

WHO will live as mortals in the MILLENNIUM?



Will it be people from the nations on earth living today in ignorance and unaware of salvation?

Will it be unrepentant people from the twelve nations of God's covenant people?

Will it be people from ancient civilizations who will be resurrected back into mortal life?

After the wicked are destroyed first and the prophets and the saints are resurrected into spiritual life at Christ's return before the resurrection of the great multitude from every nation, tribe, language after the great tribulation, who will continue to live as mortals during the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ?

God speaks of the first—better resurrection and a second resurrection. He speaks of people seeing Christ return with the clouds and an ancient army whose bones will rattle bone to bone, tendons with flesh will appear and they will be given breath. He speaks of His first-born son—the whole nation of Israel who into the 21st century comprise of millions of people in twelve nations. If He speaks of His first-born son, then by inference, there must be second-born, third-born... sons from the nations on earth who have been redeemed by Christ. After the death of the wicked and the resurrection of the righteous, who will enter into the Millennial reign of Christ as mortals? Through a process of elimination, this question can be resolved.

FIRST—WHO WILL BE IN THE FIRST RESURRECTION?

1. **FIRST CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD, THEN EACH IN TURN:** "But each in turn: CHRIST, THE FIRST-FRUITS; then, when he comes, those who belong to him" (I Corinthians 15:23).

"If in this life only we have **hope in Christ**, we are of all men most miserable. But now is **CHRIST RISEN FROM THE DEAD**, and **BECOME THE FIRST-FRUITS OF THEM THAT SLEPT**. For since by man came death, **by man came also the resurrection of the dead**. For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ shall all be made alive**. **But every man in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming**" (I Corinthians 15:19-23).

2. **THOSE WHO BELONG TO CHRIST:**
 - The Prophets
 - The Saints
 - Everyone, small and great, who fears God's name.

"And the nations were angry, and your wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that you should **give reward to your servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear your name, small and great**; and should destroy them which destroy the earth" (Revelation 11:18).

Those mortals on earth working to destroy the repentant, righteous people of God from God's covenant people and from all nations on earth, are spiritually dead; they will be judged and destroyed after the great tribulation.

EACH IN TURN:

- The dead in Christ will rise first
- Those still alive will be caught up with them in the clouds

"**We believe that Jesus died and rose again** and so we believe that **God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him**. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that **we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep**. For **the Lord himself will come down from Heaven**, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and **with the trumpet call of God**, and **the dead in Christ will rise first**, after that, **we who are still alive and are left will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air**. And so, we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore, encourage each other with these words" (I Thessalonians 4:14-18).

THE FIRST RESURRECTION INTO ETERNAL LIFE IS THE BETTER RESURRECTION:

Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, the prophets, so many more "who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to fight the armies of aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; **that they might obtain a better resurrection**" (Hebrews 11:33-35).

"Listen, I tell you a mystery: **We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet**. For **the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed**. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory" (I Corinthians 15:51).

THE RIGHTEOUS WHO DID NOT WORSHIP SATAN OR THE BEAST WILL REIGN WITH CHRIST:

"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to 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 worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their right hands**; and **they lived and reigned with Christ a**

thousand years. But the rest of the dead [also spiritually dead] lived not again until the thousand years were finished. **This is the first resurrection.** Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection: on such **the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years"** (Revelation 20:4-6).

THE OVERCOMERS FROM THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION WILL RECEIVE ETERNAL LIFE AT THE FIRST RESURRECTION:

