

Earth is an Outpost of Heaven

“Originally, the Kingdom of Heaven had established an outpost in a place that people know as the Garden of Eden. Here is how the first book of the Bible describes it:

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the Earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the Earth.” So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.¹

“Let them have dominion,” God said. The word used in the original Hebrew is *mamlakah*. This word *mamlakah* turns out to be the same word that gets translated into English as “kingdom”. It also gets translated as “reign”, “sovereignty”, and “realm”. So dominion is the same as kingdom. You can see the “dom” syllable in both words because the words “dominion” and “kingdom” are closely related.

All of these words indicate that someone is in charge of something. Having dominion means ‘having authority over’. It means ‘leading’, ‘managing’, ‘ruling over’. According to the account in Genesis, human beings were created to manage the rest of creation. We can see this throughout the rest of the story about the first man and woman, and on through all of human history up to the present day. “Let them have dominion”. The King was assigning dominion to the people He had created.

What were the people supposed to have dominion over? Their assignment on Earth was to manage the real estate He had created as an extension of His rule in Heaven. First He created the Earth and all the living things that fill it, and then the King brought Heaven to Earth and set up His government, His system of management.

We call the first man and woman Adam and Eve. How did they do with their assignment? Not very well...

No longer could the Kingdom of Heaven claim to have an outpost on the Earth. God had created the humans with the intention of having them represent His authority on the planet He had created. He had wanted them to exercise dominion for Him. They failed. We call it The Fall. This is the declaration of independence that I described in the second chapter of this book. The colonists had ruptured their relationship with their King, and they could not repair it. The only way the colony could be re-established would have to involve the King’s Son...

This child [Jesus] that the prophet Isaiah was talking about² was coming to re-establish the government of Heaven on the Earth. He would not be coming to set up a better religion, because Adam hadn’t lost a religion; he had lost dominion.”³

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1 – Genesis 1:26-27

2 – Isaiah 9:6-7

3 – Myles Munroe (2016) “The Principles & Power of Kingdom Citizenship” Destiny Image p:75-76