousand years.

- **Revelation 20:4:** Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

These verses show that Christ redeemed us unto Himself, so that we may reign on the earth as kings and priests with him, and show there are many promises given to those who overcome and endure to the end, to rule and reign, and be a fellow heir with Christ on earth.

The promised inheritance the redeemed have in Christ include:

- Receiving a new body like their risen Saviour.
- Being like Jesus in nature when they see Him.
- Fellowship with the Lord and with other resurrected believers.
- Being free from all pain, sickness, death, and mourning forever.
- Enjoying the New Earth, and the New Holy City that God is preparing for all the redeemed in Christ.

The degree of a believer’s reward and ruling in the Millennium is directly related to their devotion to Christ and faithful service.

For example: in Luke’s parable in (Luke 19:15-26) (Matt. 25:20-30) we read of a nobleman going into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, before leaving he gave:

1. To one servant ten minas, this servant made another ten minas.
2. Another servant five minas, this servant made another five minas.
3. Another servant 1 mina, this servant added nothing to his mina.

When the nobleman returned, having received the kingdom, he said:

To the first servant: “Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.”

To the second servant: he said, "Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over five cities.'

To the third servant: he tells those who stood by to take the mina from the unprofitable servant, and give it to the one who has the ten minas, saying, "everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away." It is possible this third servant is a believer that receives no rewards, but most suspect this unprofitable servant who thought of Jesus as a hard man, was a servant professing to be a confessing believer for his own advantage and gain (i.e., fame, worldly riches, power, and importance etc.), whose hypocrisy and pretence is exposed at the return of the Lord.

This parable shows the extent of our reward and rule in the coming New World will be in proportion to our devotion to Christ, and our faithful service. With this in mind, we should make the most of our time to live a lifestyle that brings honour to God, and a good testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ and the Christian faith, for the life we live will have consequence that affect our eternal rewards, and the level of our reigning with Lord is directly related to our faithfulness.

- **1 Corinthians 3:11-15:** For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

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