

## In The Beginning... of the “New World”

1. This time in history followed these events:
  - a. Leif Erikson first European to step onto the Land @1,000AD
  - b. Crusades ended 1291
  - c. Columbus 1492
  - d. Colonies established 1607
2. Key Terms defined: Ideas, beliefs, and religious doctrines
  - a. **Dominion** – (dominate) God’s sanction and mandate to rule over others and convert them. Gen 1:28, (Authority over others – Matt 28:18, 19)
  - b. **Colonize** – (root word colon) to consume, digest and make it a part of you (assimilate)
  - c. **Manifest Destiny** – justified and inevitable conquering of people and land outside of Christian domain.
  - d. **Doctrine of Discovery** – in 1492 declared “non-Christian” lands could be seized. (they didn’t legitimately exist until discovered by Christians)
  - e. **Imminent Domain** - the power of a state or the federal government to take private property for public use while requiring "just" compensation to be given to the original owner. Began in 1625 and justified by a “greater good” of groups over individuals or public safety. Governments can even condemn intangible property such as contract rights, patents, trade secrets, and copyrights.

---

Summary – The crusades started out as defending a people group against oppressors. Muslims had invaded Jerusalem. European Christians became aggressive, no longer defensive. This mentality was carried over into new land. Ideas and beliefs of Superiority became religious doctrine. Calvinism or Election, was taught by most puritans and enforced the “select, chosen”, elitist mentality over the “heathen”. While Muslims believe in “Jihad” or holy war, Christians repackaged it and have practiced their own version of it. Jesus passionately battled this religious “elitist” mindset of the Pharisees and Sadducees which led to his death. Much of Christianity has become warped and does NOT represent the Biblical, New Testament Jesus way.