- **Ephesus:** **"To him who overcomes,** I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God" (Revelation 2:7). They will receive eternal life.
- **Smyrna:** "I will give you the crown of life. **He who overcomes** will not be hurt at all by the second death" (Revelation 2:11). They will be in the better—first resurrection.
- **Pergamum:** **"To him who overcomes,** I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it" (Revelation 2:17). Those who repent will be forgiven for tolerating the compromising teachings of Balak that cause sin. They will be given a new, honourable name and will not die the second death.
- **Thyatira:** **"To him who overcomes** and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—'He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery'—just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give him the morning star" (Revelation 2:26-28).
- **Sardis:** **"He who overcomes** will, like them [who have not soiled their clothes] be dressed in white. I will never erase his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels" (Revelation 3:5). They will receive eternal life; they name not erased from the book of life.
- **Philadelphia:** **"Him who overcomes** I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem... and I will also write on him my new name" (Revelation 3:12). These people receive an immensely great reward to receive three names written on them is a crown of great honour. They will receive eternal life with a crown and promoted to the highest level of all creation to serve the Almighty God in His temple with the great multitude from the nations.
- **Laodicea:** **"To him who overcomes,** I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne" (Revelation 3:21). They will be resurrected to rule with Christ.

COUNTLESS RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE FROM THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD WILL BE RESURRECTED AND ANOINTED PRIESTS FOR GOD:

"Before me was a **great multitude** that no one could count **from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb...** These in white robes... are they who have **come out of the great tribulation, they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.** Therefore, **they are before the throne of**

God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them” (Revelation 7:9,14-15).

THOSE WHO FEAR GOD WILL BE SPARED:

“Then **those who feared the LORD** talked with each other, and **the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence** concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name. **‘They will be mine,’** says the LORD Almighty, **‘in the day when I make up my treasured possession.’ I will spare them...** And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not” (Malachi 3:16-18).

The first of the first resurrection began when Christ was raised up from the dead by the Father and now the rest of mankind awaits the first resurrection by Christ of the Prophets, the saints, and all from all nations who fear God in times past and those who remain faithful until the end.

SECOND—WHO WILL BE JUDGED AS SPIRITUALLY DEAD AND DIE BEFORE THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST?

The group of people to live on into the Millennium is determined by excluding those who will be judged and destroyed at the end of this evil age. There are **two groups of people** who fall into judgment at the end of this evil age:

- **People from the 21st century nations of Israel** who refuse to repent and work to destroy God’s people within all the nations on earth become unredeemable—spiritually dead.

TWO-THIRDS WILL PERISH WHEN SATAN IS THROWN DOWN TO EARTH. “And in all the land, declares the LORD, **two-thirds will be cut off and perish, but a third will be left in it.** This third I will bring through the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, ‘They are My people,’ and they will say, ‘The LORD is our God’” (Zechariah 13:8-9).

God beseeched His people, the Jews and the Christians, in times past and continues into the 21st century to stop their sinning and return to Him.

“Say to them: ‘As surely as I live, declares the Lord GOD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but **rather that the wicked should turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?’**” (Ezekiel 33:11)

“**Yet even now,**” declares the LORD, “**return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning.** O rend your hearts and not your garments, and return to the LORD your God. For He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in loving devotion. And He relents from sending disaster” (Joel 2:12-13).

AT THE TIME OF THE HARVEST, THE WICKED WILL BE THE FIRST TO BE GATHERED AND DESTROYED. “Let both grow together until the harvest. **At that time**, I will tell the harvesters: **First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned**; then gather the wheat into my barn” (Matthew 13:30).

“So then, **you will know them by their fruits**. Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but **he who does the will of My Father** who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me **on that day**, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; **DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS**’” (Matthew 7:20-23).

“But **false prophets also arose among the people**, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will **secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them**, bringing **swift destruction upon themselves**. Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned” (II Peter 2:1-2).

- **People from the nations** who refuse to repent and work to destroy God’s people within all the nations on earth become unredeemable—spiritually dead.

THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS ARE FROM THE NATIONS ON EARTH:

"And **the nations were angry**, and your wrath is come, and **the time of the dead** [they are spiritually dead and their time has come at the same time of God’s wrath], that **they should be judged**, and that you should give reward to your servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear your name, small and great; and should **destroy them which destroy the earth**" (Revelation 11:18).

Before judgment is made, God will work to bring all people in the nations on earth into repentance.

