

Chapter 2 – The Kingdom of Christ

Revelation 20:4, 6 *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

During the thousand years, Christ will appoint the New Testament saints to reign over/govern the renewed Earth. The New Testament saints are those who were caught up in the rapture, but not those who were killed in the Tribulation Period.

Pro 2:21 *For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.*

They will be spiritual beings, clothed with the glory of God, like angels. There will also be some people who survive the Battle of Armageddon, and remain to repopulate the Earth. There will be the 144,000 Jews, who were sealed during the 2nd half of the tribulation; they will be the chosen race at this time as they were always God's chosen people. They will start multiplying on the earth together with a few other survivors of Armageddon.

Isa 65:18, 19 *But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.*

After centuries of attempting to wipe out the Jews, they will finally be able to live in peace in God's inheritance to them, with Jerusalem their capital, where their Messiah Himself will be reign.

What about all the other souls?

Revelation 20:5 *But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.*

Those who died in the Tribulation Period, and before the New Testament are either resting in 1st and 2nd Paradise, or in unrest in Hell. For all the other unsaved people who died in the Tribulation period and the battle of Armageddon, they are punished in hell until the Day of Judgement.

Isa 65:6,7 *Behold, it is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom, Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the LORD, which have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom.*

The earth will be thickly populated:

Isaiah 65:20 *There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.*

In this newly replenished Earth, there will be death and the Sabbath day of rest will be observed. However, the death rate will be low as human beings that populate the earth will live long like those who lived before the flood. Everyone will observe the Sabbath day of rest that was the commandment of God since the days of Creation, when God commanded the 7th Day to be a day of rest. On this day of rest, no work will be done, but all will be required to go to Jerusalem to worship the King (Chapter 5). It is worth noting that this pattern of life is only until the Millennial Reign is finished. Concerning New Earth, New Heaven and New Jerusalem, there will be no death or Sabbath Rest – this is Eternity and it is spoken of in Revelation 21.