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obedient people. Of that time of the reign of Jehovah God through his Theocratic Government under Christ Jesus it is written: "For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the nations: God sitteth upon his holy throne. The princes of the peoples are gathered together to be the people of the God of Abraham; for the shields of the earth belong unto God: He is greatly exalted."—Psalm 47:7-9, *Am. Stan. Ver.*

"Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment." (Isaiah 32:1) The resurrecting and installing of the faithful men of old as princes will be the creating of the "new earth". It displaces the wicked visible organization of the Devil. There will thus be "new heavens and a new earth", and the new world will be fully constituted and complete. The world wherein dwells righteousness will thus be recreated or regenerated. This is what Jesus spoke of to his faithful disciples, saying: "Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the *regeneration* 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. 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."—Matthew 19:28, 29; also Mark 10:29, 30; Luke 18:29, 30.

The word of the original Greek manuscript here translated *regeneration* is *palingenesia* and is made up of *palin* meaning *again* and *genesia* meaning *genesis, birth or a being born*. Hence "regeneration", or *palingenesia*, means a "genesis again" or a "rebirth". Various modern translators render it here as a "new creation" (*Weymouth*) or as a "new world".—*Moffatt; Murdock's Syriac; Goodspeed.*

The original righteous world of which Lucifer and man were a part was corrupted and vanished by the rebellion of those two against God. The birth of the "kingdom of heaven" or Theocracy by the enthronement of God's King in 1914 marked the beginning of the regeneration of the world of righteousness, and the creation of the "new earth" marks the completion thereof. Here, then, *regeneration* has reference to the world of righteousness, whereas at Titus 3:5 the like word applies to individual Christians, as shown on page 288, ¶ 1.

"OTHER SHEEP"

As one of the visible evidences that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand" Jesus declared that, when he comes invisibly "in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory", then he would use his angels to assemble into unity of action and service all the remnant of his elect ones. "He shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." (Matthew 24:30, 31) This