

# **God and Government**

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## **INTRODUCTION— *Romans 13:1-5***

### **I. GOD ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT (*Rom. 13:1*)**

1. There are no governing authorities anywhere that God has not placed in power. (*Rom. 13:2-4; Daniel 4:17, 25*).
2. God ordained all higher authorities or human government.
3. Anyone who resists or rebels against the God-established authorities rebels against what God instituted.
4. Civil leaders are God's ministers (*v. 4*).

### **II. ISRAEL'S FORM OF GOVERNMENT**

1. Initially, Israel's form of government was a Divine autocracy or theocracy ruled by God alone.
2. God gave the moral law in *Exodus 20: 1-17* and reiterated it in *Deut. 5*.
3. God raised up judges (*Judg. 2:16-19*).
4. Later, Israel's government was modified (*I Samuel 8:1-22*).
  - (1) The demand for a king (*I Sam. 8: 1-9*).
  - (2) God permitted them to have a king (*vs. 7, 9, 22*) "*hearken unto their voice.*"
  - (3) The warning concerning a king (*9-18*).
  - (4) God instructs Samuel to object (*v.9*).
  - (5) Samuel obeyed (*v. 10*).
  - (6) In verses 11-17, Samuel explains the nature of the king and what he will do.
    - (a) The king will be a dictator (*vs. 11, 13*).
    - (b) He would seize their properties for his use (*vs. 14, 16*).
    - (c) He would inflict heavy taxes on them (*vs. 15, 17*).
    - (d) His reign will cause significant emotional pain (*v. 18*).
    - (e) God will not hear them when they pray because they chose an earthly king over a heavenly King (*v. 18*).
5. Nevertheless, the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel.
  - (1) *Psalms 33:12*
  - (2) *Proverbs 14:34*