“**I have cut off nations**; their strongholds are demolished. **I have left their streets** deserted, with on one passing through. Their cities are destroyed; no one will be left—no one at all. I said to the city, **‘SURELY YOU WILL FEAR ME AND ACCEPT CORRECTION!’**... **But they were still eager to act corruptly in all they did**. ‘Therefore, wait for me, for the day I will stand up and testify. **I have decided to assemble the nations, to gather the kingdoms and to pour out my wrath on them—all my fierce anger**. The whole world will be consumed by the fire of my jealous anger. Then will I purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of the LORD and serve him should to shoulder” (Zephaniah 3:6-9).

When Satan is thrown down to earth with his rogue heavenly coalition of rulers, powers and authorities (Ephesians 6:12), they will attack the twelve covenant nations of God—the twelve nations into the 21st century who are the descendants of Jacob’s twelve sons. When the nations see the raw power and this malicious attack, they will surrender and say, “Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?” (Revelation 13:3). All of them will

worship Satan and the heavenly rogue beast coalition and will settle in to enjoy Satan's rule. It will be like the days of Noah, "They will be eating and drinking and giving in marriage" (Matthew 24:38).

During this time, the enslaved people of the twelve nations living and serving in the homes of the people of the nations, will witness God's truth and countless many will listen, repent and accept Christ's sacrifice. This interaction is recorded in Matthew 25:31-46.

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. **All the nations** will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd **separates the sheep from the goats**" (Matthew 25:31-32).

Christ, the King will say to the sheep on his right, **take your inheritance** "for I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you took Me in, naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? And when did we see You a stranger, and took You in? Or naked, and clothed You? When did we see You sick or in prison and visit You? And the King will reply, **'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me'**" (Matthew 25:34b, 35-40).

These people are the great multitude from every nation who will be resurrected prior to the Millennial reign of Christ (Revelation 7:14).

The cruel and malicious people of the nations on earth become goats because they refused to listen to the witness of the 21st century Israelite captives. They will be separated and moved to Christ's left. These people are judged because they won't accept the teaching of God's covenant people in their homes, hence, it would not have mattered to them who spoke God's word, they would have rejected it regardless. The uncaring actions and neglect these wicked people have towards God's people even the least among the covenant people during their time of great distress, is felt by Christ. It will be an especially difficult time for God's 21st century covenant people because the nations will mock and ridicule them maliciously for their saving hope in the God of Israel. These people described as goats are spiritually dead; they will be judged accordingly and destroyed.

SOME OF THE WICKED WILL BE BROUGHT BACK TO PHYSICAL LIFE IN A RESURRECTION TO SEE CHRIST RETURN WITH THE CLOUDS:

The high priest who participated in Jesus' sentencing will be part of the first resurrection brought back to physical life and see the return of Christ coming with the clouds of heaven. Wicked and rebellious covenant people of God will likely join this high priest and rise from the dead to witness an event that they refused to believe. For the first time, they will experience the true fear of dread.

“But Jesus remained silent. Then the high priest said to Him, ‘I charge You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God.’ ‘You have said it yourself,’ Jesus answered. ‘But I say to **all of you**, from now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One **and coming on the clouds of heaven**” (Matthew 26:63-64).

Leaders who have abused and abuse the God-ordained honor of rulership in either the national or religious offices will be resurrected to give an account, to hear Christ’s judgment of destruction and feel the terrifying reality of their sentence.

“If **we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left**, but only a **fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume all adversaries**” (Hebrews 10:26-27).

“It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age—and **then have fallen away—to be restored again to repentance, because they themselves are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting Him to open shame**” (Hebrews 6:4-6).

“If indeed they have escaped the corruption of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, **only to be entangled and overcome by it again, their final condition is worse than it was at first**. It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than to have known it and then to turn away from the holy commandment passed on to them” (II Peter 2:20-21).

