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WHAT IS A KINGDOM?:

"The governing influence of a king over a territory impacting it with his will, his purposes and intent producing a citizenship of people who reflect his culture and nature and who develop his established kingdom in that territory."



Gen 1:26 translated:

"Let my kids have kingdom: sovereign RULERSHIP over the earth impacting it with My will and My intent UNTIL the earth takes on My culture My values, moral, nature, and weight—My glory."



- •God never wanted to live here.
- •He wanted to stay in heaven and let us rule the earth on his behalf.
- •That was the plan!
- •He wanted a colony on earth.
- ***So, Genesis 1:26 is "God's Colonization Project



TERMINOLOGY

COLONIZATION: Extend and expand your culture to a distant territory (kingdom territorial expansion.)

COLONY: The name you give to the citizens who were sent to live in the distant country.

They are the ones who bring the **glory** of that country to that "distant" place.



TERMINOLOGY

GLORY: It means imprint or impact; influence.

•It not only means the presence but the impact of that presence.

CULTURE: The attitudes and behavior characteristic of a community.



HISTORICAL PROTOTYPE



Following a long succession of kings, most of whom rejected God and served idols, the Northern Kingdom [Israel] and the Southern Kingdom [Judah] fell to <u>outside</u> <u>conquerors</u>.



Babylon conquered the Southern Kingdom of Judah and the best of her people were carried into exile for 70 years.

Assyria conquered the Northern Kingdom; they assimilated into the Assyrian empire and ceased to exist.

***They took them to their land and allowed them to keep their culture...



Babylon — Persia — Greek — Rome



GOD'S PROTOTYPE



Rome became the greatest empire in history because it had a system of government that worked better than any that had gone on before.

It was the first empire in history with a structure and administration that resembled the Kingdom of God.



It was a simple system, really:

- Take over territory
- Leave the people in the land
- •Appoint a governor and establish an administration that will turn them into Romans

THIS IS TRUE COLONIZATION—A PROTOTYPE



Fullness of time:

This was the perfect model for the message of the Kingdom of God because it contained the concepts of the kingdom that would then and should now make the message of Jesus easily understood.

God's kingdom model (prototype) was in place.



ROLE OF COLONIZATION:

INCREASE, INCREASE, INCREASE = POWER, POWER, POWER.

BECAUSE TERRITORY IS THE MEASURE OF THE POWER OF A KING.

THE MORE TERRITORY A KING CONTROLS THE MORE POWERFUL THE KING.









PROTOTYPE

•WHEN YOU GO TO A COLONY, YOU ACTUALLY THINK YOU'VE ENTERED THE KINGDOM (HEADQUARTERS.)

WHY?

•IT RESEMBLES THE HEADQUARTERS SO MUCH.











JAMAICA OR GREAT BRITAIN?





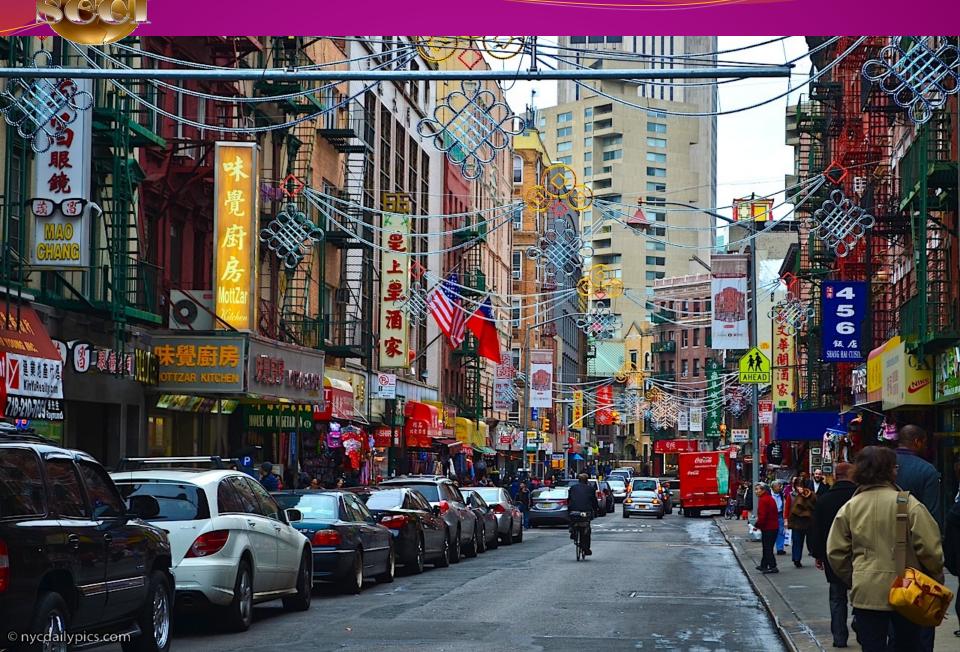




REMEMBER I SAID WHEN YOU GO TO A COLONY YOU ACTUALLY THINK YOU'VE ENTERED THE KINGDOM BECAUSE IT RESEMBLES THE HEADQUARTERS SO MUCH.

