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Figuratively Speaking...

Out of the 6,000,000,000 people in the world today, it is estimated that 2,000,000,000 of these are Christians. When one determines how much space people take to fill an auditorium, the figure “seven square feet” per person has been used.

To allow seven square feet per person for all 2,000,000,000 Christians, it would take 14,000,000,000 square feet. A square mile is 27,878,400 square feet (5,280 X 5,280). 14,000,000,000 square feet equals 502.18 square miles (14,000,000,000 square feet divided by 27,878,400 square miles).

For all Christians, if all were in heaven today, it would take 502 square miles, or a space of about 22.5 miles long and 22.5 miles wide, for all to be seated in one area. (This does not count all Christians who have died.)

The above would be true, that is, if measurements and movement in heaven are going to be materialistic with physical bodies as it is here on earth.

If all 2,000,000,000 are not actually in Christ, then estimate a figure which you think is more appropri-

ate, add in all the authentic Christians who have ever died, and use that figure instead of mine. You will still come up with a whopping big number to figure on.

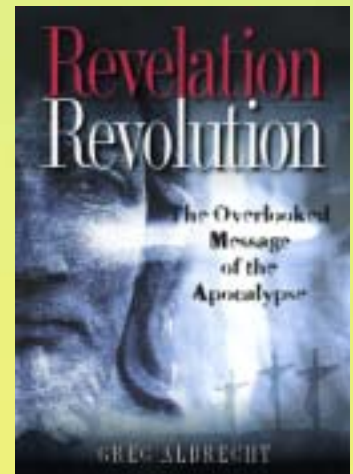
But here is something interesting: “Jesus said, “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with my Father in his throne” (Revelation 3:21).

But using my figures, if all Christians are in Christ, then Jesus is going to have to enlarge his throne so that it will be at least 22.5 miles wide and 22.5 miles long, in order for all Christians to sit with him in his throne. (That is, if we are thinking that the “throne” here mentioned is a literal physical throne, as some believe and teach.)

So, you better get your reservation in early if you want a good seat!

This illustration shows the fallacy of using literal interpretation for the symbolic language in the book of Revelation. □

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