## 4. New Nations

Rev.21:24-27, <sup>24</sup>"And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). <sup>26</sup>And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. <sup>27</sup>But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

Notice in the above verses the references to the nations and the kings of the earth. Even when speaking of Lucifer, there were mentions of kingdoms (in the dateless past). In the world today, we still have kingdoms and kings. It is the order of things and it will continue for eternity. It is amazing that in God's great scheme of things there is always order never chaos.

Who will these Kings be, who will rule over the Kingdom's of that time? I have a suggestion from a parable Jesus told.

## The Parable of the Talents: The Kingdom of Heaven

Matthew 25:14-25, 30; Luke 19:12-27

Jesus likened the Kingdom of Heaven to a man who was traveling, but before he goes he calls in three of his servants and gives each different amounts of money to invest for him while he was gone. While he was gone two of the servants invested the money and made handsome returns on the money, but the third servant took the little amount of money he was given and buried it until his master returned, then he would give it back safe and sound.



When the Master returned the two servants who had done what their Master had asked of them were given their reward for their obedience.

In the Gospel of Luke the disciple tells a similar parable, but with more detail. In v13-17 the Master tells the servant that He will make them rulers over <u>cities</u>. This then would be that time that those who have done what God has laid before them will reap the reward for their faith in Him.

This will also be the time that this world and the Kingdom of Heaven will enter into the "AGE OF AGES", in the "AGES TO COME" (Eph.2:7) known as the OMEGA AGE, the eternity future.

Ephesians 2:7 (NASB), "So that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."

One of the key components of this time is that RIGHTEOUSNESS will reign. The Lord will take from our memories all remembrance of the old life, of old pain and sorrow and of loved one lost. There shall be no more sickness or death for we are eternal beings and we shall be perfect as He is perfect. The earth and the entire Kingdom of Heaven will be perfect and righteousness is all we will know. Consider this verse:

Isaiah 32:1, "Behold, a king will reign righteously And princes will rule justly."

If you have ever read the 1st and 2nd Book of Adam and Eve (a third party historical account of the events of Adam and Eve, author unknown) there is a place in the story where the Word promises Adam that after seven thousand years he could back into the garden that he and Eve were kicked out of.

Is it possible that God will restore this earth to that condition again of perfect completeness as He created it in Genesis 1:1? It was Eden, the Garden of God (Ezekiel 28:13). I believe God will restore this earth to the state it was in before sin entered into the world. This time there will be no evil, no Satan and man will know what God had planned for him from the beginning, eternity with his maker in the fruitful place.