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THE ETERNAL DESTINY OF THE FAITHFUL

The ultimate reward for the truly faithful Christ followers is the eternal destiny as kings and priests, or “priestly kings”, in Christ’s future earthly kingdom

The common model of governance in the pre-mosaic period was a ruler who was “king” over his city and surrounding villages. This king also served as the “priest” over the people representing their god, often a pagan god.

Almighty God envisioned his people as becoming a future nation of such godly rulers, each with a domain assigned to them to rule and reign on God’s behalf under the kingship of Jesus, the King of Kings. In Exodus 19:5 God says, **“ye shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.”** Verse 4 sets forth the condition, **“if ye will obey my voice,”** for fulfillment.

The Book of Revelation was written by the apostle John while in prison. He was **“in the Spirit on the Lord’s day”** (Rev 1:10) when Jesus appeared to him and showed him many mysteries, including those of the far distant future. It is a revelation of our future and our destiny.

Revelation 1:5-6 says, **“...Jesus Christ who is...the prince of (over) the kings of the earth...and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father.”**

Revelation 5:9-10 also said of Jesus, **“for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood...and hast made us unto our God kings and priests, and we shall reign on earth.”** Yes, we shall reign under Him in the earth, a new earth.

In Revelation 21:1 John writes, **“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea.”** John then saw the New Jerusalem descending from God out of heaven to the New earth prepared as for the bride of Christ.

This is the reward of the truly faithful bride of Christ. Whatever territory (domain) He assigns to His faithful ones, they (we) shall rule that domain as priestly kings (queens) on behalf of God and His Christ.

No, we do not remain in heaven. We rule on earth with Him. Those that remain in heaven were not judged at being the most faithful of the church (the bride of Christ). Perhaps their works were the “hay, wood, and stubble?” They are saved but not given dominion with Christ on earth.

I am for the greater eternal destiny: co-ruler with Christ in His coming kingdom. I see that as the greatest of rewards.