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far away!

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- ❖ The Kingdom is “among you” (Luke 17.21) because Jesus rules in believers, *and through them!*

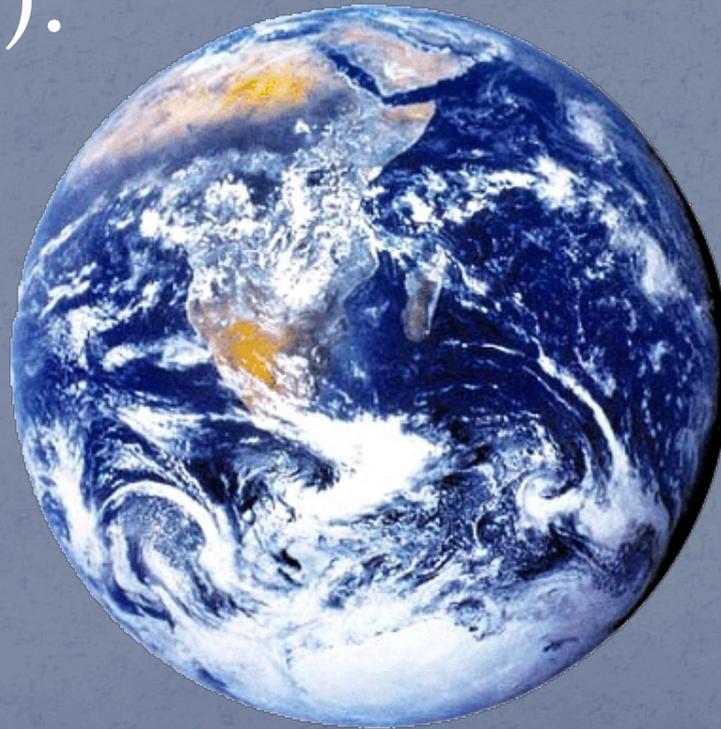


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- ❖ Our citizenship in the Kingdom began when **we were born into it** by the will of God (John 1.12-13).
- ❖ We were born to serve the King, but also to rule with Him.



❖ God gave the dominion of the Earth to man (Gen 1.26-28).



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- ❖ God, through Christ, disarmed usurping authorities (Col. 2.15).



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- ❖ We will receive administrative authority *over nations* when Jesus returns (Rev 2.26-27; 5.9-10).

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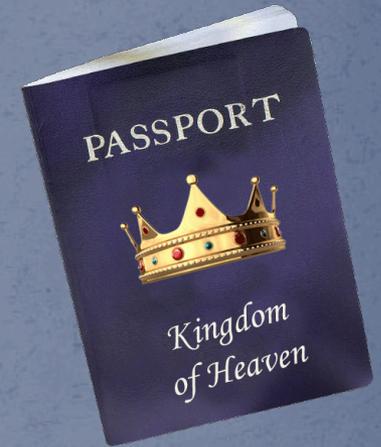
Yes, but Heaven is coming to Earth (Rev 21.2-3). **Our future destiny is on the Earth** (old Earth and new).

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What will
our future reign
look like?



❖ It will begin with ministering to traumatized people...

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Isaiah 32 describes this time:

- ¹ Behold, **a king** will reign righteously And **princes** [*sarim*] will rule justly.
- ² Each will be like a refuge from the wind And a shelter from the storm, Like streams of water in a dry country, Like the shade of a huge rock in a parched land.
(NASB)

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Isaiah 32 describes this time:

- 3 Then **the eyes...will not be blinded**, And the ears...will listen.
- 4 The mind of the hasty will discern the truth... (NASB)

Compare this with
2Corinthians 4.4!

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- ❖ We will continue to rule by shepherding towns & cities (Luke 19.12-19).

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Where will
we live?

