

Kingdom Report

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Building the Future Arks of the Ages for the Kingdom

We evangelicals have not really grasped the enormity of God's Kingdom program or the generational projects needed to span the ages. But our history is filled with those who have. Noah, the Israelites, Notre Dame, the Puritans and Huguenots...people called of God spend generations to build the future.

I am sure I surprised some of you last week in my blog on Jeff Bezos and his plan for building colonies in space for millions of people. I want to share with you here just a quick overview of why only the people of God will be able to make use of his technology and those future colonies are going to be populated, built and run by Jesus people according to God's Kingdom government and economic laws!

Here is why.....

First let me just quickly get the most obvious objection out of the way which is: This is the end times and Jesus is coming to rapture us out of here and one day in the Millennium we can tackle these projects.

I am not even going to touch the scriptural misconceptions of where we are now in God's timeline but only to say this...

We are not at the end.

We are not even at the beginning of the end.

But we are at the end of the beginning....we are now entering the time of the "restoration of all things", we are in Rev.21&22 time...healing the nations and taking dominion over all the works of God's hands.

Second point about this is that throughout scripture we are given enough indications that God's timeline is not our 7000 year eschatology wall charts of seven dispensations and then its all over.

Try these scriptures on for indications of God's time line of the ages for his plan for earth and man....

Scripture says that the world had a beginning but it has no end..

"...from the beginning of the world...throughout all ages, world without end.

Amen." (Eph. 3:9,21) Folks wrap your mind around this scripture, the world is never going to end!

Now try this idea...God promised that He would never again destroy mankind on the earth and on top of that promised to never again curse the ground.

"Never again will I curse the ground because of man even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures as I have done. As long as the earth endures seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." (Gen. 8:21-22)

So how long will the earth endure? "***Generations come and generations go, but the earth endures forever***" (Eccl. 1:4).

But that must mean that there will be thousands of generations still ahead? Yes that is right because that is exactly what Exodus 20:6 and Exodus 34:7 says...the Lord punishes the wicked to the third and fourth generation but for the righteous He is merciful for thousands of generations!

Moses further declared in Dt. 7:9... "***He is the faithful God keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those that love Him and keep His commandments.***" And since a generation is 40-70 years we have at least 40-70,000 years ahead still.

The psalmist also confirms this by saying that the earth is established forever (Ps. 78:69) and that the earth and its foundations will never be removed (Ps. 104:5; Ps. 93:1; Ps. 96:10) In Psalm 119:90 he says, "***Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth and it endures forever.***"

So here is what scripture tell us: The earth is not cursed, in fact it is blessed by the Lord and will fulfil exactly the purpose for which He created it. The earth will never end because God has eternal purposes for this wonderful creation of His. But let us keep in mind when we speak of "the earth" we are really also talking about the vast planetary and galactic systems of the universe which brings us to the next great thought found in Isaiah 45:18.

"For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he has established it (forever); he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited; I am the Lord there is none else." (Isaiah 45:18) Do you see what the Lord is saying here? He says He created the earth and the heavens for them to be inhabited! Before the modern era of satellites and telescopes we did not know that the heavens were endless, or that they had billions of galaxies or that those galaxies had billions of stars and planets...but we do know that now! And that is why these scriptures are important for our understanding. Now we know that if the earth endures forever, and if the Lord has plans for thousands of generations, then we can understand why we need vast endless heavens to grow into!

Now point three....the special anointed king Cyrus types in the world.

In Isaiah 45 we read about a future king called Cyrus that even though he would not know the Lord God of Israel, the Lord will anoint him to release Israel and provide them with protection, finance, and a mandate to return from Babylon to rebuild Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. Keep in mind this prophecy of the Lord was spoken to Isaiah 120 years before king Cyrus was born!

My point: God raises up men and women who have no knowledge of the Lord and empowers them (scripture calls them "anointed of the Lord") to do work that is needed by God's people to take the Kingdom agenda forward. Jeff Bezos is such a man. There is a reason why the Lord made him the richest man in the world. (BTW I don't know if Mr. Bezos is a Christian or not). He is called to utilize that vast wealth to develop re-useable rocket technology to drastically lower the cost of putting things in space. So too the same for Elon Musk.

