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I Saw Those Who Had Been Beheaded Because of Their Testimony for Jesus 20: 4

Not only will there be a resurrection of the righteous of the TaNaKh, but a resurrection of Tribulation martyrs will also occur during the seventy-five day interval (**to see link click Ey – The Seventy-Five Day Interval**). In this section, **John** sees two groups who will reign with **Christ** during the messianic Kingdom.

First, there will be **thrones on which were seated** believers **(Dani'el 7:27; Matthew 19:28; First Corinthians 6:2) who had been given authority to judge (20:4a)** from **the Lord Himself** at **the judgment seat of Christ (Second Corinthians 5:10).** When **John** saw them, **they** had already received their crowns to cast at **the Lord's** feet (see **Cc – For We Must All Appear Before the Judgment Seat of Christ**). Resurrected at the rapture, **they** had received **their** rewards and were reigning with **the Messiah** in heaven.

The second group, however, were **the** Tribulation martyrs (see **Cp – The Fifth Seal: I Saw Under the Altar Those Who Had Been Slain**). We saw them earlier under **the golden altar of incense** in heaven **(Hebrews 9:4).** They **had been beheaded because** they refused to worship the antichrist **or his image**, nor were

they willing to accept **his mark**. They will be resurrected at that time. **And John saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years** during the Messianic Kingdom **(20:4b).**

*Dear Awesome Heavenly **Father**, How wonderful **You** are! **You** take what Satan means for evil and you use it for good. The martyrs who worshipped you will now be rewarded by reigning with **You**. What a pleasure and joy it is that **You** can always be trusted! Even when all looks bleak and evil appears to be winning, **You** have every detail all figured out and **Your**name is already to be exalted for winning the final battle of the ages **(Revelation 20:7-9)**! **You** are totally powerful over every other power that sets itself up against **You** – whether earthly or demonic. **You** always have been the greatest and most powerful; **You** are now and **You** will be the greatest and most powerful in the future. **You** will reign eternally! We love and worship **You**! In the holy name of **Your Son** and **His** power of resurrection. Amen*