There is no sacrifice for a redeemed people who have heard the word of God and accepted the sacrifice of Christ but choose to return to the sinful ways of Wickedness. They have chosen death; their judgment and sentence will be executed with the goats, the spiritually dead, the unredeemable from the nations of the world.

THE APOSTLE PAUL ASSURES JUSTICE FOR THE OPPRESSED AND DESTRUCTION FOR THE WICKED.

“All this is clear evidence of God’s righteous judgment. And so, you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. For indeed it is righteous with God to repay those oppressing you with affliction, and to grant relief to you who are oppressed and to us as well, **when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in blazing fire. He will inflict vengeance on those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. THEY WILL SUFFER THE PENALTY OF ETERNAL DESTRUCTION, SEPARATED FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD AND THE GLORY OF HIS MIGHT, ON THE DAY HE COMES TO BE GLORIFIED IN HIS SAINTS** and **regarded with wonder by all who have believed, including you who have believed our testimony**” (II Thessalonians 1:5-10).

THIRD—WHO REMAINS ALIVE AFTER THE GREAT TRIBULATION AND GOES INTO THE MILLENNIUM?

THE FOOLISH VIRGINS (Matthew 25):

The ten virgins of Matthew 25 describe a people like the redeemed covenant people of God. Half of them will be ready when Christ returns and welcomed into Christ's wedding supper with the Bride, but the other half will not be ready. These people come to realize that they lack the Holy Spirit during a time of great distress and they seek to build a close relationship with God. They go away at that critical time knowing they have to do something about their spiritual condition. They are not likely to be the covenant people who witness to the nations, but they hear the witness and realize that they have not paid enough attention to the word of God in their life. They quickly return with a hope that their sudden desire to know God is enough. They knock at the door, but they are turned away; they will miss the better resurrection at the return of Christ.

Likely most of these covenant people will go into the Millennium. However, among them appears to be a rebellious group that will not enter into the land of their forefathers.

Through Ezekiel, God recorded, "I will bring you into the desert of the nations and there, face to face, I will execute judgment upon you. As I judged your fathers in the desert of the land of Egypt, so I will judge you, declares the Sovereign LORD: **I will take note of you as you pass under my staff**, I will bring you into the bond of the covenant. **I WILL PURGE THOSE OF YOU WHO REVOLT AND REBEL AGAINST ME. Although I will bring them out of the land where they are living, yet THEY WILL NOT ENTER THE LAND OF ISRAEL.** Then you will know that I am the LORD" (Ezekiel 20:36-38).

Those who enter will be reminded of their behaviour. "Therefore, tell the house of Israel that this is what the Lord GOD says: It is not for your sake that I will act, O house of Israel, but for My holy name, which **you profaned among the nations to which you went...** For **I will take you from among the nations and gather you out of all the countries, and I will bring you back into your own land.** I will also **sprinkle clean water on you** [baptized], and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your impurities and all your idols. I will give you a new **heart and put a new spirit** [receive the Holy Spirit] **within you**; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put **My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes** and to **carefully observe My ordinances.** Then you will live in the land that I gave your forefathers; you will be My people, and I will be your God. **I will save you from all your uncleanness...** Then **you will remember your evil ways and wicked deeds, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and abominations.** It is not for your sake that I will act, declares the Lord GOD—let it be known to you. **Be ashamed and disgraced for your own ways, O house of Israel!"**

HUMBLED PEOPLE FROM THE NATIONS NEITHER RIGHTEOUS NOR SPIRITUALLY DEAD WILL ENTER INTO THE MILLENNIUM, LIVING AMONG THEIR OWN PEOPLE:

Remaining in the Millennial reign of Christ are only people who desire to know their Creator God and obey Him. The people left in the nations will be watching in awe the great work of God as He brings His people back into the land of their forefathers and resurrects their ancient ancestors. They will be awe struck and fixated on them. This re-united kingdom starting anew under the reign of a resurrected king—David will be a news breaking story published in every nation, tongue and tribe. Righteous leadership and righteous people will be a wonder to behold. These people from the nations will turn to the God of Israel and seek Him with all their own, mind, soul and strength.

