

## **BANISHMENT from the kingdom? (the castle or kings domain)**

(for lesser forms of treason, witchcraft, heresy, lawlessness, prior to the sentence of medieval torture)

A form of punishment imposed on an individual, usually by a community, country, state or domain, in which the individual is forced to remain outside of that realm.

It Sent a message that they were unwelcomed, didn't belong, could not or would not contribute productively to a societal group. Like modern solitary confinement.

Greeks and Romans use it to revoke citizenship for criminals.

British Colonials used it for Englishmen who married African American or Native American women were banished from their colony.

Native American Tribes administering their own justice to their own members often employ the use of banishment as the ultimate humiliation.

**Exiled** – forced to leave, having been expelled and barred from one's native country, typically for political or punitive reasons.

**Deportation** – relocated, driven out, and forbidden the right to return.

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Excommunication is a strong, remedial penalty meted out with the hope that it'll wake you up and move you to true repentance — and back into full communion with the faithful. In short, it's reversible.

Excommunication is the most severe form of ecclesiastical penalty and is used only as an absolute last resort.