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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 spiritually born into it** by the will of God (John 1.12-13; 3.3).
- ❖ We were born to love and serve the King, but also to rule with Him.



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



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



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- ❖ Legally, we have *spiritual authority* over our planet now (Matthew 28.19; Ephesians 1.18 to 2.7).
- ❖ We will receive *pastoral authority over nations* when Jesus returns (Rev 2.26-27; 5.9-10).



Revelation 2.26-27

‘He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations; and he shall rule (Greek = *shepherd/pastor*) them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces, as I also have received *authority* from My Father ...

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Yes! Millions!

See: Isaiah 66.19-24; Micah 4.1-7;
Zechariah 2.11; 8.1-5; 14.16;
Zephaniah 3.8-10.

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Yes, but Heaven is coming to Earth (Rev 21.2-3). **Our future destiny is largely on the Earth** (old Earth and new, Rev 21.1).

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Key insight: There are three ways humans experience heaven.

1. While in our mortal bodies.
2. As disembodied spirits in heaven after we die.
3. *And in immortal, glorified bodies. This is God's ultimate destiny for His people.*

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Our work of reigning with Christ will take place largely on earth.

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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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Cataviña Boulder Field
Sonoran Desert
Baja California

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, and the tongue of the stammerers
will hasten to speak clearly. (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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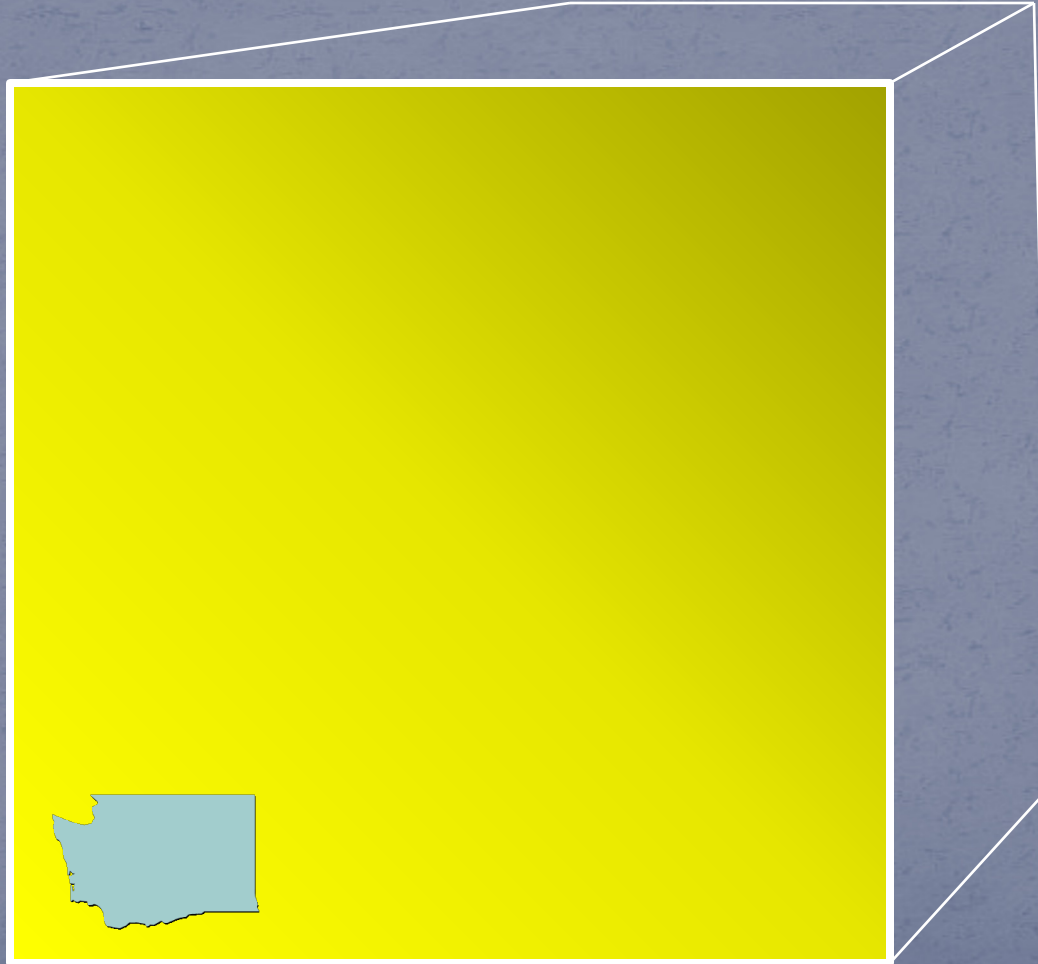
Where will
we live?





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 gatehouses carved out of giant pearls; it's where our traditional heaven imagery comes from (Rev 21).

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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 (Cf. Luke 24.31).



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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. (NASB)

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