

REVELATION: Lesson 164

Chapter 19 Preparation: The Believer's Reward of Governing Cities on Earth

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Luke 19:11-27

- Vs 11** The Lord gave a parable concerning the Kingdom of God. This is the spiritual kingdom which is invisible today (Luke 17:20-21), but will be manifest at the Second Advent and start of the millennial kingdom (1 John 3:2).
- Vs 12** The nobleman represents Jesus Christ who went into a far country to receive a kingdom, and to return.
- Vs 13-14** At Christ's First Advent, His citizens hated Him (John 1:11, Isaiah 53:3) and would not have Him to reign over them (John 19:15).
- Vs 15** Jesus Christ will return to earth, having already received the kingdom, represented by many crowns (Rev 19:12) given to Him by born-again believers.
- Vs 16-27** The Christian who serves the Lord today with all that the Lord gave him/her will be given authority to rule over cities on Earth during the millennium. The number of cities over which you will rule depends on your faithfulness in serving the Lord today.
- Note that the Christian who did not serve the Lord is not slain.
 - He is **not** allowed to rule over any cities. The Lord knows that if you're not serving Him today, you won't serve Him in the millennium.
 - Those who hated and rejected Christ are the ones being slain.
 - The believer who did not do any good works still made it to the Judgment Seat of Christ. He is saved, yet as by fire (1 Cor 3:15). He'll have no rewards (2 Jn 8), no cities to rule.
 - Today you are making a choice:
 - I **will** serve the Lord today, and then I can serve Him for 1,000 years.
 - I will **not** serve the Lord today and I will do nothing for Him for 1,000 years.

REWARDS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES / RESTORATION OF THAT WHICH WAS LOST BY THE FALL OF MAN

1. **Ephesus.** The Tree of Life restored (Rev 2:7, Gen 2:9).
 2. **Smyrna.** Life to replace death (consequence of sin) (Rev 2:11, Gen 4:8).
 - Genesis 5 records the generation of death (in Adam). "*And he died...*" Old Testament.
 - Matthew 1 records the generation of life (in Christ). No death. New Testament.
 3. **Pergamos.** Hidden manna (daily provision to sustain life) (Rev 2:17, Psalm 78:24).
 4. **Thyatira.** Rule over the nations of the earth (Rev 2:26, Mat 19:11-12, Rev 1:5-6).
 5. **Sardis.** The Priesthood (Rev 3:5, 1:6).
 6. **Philadelphia.** United with God as the temple of God (Rev 3:12)
 7. **Laodicea.** Sitting with the Lord on His throne (Rev 3:21).
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