

THE DECADE OF PROMISE

Read Rev.20:1-4

Beloved of the Lord:

What is a decade? A period of ten years, and we are in the last decade of the century, which could bring the greatest magnificent spectacle ever seen- THE GLORIOUS APPEARING OF THE LORD!. A true "Decade of Promise"! The promise of John 14:3 -"I will come again and receive you unto MYSELF" said Jesus. The promise of His coming to earth, though scoffed at by the world - 2 Pet.3:4 & 9. The final victory of the Conquering Christ as "King of Kings and Lord of Lords", swiftly destroying His enemies - Psa.2:9;Isa.11:4;Dan.2:44,45; Rev.19:11-21. Satan's imprisonment follows and the Millennial Reign of Christ begins. Also, others reign with Him. WHO ARE THEY? - "they lived and reigned with Christ"! They are -

1 - OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS are associated with Him. The clear prophecy of Dan.7:14 records it - Read it and note the words of verse 15- "the saints of the Most High shall receive the Kingdom and possess the Kingdom forever, even for ever and ever". What a sure and glorious promise, a divine, Scriptural fact that may end this decade!

2 - APOSTLES OF CHRIST are promised a position of honor and glory in the Kingdom. Said Jesus- "I appoint you a Kingdom even as My Father appointed unto Me, that ye may eat and drink at My table in My Kingdom, and ye shall sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel" - Luke 22:29,30. Is it -"Decade of Promise" for them? Very possible!

3 - CHURCH SAINTS will reign with Christ. "Know ye not that the saints shall judge the world?" See 1 Cor. 6:2,3. They are "joint heirs with Christ", to be glorified "together" with Him. (Rom. 8:17,18) Read 2 Thess.1:7-10;2 Tim.2:11,12;1 Pet.1:3-5;Rev.3:21;5:9,10. It will be a "glorious Church in the day of His Kingdom - Eph. 5:27.

All these Scriptures lead to one conclusion,- the throne sitters of Rev. 20:3 are saints of the Old Testament and of the Church, occupying places of honor, dignity and glory, according to their rewards; the Apostles having special glory in jurisdiction over Israel.

4 -GREAT TRIBULATION SAINTS will also share the glory of His reign in the Kingdom-Rev.20:4, described as "the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus" etc. Those who lived through it and endured will be associated in His glorious reign with Him, for they did not worship "the Beast, his image or his mark" etc.

The exact details of participation of each group are not revealed, but we can be content in knowing these promises will be fulfilled at His appearing. This we also know, there are NO promises of the conversion of the world by the Church, but rather a spiritual decline in the acknowledgement of the truth - definite APOSTASY! Paul, Peter, John and Jude have each confirmed this fact. Read 2 Thess.2:2; 1 Tim.4:1-3; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; 4:3,4;John 2:18 etc. and all the Epistle of Jude, who declares - the apostles "told you so", v 17,18. The most important responsibility for you and me today, is INDIVIDUAL FAITHFULNESS TO THE TRUTH,

Beloved, there is only ONE "DECADE OF PROMISE" that is sure and certain, the blessed GLORIOUS RETURN OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, our precious Saviour! The present decade may be THE DECADE OF PROMISE for you and for me, HE MAY COME TODAY! Until then, may we hear Him say - "BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH AND I WILL GIVE THEE A CROWN OF LIFE" - Rev. 2:10.

"Saviour, come, Thy saints are waiting. Waiting for the Advent day,
Thence their promised glory dating, Come and bear Thy saints away;
Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus, Thus Thy waiting people pray."

Faithfully yours in the "blessed hope".


Titus 2:13.