

Manifest Destiny, Eminent Domain, Replacement theology

Is it a God given right and responsibility to occupy and steward your piece of property on earth for Gods Glory? To what extent?

Gen 1:28 – God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Gen 9:1 – Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. ²The fear and dread of you will fall on all the beasts of the earth, and on all the birds in the sky, on every creature that moves along the ground, and on all the fish in the sea; they are given into your hands. ³Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.

Deut 7 - When the Lord your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations...

Vs 2 - you must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy.

Vs 9 - you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

Vs 16 - You must destroy all the peoples the Lord your God gives over to you. Do not look on them with pity and do not serve their gods, for that will be a snare to you.

While the gospel teaches love, forgiveness, repentance, generosity, helping the needy, and humbly serving, many apply dominion roles concerning real estate and government.

Matt 28:19 - Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Acts 17:6 - they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: “These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here,

Abraham settled in Hebron, Gen 14 -north of Lot / Sodom. He conquered the rest of the promised land (to free Lot) from Canaanites (descendants of Ham, Noah’s cursed son)

Moses (through Joshua ch 1-5) conquered the promised land from Canaanites also.

Colonials conquered America from Native tribes, and British in the revolution.

Dominion Theology – kingdom now, reconstructionism. Adam gave Lucifer dominion when he rebelled and disobeyed in the garden. After Christ atonement, God has given us authority to take back rule over the earth. This includes dominion over science, arts, education and social transformation. Matthew 16:19 – I give you the keys of the kingdom.

Manifest Destiny – American belief that the United States was divinely ordained to expand across North America to the Pacific Ocean, spreading democracy and capitalism

Eminent domain – the government's power to seize private property for public use (for the greater good) without the owner's consent, provided "just compensation" is paid.

Replacement theology – the Church has been grafted in (John 15, Rom 11:13-18) replaced or superseded national Israel as God's chosen people. considered the "New Israel" or true heir to the promises made to Israel. (if this doctrine is allowed to excel, antisemitism can be the conclusion)

Dispensationalism – an evangelical framework interpreting Scripture through a literal, historical-linear method, dividing history into distinct "dispensations" (often seven) of divine administration. A continuing revelation of the whole nature of God.

Covenant Theology – (old and new) the church (believers) has a distinctly different role to play here and now, while Israel still plays a part in the future. Jews who reject Christ are lost but at the second coming, many will turn to the Messiah.

Doctrine of discovery – Theology that authorized European Christians to seize non-Christian lands, claiming sovereignty and title over Indigenous peoples. Because of superior “blessing” of technology, a civilized society and spiritual apprehension.

Justification for Subjugation: It provided a religious and legal basis to "subdue, vanquish, and enslave" non-Christians and seize their property

Christian Nationalist — Belief that USA was founded on Christian values, promoting the Christian views of its followers in order to achieve prominence or dominance in political, cultural, and social life. Also believing that our nation is better and takes priority over other nations.

Zionist – Belief that the kingdom of God will be exclusively expressed from Jerusalem.

Old covenant – big 3 - law, land, lineage – Moses, Abraham, David

New Covenant – Jesus