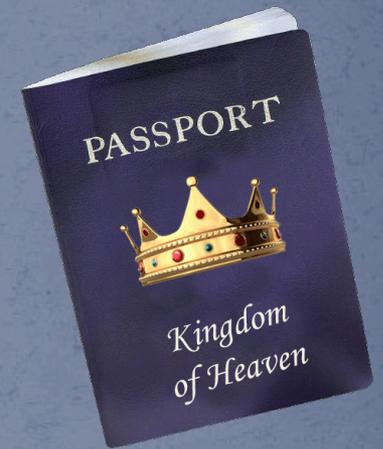
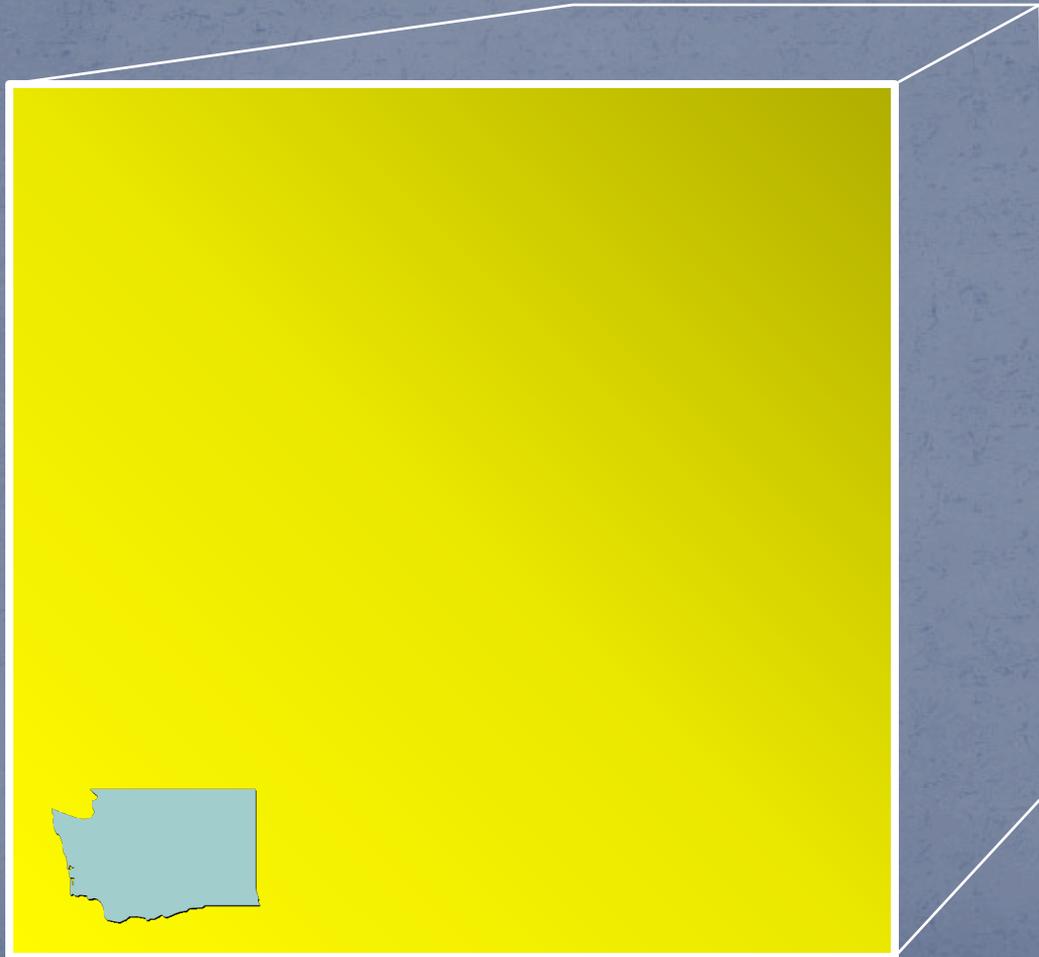




We will commute from New
Jerusalem (Revelation 21.2; 22.14).

New Jerusalem will not land on
Earth; it's a 1,500-mile cube.

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❖ New Jerusalem has streets of gold and gates made of giant pearls; it's where our traditional heaven imagery comes from .

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❖ Pearls are a symbol of value; no one enters this city who has not recognized the surpassing value of God's Kingdom (Matthew 13.45-46).

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- ❖ The city is cubical, the shape of the Holy of Holies (1Kings 6.20).
- ❖ No one enters this city who is not holy.



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How will we
commute
between the
Heavenly City
and Earth?



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- ❖ In our present bodies,
we must *move* to
another place slowly.
- ❖ In our heavenly bodies,
we will *think* ourselves
to another place
instantly (see 1John 3.2).



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**A more important
question:
Will we live now
in the light of
what's ahead?**



Paul in Philippians 3.8-11 said:

- ⁸ I count all things to be loss...that I may gain Christ...
- ⁹ and be found in Him...
- ¹⁰ that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;
- ¹¹ in order **that I may attain to the resurrection** from the dead.
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