

God Makes Use of Countries in His Purpose

In carrying out God's purpose to build the church, He has used many countries. Firstly, God chose the children of Israel and made them into a great nation. They began as a family and grew into a community and eventually they became a great nation with many cities. God used Israel to bring forth His Son, Jesus Christ. God has always loved the nation of Israel and today, He used many other nations to take care of Israel.



In the past God has used the nation of Great Britain to care for Israel. Today, God mainly uses the United States.

The United States has been used in many ways for God's purpose. Many things that are so important to the church life today were invented in the United States. This includes the telephone, and the computer. The United States has always been a country that honored God and cared for His laws. Even today, we are free to come together and worship God and to pray because of the laws of our nation. These things were planned and carried out by God.

In families, communities, cities, states and countries, God is carrying out His purpose on the earth. In the church, God is in the process of building a great city of His own. This city is the New Jerusalem which is where God and man will dwell together. This city will be on the earth.



God's Creation

- Lesson Sixteen -

The Heavens and the Earth Are for Man (5)

In addition to providing for man's shelter, food and other needs, God also created the earth to be the place where man would live among other people. God said that it was not good for man to be alone. This means that man has the need for other people. In God's intention, He desired to have many millions of people. God's purpose is to have a large group of people in His image to express Him, and having His dominion to represent Him, all living together on the earth.

People Live in Families



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God intends that man would live families on the earth. Adam and Eve were the first parents. They began the first family. As their children grew up, they also started their own families. The earth became home to many families.

God's intention is that mankind would live in families.

Families Live in Communities

Families do not live on the earth in a widely scattered way. Because people need one another and because God intends to have His expression in a group of people, families of people dwell together in communities. Communities can be a single small village, or several communities can be combined into a large city.

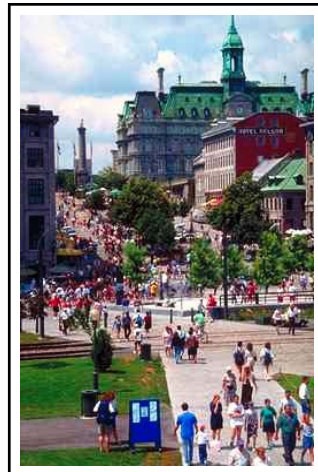
Memory Verse



Great is the Lord, and greatly to
be praised in the city of our
God...

Many People Live in Cities

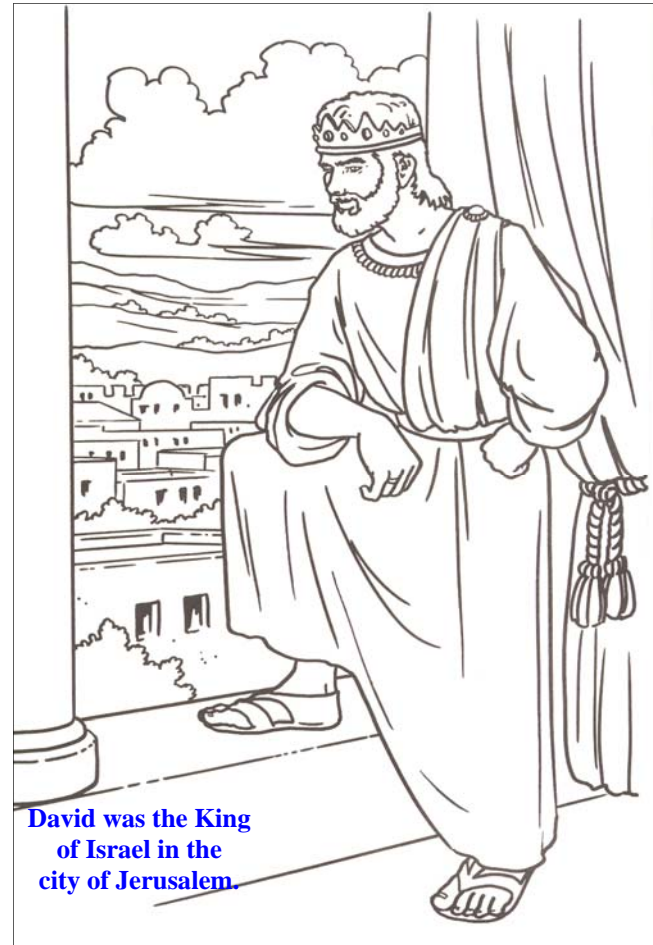
Many people today live in large cities. Because people like to live together, and because so many of their needs can be met by living close to each other, it is common for people to live in cities. Most cities have a central area that is called “downtown”. To the right is a picture of downtown Montreal in Canada. In the areas outside of the downtown parts of cities are areas called suburbs. Today most of the people who live in many cities live in the suburbs.



Above is a picture of downtown Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

In the suburbs there are many homes, stores and other buildings.

Color this picture with your colored pencils.



David was the King
of Israel in the
city of Jerusalem.

The Earth Has Many Countries and States

Not only does the earth contain many cities, but these cities all exist in countries. The Bible tell us that God has set the boundaries of all the nations. A nation is the same thing as a country. Israel is a country. There are many cities in Is-

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