SO IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM IS LIKE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO THE KINGDOM (HQS) BECAUSE IT WILL ALWAYS BE REFLECTED IN THE COLONY.

JUST VISIT THE COLONY!







THESE AREAS HAVE THEIR OWN CULTURE WHICH MEANS YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO CHINA, ITALY, OR HAITI TO EXPERIENCE THESE COUNTRIES.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ENTER THAT NEIGHBORHOOD.



CONCLUSION:

COLONIZATION IS GOD'S ORIGINAL IDEA. HE IS THE FIRST COLONIAL THINKER.

GOD'S INTENT WAS TO EXTEND AND EXPAND HIS KINGDOM [HEAVEN] TO A DISTANT TERRITORY [EARTH] AND RULED BY HIS CITIZENS [YOU AND ME].



THIS IS WHAT GOD'S COLONIZATION PROJECT IS ALL ABOUT:

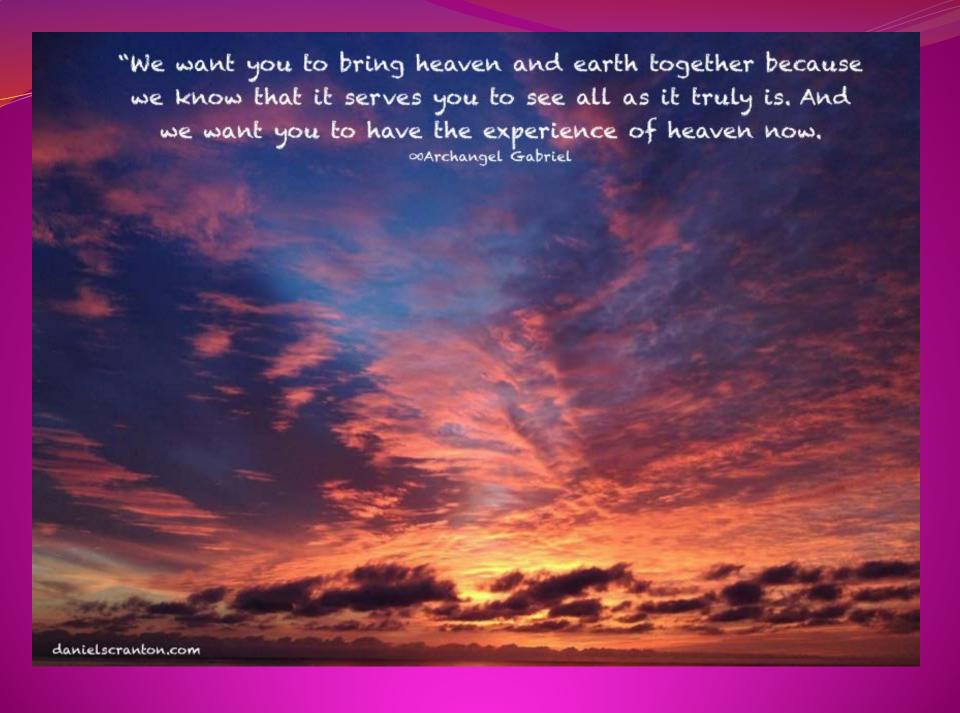
"IT'S ABOUT THE COMMUNITY OF HEAVEN WHICH IS THE COLONY OF GOD IMPACTING THE CULTURE WHERE WE LIVE BECOMING A PROTOTYPE OF HEAVEN ON EARTH."



THE LAST THING GOD WANTS YOU TO DO IS COME TO HEAVEN.

BECAUSE YOU ARE <u>USELESS</u> IN HEAVEN.

WE JUST NEED A LITTLE OF US WHO ARE KINGDOM CITIZENS IN ONE PLACE AND THEN THE WHOLE PLACE BEGINS TO BECOME LIKE HEAVEN.





ONE PROBLEM: WE'VE BEEN GONE FROM HOME SO LONG, WE'VE FORGOTTEN OUR CULTURE.

BUT GOD!!!!

THE "GLORY" OF GOD SHALL BE REVEALED IN THIS EARTH!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT...WAIT FOR IT, WAIT FOR IT!!!