

INTRODUCTION

- I. RESURRECTED OLD TESTAMENT JEWS AND THOSE JEWS SURVIVING THE TRIBULATION PERIOD WILL COMPRISE THE NATION ISRAEL IN THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM.
 - A. Israel was promised a future resurrection where Christ would rule as king.
 1. Those in the nation of Israel are promised to be raised out from their graves to enter into the land that God promised them. Ez. 37:12-14;21-28
 2. The time frame of the resurrection established as the end of the Tribulation Period. Dan. 12:1-2
 3. The Lord prophesied the validity of their appearance during His earthly ministry. Matt. 8:11
 4. The basis of the resurrection is the land promise that God made to Abraham. Ez. 36:24-36
 - B. Only the elect of the nation will survive the Tribulation Period to go into the Millennial Kingdom. Rom. 11:25-27
 - C. God will give Israel a new heart to serve Him during that time. Jer. 31:31-34
- II. GENTILES SAVED DURING THE TRIBULATION PERIOD WILL BE PART OF THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM.
 - A. The word Gentiles is used in Scripture of those who are non Jews, and unsaved.
 1. The Greek word ethnos is seen as distinct from the Jews and the Church of God. cf. 1st Co. ; Gal. 2:14; 3:14
 2. The term ethnos is used today to denote those who are unbelievers. Eph. 4:17; 1 Thess. 4:5
 - B. The Gentiles are judged upon the return of the Lord at the end of the Tribulation Period. Matt. 25:31
 1. The word "nations" is the Greek word ethnos, Gentiles. vs. 32
 2. The Lord will "divide" (aphorizo -- to exclude or remove someone from an association -- Louw-Nida cf. 1st. Co. 5:13)
 3. Judgment will be upon the basis of their treatment of His "brethren". vs.40, 45

- C. Gentiles who are martyred before the return of the Lord will be raised to reign together with Christ **upon** the earth. Rev. 20:4,6

III. BELIEVERS FROM THIS DISPENSATION WILL CO-REIGN WITH CHRIST DURING THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM.

- A. The Church is said to be the entity the Lord uses to head up all things during the Millennial Kingdom. Eph. 1:10

1. The phrase "in Christ" is better translated "by the Christ". vs.10 cf. 1st Co. 12:12
2. "Head up" is anakephalaio -- "*bring everything together under the control of one person gather (everything) together, unity, make into one.*" -- Friberg Lexicon cf. Rom. 13:9 (used of the sum total of the law was to teach men Israel to love their neighbor).
3. "All things" describes the things that God is going to use "the Christ" to head up. Vs.10
 - a) All things "in heaven" is better translated "upon the heavens" --things (**over** -- as in authority) the three heavens .
 - b) All things "upon the earth" -- is used often times of life upon (**over** -- as in authority) the earth and its components. Col. 3:2,5

- B. Believers of this dispensation is seen as co-reigning with Christ over the earth.

1. The fact of the believer's reigning together with Christ is pointed out by Paul to Timothy. cf. 1st Tim. 2:12
2. John writes in Revelation that the saints raptured looked forward to reigning together with Christ **over** the earth. Rev. 5:10

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