“This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Many peoples and the residents of many cities will come, and the residents of one city will go to another, saying: **‘Let us go at once to plead before the LORD and to seek the LORD of Hosts. I myself am going.’** And **many peoples and strong nations will come to seek the LORD of Hosts in Jerusalem** and to plead before the LORD.’

“This is what the LORD of Hosts says: ‘In those days **ten men from the nations of every tongue will tightly grasp the robe of a Jew, saying, ‘Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you’’**” (Zechariah 8:21-23).

God Almighty will welcome them in His arms and they will see the countless resurrected multitude from all nations, tongues and peoples who can speak their language serving in the great temple of the Almighty God, living lavishly in a royal temple and receiving great honor and glory in their new role.

God assures all of mankind, **“Let no foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say, ‘The LORD will surely exclude me from his people’**... And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD to minister to Him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be His servants—**all who keep the Sabbath without profaning it and who hold fast to My covenant—I will bring them to My holy mountain and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on My altar, for MY HOUSE WILL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS**” (Isaiah 56:3b, 6-7).

FOURTH—IS THERE ANOTHER RESURRECTION BACK INTO FLESH AND BLOOD AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MILLENNIUM?

GODS FIRST-BORN SON, THE NATION OF ISRAEL:

The firstborn resurrected as mortals will be the people of the nations of Israel, God’s firstborn son. “Then tell Pharaoh that this is what the LORD says: **‘Israel is My firstborn son**, and I told you to let My son go so that **he may worship Me**. But you have refused to let him go, so **I will kill your firstborn son!’**” (Exodus 4:22-23) Through the words of Moses, God told Pharaoh that His people will be firstborn both spiritually and mortally. The saints are the firstborn into their

eternal spiritual bodies and the ancient Israelites will be firstborn back into mortal bodies to be given a chance to repent, accept Christ's sacrifice and receive God's Holy Spirit.

Isaiah recorded God's words, "All day long I have held out my hands to an **obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations—people who continually provoke me to my very face**, offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on altars of brick; who sit among the graves and spend their nights keeping secret vigil; who eat the flesh of pigs, and whose pots hold broth of unclean meat; who say, 'Keep away; don't come near to me, for I am too sacred for you!' Such people are smoke in my nostrils, a fire that keeps burning all day" (Isaiah 65:2-5).

These ancient people warred against God for many hundreds of years and lost. Upon their resurrection back into flesh and blood, they will stand—a vast army and they will say, "Our **bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off**" (Ezekiel 37:11). They know they lost the battle against God; they know God divorced the house of Israel from His covenant family; they know they—all twelve tribes of Israel failed; **they do NOT know that God has a redemption plan for them.**



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To their surprise, God will respond to these fallen and hopeless people, "I will bring you back to the land of Israel" (Ezekiel 37:12b). They were a scattered people prevented from returning to the land of their forefathers. They wandered for hundreds of years fearing for their lives and living like pagan barbarians.

But, God never forget them. Though often God would speak against them, they remained special to Him. "Is not Ephraim my dear son, the child in whom I delight? Though I often speak against him, **I still remember him. Therefore, my heart yearns for him; I have great compassion for him,**" declares the LORD" (Jeremiah 31:20).

Our gracious and compassionate Father in heaven still loves His people. These people had believed the lies of the rogue heavenly rulers over the nations and bought their false theology. They no longer knew who the true Creator and Almighty God is; they had become confused and led down the very dark and dangerous path of destruction. **“Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD [the gracious Highest Priest], when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD”** (Ezekiel 37:13-14).

This resurrection of God’s firstborn son—the nation of ancient Israel will be awesome as the nations of the world watch. A broken people will come out of their graves and their Heavenly Father will wipe away their tears and give them His Holy Spirit. For the first time, they will know life as God had intended. They will be humbled and exceedingly grateful. They will come to know their God as the loving eternal Father who is determined to save.

