

Week One Handout

“God & Caesar – The Ancient Modern Clash”

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Render unto Caesar (Part 1) :

Introduction and an Old Testament Perspective

What does the Bible say about religion, government, and politics?

How do we approach the complexities of the subject as a person of faith?

This session will provide the foundational principles for the course.

It will further examine the Old Testament view of government and politics which are inextricably linked with the nation of Israel and the political forms of government of Old Testament era.

Introduction

1. What is meant by “God & Caesar”?

Religion =

Politics =

2. Time periods and forms of government in the Old Testament
 - a. **Creation & Fall** (Gen. 1 – 4)
 - b. **Fall to the Tower of Babel** (Gen. 5 – 11)
 - c. **Abrahamic Covenant & the Patriarchs** (Gen 12 – 50)
 - d. **Moses & Israel** (Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)
 - e. **Joshua & 12 Tribes of Israel** (Joshua)
 - f. **Judges & 12 Tribes of Israel** (Judges)
 - g. **Monarchy & Southern Kingdom** (1 Samuel)
 - h. **Monarchy & United Kingdom** (2 Samuel)
 - i. **Monarchy & Prophets** (Remainder of OT)

Old Testament Scripture (Part 1)

1. OT vs. NT vs. whole Bible

2. Genesis 12:1-3, 18:18

Nation =

Country =

People =

Household =

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