

WHAT SHALL WE HAVE THEREFORE? MT. 19:27-30

Jesus' answer:

1. Things are not going to remain the same.

Matthew 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, **in the regeneration** (ἐν τῇ παλιγγενεσίᾳ) when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration (παλιγγενεσίας), and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

παλιγγενεσία: born again, new birth, new age, renewal, rebirth...

just like we personally experience a rebirth / regeneration – all things (the created order) will experience a rebirth / regeneration.

The future holds:

The Rapture → Jesus comes for His own

The 7-year tribulation

The 2nd Coming to establish the millennium on earth!

2 Peter 3:1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: **2 Peter 3:2** That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

2 Peter 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, **2 Peter 3:4** And saying, **Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.** **2 Peter 3:5** For this they willingly are ignorant of....

The details are important but more important is that the created order / the day-to-day will change and change dramatically!

2. The Kingdom will come!

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When → uncertainty of time is the only question

3. Jesus will rule & reign

Isaiah 2:1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

Isaiah 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, That the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow unto it. **Isaiah 2:3** And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; And he will teach us of his ways, And we will walk in his paths: For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. **Isaiah 2:4** And he shall judge among the nations, And shall rebuke many people: And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruninghooks: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war any more.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: And the government shall be upon his shoulder: And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. **Isaiah 9:7** Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, Upon the throne of David,

and upon his kingdom, To order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice From henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

4. You (the apostles) will have a great role to play (Governing Israel!)

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5. Others will also have a great role to play.

6. It will be more than worth it all!

Matthew 19:29 And **every one** that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, **shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit** everlasting life.

Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

2 Corinthians 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; **2 Corinthians 4:18** While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

7. It will not be exactly what you expect!

Matthew 19:30

**But many that are first shall be last;
and the last shall be first.**

Matthew 20:16

So the last shall be first, and the first last:
for many be called, but few chosen.

19:30 ← 20:1-15 → 20:16

All will be blessed **beyond imagination but this isn't about greed!**