“Can a woman forget her nursing child, or lack compassion for the son of her womb? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me” (Isaiah 49:15-16).

These resurrected ancient people will walk among their 21st century descendants and the resurrected saints. They will marvel that their great, great, so very great grandchildren repented, received redemption through their acceptance of the Sacrifice and became resurrected into glorious bodies serving of the Living God.

While this ancient people thought they may not grow into a nation, in joy and in the glory of the LORD, their descendants will say, **“The Promised Land is now too small for us, we need more land because look, there are so many of us!”** The resurrected ancient people will tear and wonder how their descendants came to be so many God-fearing people.

“For your ruined and desolate places and your ravaged land will now indeed be too small for your people, and those who devoured you will be far away. Yet the children of your bereavement will say in your hearing, ‘This place is too small for us; make room for us to live here.’ Then you will say in your heart, ‘Who has begotten these for me? I was bereaved and barren; I was exiled and rejected. So, WHO HAS REARED THEM? Look, I was left all alone [for a time, God walked away from these offensive people], so WHERE DID THEY COME FROM? [they will question how their descendants could come to serve God when they were cut off from God’s instruction]” (Isaiah 49:19-21).

They will finally see and bend their knee. **“Therefore, the LORD who redeemed Abraham says of the house of Jacob: ‘No longer will Jacob be ashamed and no more will his face grow pale. For when he sees his children, the work of My hands AMONG HIM, they will honor My name, they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and THEY WILL STAND IN AWE OF THE GOD OF ISRAEL. Then the wayward in spirit will come to understanding, and those who grumble will accept instruction”** (Isaiah 29:22-24).

Even the wayward of the ancient Israelites, those perpetually arguing and questioning the truth will become silent and accept instruction. Their hearts will turn back into flesh as they walk among God-fearing descendants. Though hundreds of years pass, it will be like a twinkling of an eye for these ancient people. They will awaken right after the Great Tribulation. The world will be so very different from what they last remembered.

The two houses of these ancient peoples will be rebound into one kingdom that will be never divided again and King David who will be part of the first—better resurrection, will rule over them all (Ezekiel 37:24).

God is taking care of the descendants of Jacob. Throughout time, He watched over them. Even during their upcoming trouble, He will not leave them. They may suffer while coming into repentance and humbled while being brought into servitude to God, but God promises a royal return and precious care by the kings and queens of the nations. “This is what the Lord GOD says: ‘Behold, I will lift up My hand to the nations, and raise My banner to the peoples. **They will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders. Kings will be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. They will bow to you face-down and lick the dust at your feet.** Then **you will know that I am the LORD; those who hope in Me will never be put to shame**” (Isaiah 49:22-23).

GOD’S SECOND-BORN, THIRD-BORN... SONS—NATIONS OF THE WORLD:

If the people of Israel are the first-born nation of God, then by inference, there must be second-born, third-born... sons and they will come from the redeemed nations on earth.

Likely, during the Millennium, a series of resurrections back into mortality will take place. The opportunity to repent, accept Christ’s sacrifice and receive God’s Holy Spirit will be given to every nation on earth. God’s plan is to save all who repent. He will decide on the second, third, fourth... born nations. These people in their time will live in the Millennial reign of Christ.

God loves His creation and desires to save everyone. “The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some understand slowness, but is patient with you, **not wanting anyone to perish but EVERYONE TO COME TO REPENTANCE**” (II Peter 3:9).

Now is the time to re-energize your spiritual walk into a disciplined and enduring run keeping your eyes on the narrow way that leads to eternal life. On our near horizon the enemy watches ready to attack at a moment’s notice. Your eternal life is the commodity they want to take. Our enemy is not the handiwork of man, but terrifying rogue heavenly rulers, powers and authorities. Their arrival on earth when Satan is thrown down, will not surprise the God-fearing nor will they fear them. Their arrival will deceive many, but along the way, an awakening will take place and all of mankind will choose who they will serve: God or Satan.

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