

The future tenses are very useful to describe what will happen when Jesus Christ returns to the earth. Read verses 23-25 again. Jesus teaches that when he returns, there will be a resurrection from the dead, and then his people will receive new bodies.

So we can use these future tenses to describe what will happen in the Kingdom of God in the future. We can compare it with the life we now experience.

- 2 Complete these gaps in the sentences using the right form of the verb provided:
- a) By the year 2080, some say that we \_\_\_\_\_ [destroy] the earth.
  - b) Next year, we will \_\_\_\_\_ [published] another five books.
  - c) But will there be another five books \_\_\_\_\_ [write] by then?

- 3 Think about the woman in verses 19-23. Complete these statements using the future perfect simple:
- a) In the Kingdom of God, she \_\_\_\_\_ [end] her marriage to all those men.
  - b) When the resurrection comes, she \_\_\_\_\_ [forgotten] all the things she worried about in her life.
  - c) When she dies, she \_\_\_\_\_ [have] her opportunity to repent and come to God
  - d) When she comes before the judgment seat, she \_\_\_\_\_ [complete] her 'probation period'

4 Now in pairs, ask each other questions about the woman, based upon those statements.

5 Use your own words to complete these sentences:

- a) By 2043 I will have lived for \_\_\_\_\_
- b) By next year I will have finished \_\_\_\_\_
- c) By the end of today \_\_\_\_\_
- d) By 2048 \_\_\_\_\_

6 We're going to compare life now, with how it will be in the Kingdom.

What are people doing now?

E.g. Today, people are dating.

Today, people are dying.

Today, people are worried about money and divorcing each other.

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