

How long will our Lord rule and reign upon the earth?

Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

- 5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection.
- 6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years (NASB; Rev. 20:4-6).



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upon the earth for a thousand literal years.

*“**Thy** kingdom come!” This is the burden of our cries. Weary of man’s rule, we long for God’s. Sick at heart with this world’s scenes of evil,—man spoiling man; man enslaving man; man wounding man; man defrauding man; man treading upon man;—we long for the setting up of the righteous throne. Oh, what a world will this be, when man’s **will** as well as man’s **rule** shall be exchanged for Christ’s rule and will; when God’s “will shall be done on earth even as it is done in heaven!”*

(Horatius Bonar, *The Morning of Joy*)