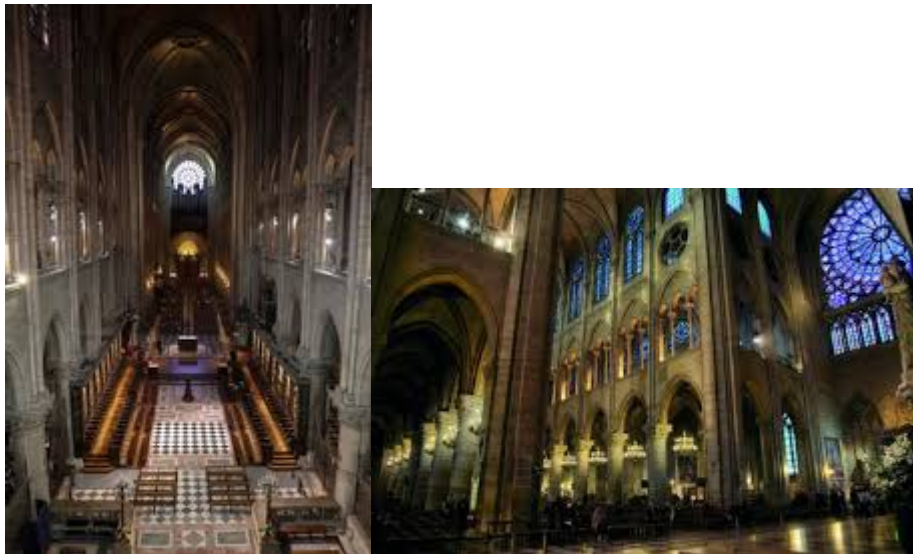
Now point four....Space colonization is a multi-generational project and the Star Trek fans of this generation don't have the stamina, will or visionary determination to sacrificially build on a project for which they will never live to see the end result. They are too caught up in their own video games of electronic fantasy worlds.

Here is my prediction: There will be space hotels. It will become the ultimate tourist experience for a few weeks stay at big cost. But actually live permanently in space? never. The truth is that sinners love congregating in large anonymous cities where sin is easy and private and hardship and responsibilities can be avoided. On a space colony it is impossible....it takes a different kind of person with a different mindset with a different kind of economic and legal system which is only suited to those who have been disciplined to have the law of God in their hearts and a willingness to work for a cause and not a paycheque.. But suffice it to say its a kind of life and commitment that un-regenerate people are incapable of.

Let me show you the kind of challenge building a space colony is like....

Noah building an ark for 120 years for transitioning a flood catastrophe when it has not rained. A lot of mocking and doubters all around...till the rains came.

Remember the recent news of the fire in Notre Dame cathedral in Paris...look at that structure that has stood for 900 years.



It took 100 years from 1160 AD to 1260 AD to build it. This at a time of primitive hand tools and people living in hovels. But people gave their money, their time and their labour to honor Christ and His church. Even today when you walk in there it takes your breath away...imagine walking in there from a rural village in France in 1260...the vaulted ceilings stretching to the heavens the magnificent colours of the stained glass windows. That's what the interior of a space colony will evoke!



The Puritan Pilgrims arriving in the wilderness of the new world 1620. They came to establish the Kingdom of God as a "shining light on hill" for the world to see what Christian community was. The first year half of the 120 died. It took 60 years to 1680 before the colonies took root with more and more Puritans coming to support the new world settlements. Then when the wilderness conquered and proper towns and settlements were established...then the sinners came.

It would be as difficult today to build a colony in space as it did to build Notre Dame in 1160 or Chartre cathedral or any of the other great gothic cathedrals. It would be as difficult to establish viable colonies in space as it was for the Puritans to settle New England or the Huguenots to settle the Cape of Good Hope in 1688.

