Who will we reign over?

We will reign over the nations that survived Armageddon and go into the millennium alive. (Not the wicked unbelievers who refused to repent). They do not get raptured. Those who were martyred will be resurrected, but those who are living will continue living as mortal humans. They will live, marry, have children (see Isaiah 65v23, above), grow old and die.

They will live out the millennium as the final dispensation of rule on earth under free will to sin. There will still be the ability to sin during this time, as a final test to see if we can resist temptation to sin under free will, even though we are living under the reign of Jesus.

These are the people that will be ruled over with an iron rod of justice for sin. We have become so numbed to sin, this strict rule will be a shock. We overlook "small" sin as if it is nothing, like lying, or stealing office supplies from work, cheating on our taxes etc, even medium sins such as sex before marriage, adultery, homosexuality, etc. This will definitely be a culture shock. That is why Satan will be able to convince people at this time, when he is released for a little time at the end of the millennium, to rebel against the rule of Jesus, and surround Jerusalem to overthrow His government one last time. People will want the freedom from this strict rule so that they can sin with little to no repercussions. Living under their own idea of a "moral code", just like atheists and unbelievers today philosophically believe. Subjective morality.

But, because Jesus will be ruling as "man", even though He is actually God in the flesh, just in a limited form so that He is like Adam in every way possible, people may be convinced that this stupid endeavor is actually possible. This is when the end of the millennium comes, and we go into the judgement period.

This period of the millennial reign is to show us, once again, that we are not able to resist the temptation to sin while ever we have free will to sin, no matter what dispensation of governing we have over us.

We failed under the dispensation of no law in the days of Adam. (Living by conscience).

We failed under the dispensation of law in the days of Moses. (The law was a boundary, and external force).

We are failing under the dispensation of grace in the days of Jesus today. (The Holy Spirit convicts is of sin, an internal force).

We will fail in the tribulation period under the dispensation of Satan as king. (No morality).

And according to Rev 20, we will even fail in the millennium, as we even attack the Prince of Peace in rebellion towards the end, under the iron rod of Jesus. (Instant justice for sin to deter sin).

God knew this all along, but needed us to see it. We need to see it so that we can identify the problem, and make a decision to correct it.

The problem is free will to sin, the ability to choose to sin. The solution is to have that ability removed from inside us. Because it involves free will, God cannot remove it by force from us. We have to offer it up to Him willingly. Free will is the only thing that Jesus did not die for. All sin is already forgiven, except the sin of rejecting Jesus, which is a choice we make by our own free will. (See 1 John 2v2, and John 16v8 and 9 below.)

That is why we are going through 7,000 years of different dispensations of rule.

It is a lesson for us to learn. We fail. As frustrating as sin and wickedness is, and even though many people try to blame God ("Why doesn't God remove evil", "Why doesn't God destroy the wicked", "Why doesn't God heal cancer/ sickness/ diseases when He has the power/ if He is God"), we brought this on ourselves by sinning.

He wants us to see that. When we do, and when we stand at the judgement looking back on the path of our wickedness, we will realize we were the ones to blame through our lack of self control with our free will ability to choose.

We will then ask God to remove the ability through free will to be able to choose to sin ever again. And He will.

Then, and only then, will God destroy this broken earth, create a brand new one, and hand it back to us to live on without the ability to ever destroy it again by sin.

That is what the full 7,000 years are for, with the millennium being a comparison study, to show us how we should have/ could have ruled the earth without sin under Adam, and how even under the righteous King, King Jesus we will still sin simply because we have the ability to choose to.

We will fulfill the original mandate of ruling "under Adam" (Jesus as the second Adam) for this period of time, for a short period, instead of the full period of 7,000 years. God saw our failure from before creation, and saw the solution to our problem, and still said "It is very good".

In the end, it will all be for good. (Romans 8v28).

Bless you.

Romans 8:28

[28]And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

1 John 2:2

[2]And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

John 16:8-9

[8]And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

[9]of sin, because they do not believe in Me;