Now let me tell you something of the history of how God opened up new frontiers for missions. The great missionary movements that arose out of first Great Britain and then America from 1800 to 2000 to take the message of the gospel into all the world....they could do this because of commercial enterprise.

The Dutch East India company, the British East India company....they spend big financial resources to build sea going vessels for trade. They set up commercial enterprises in trading posts all over the world. And where the trade and commerce went and the ships, there went the missionaries because a commercial infrastructure was built first. Missions could be supported from the home country with finances and supplies to sustain the missionary outreach...into China, into India, into Africa, South America. The Dutch VOC company cared nothing for colonization...they just wanted people in the Cape to provide food and supplies to their ships trading in the east. But the Huguenots had other ideas...they came to settle and grow for the Kingdom of God after France persecuted them.

Once again the Lord is establishing a new space frontier that will be made accessible by private enterprise seeking profit and trade. Every rocket launch company whether Elon Musk or Jeff Bezos or Richard Branson and several others as well plan to deploy thousands of satellites to provide low cost high speed internet to every place on earth...especially to the other 3,5 billion people not yet hooked into the internet. They also plan space holidays, hotels, and will also launch at competitive cost space launch to anyone who can pay. This is all private enterprise...not governments. Just like the great trading shipping companies that colonized the world...they were private enterprise...not government.

This is the Lord's pattern in the past to open new lands and new frontiers for Christian settlements and preach the gospel to new people unreached. The new thousands of

internet satellites will allow us to reach new people all over the world with the gospel and the new renewable cheap launch systems will allow new colonies and settlements to be created.

But here is another lesson from history to explain to you why the sinners will not settle space with colonies. In 1720 John Law established a new national bank for France and launched a new IPO for a great new trading company to set up trading posts in the French territories called the Louisiana Territories....which comprised the whole of the American interior with the Mississippi river running right through it. But he had a big problem....he needed settlers to set up colonies in this territory to create new wealth to trade back to France. The most valuable piece of virgin land on planet earth....but unlike the English settlers who settled the east coast of America... John Law could find nobody in France to go to the new world to farm and hunt and dig for gold. He emptied the jails and married the prisoners in chains to Paris prostitutes and packed them off to New Orleans to start settling the vast wilderness. They all died. John Law's company sank...unfortunately in 1685 the French king retracted the edict of Nantes and attacked the hundreds of thousands of Huguenots, stole their property and chased them out of France. They would have made ideal colonists for Louisiana Territory. France eventually gave up on settling America and sold the greatest property on planet earth to the new government of America, bought by Thomas Jefferson....for \$17 million.

That is why space will not be settled by sinners. It will be the hard work and vision of God's people who will spend decades and lots of finances, technology and constant support for decades until the colonies are established and self supporting. Nobody besides Christians who have a Kingdom vision will be capable of this kind of sustained sacrificial work over three generations to establish permanent settlements in space.

Now here is another interesting little fact. In one of my many interesting books on space technology that I have there is a calculation made of how many people do you need in terms of biological diversity that you must have to marry and have children and not have anyone too close in family DNA....the least amount is about 14,000 people but the best amount for genetic diversity is between 40,000 and 44,000.

And this is what happened in 533 BC. King Cyrus of Persia decreed the Israelites held in captivity in Babylon are free to go home to Palestine and they can rebuild Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. The Persians even gave them lavish presents and aid for the settlement needs. Several million of Judah and Israel were in captivity. Only 42,360 plus 200 singers decided to leave the comforts of Babylon to revive a dream and respond to God's call. But they carried the Kingdom forward to prepare for the arrival of the Messiah 500 years later. The rest decided to stay in comfortable Babylon where they had built houses, farms, businesses....the ones who stayed in Babylon were forgotten in history...the pioneers kept the history of the Kingdom alive for the coming of the Messiah.

All we need are 42,360 pioneers and 200 singers in space settlements....and a thousand years later we will have a trillion people between earth and Saturn living off the resources of the solar system and thousands of generations later...the galaxy. With a trillion more galaxies available for colonization.