

Under Authority

Part II: The Biblical Role of Government in Society

I. God's Purpose for Government

A. Government's Responsibilities

1. What is the responsibility of government leaders according to Deuteronomy 17:18-19, Romans 13:3-4, and 1 Peter 2:13-14?

2. What is the ultimate role of governing authorities and especially warriors according to Psalm 82:4 and Ezekiel 22:30?

B. God's Requirements for Those Under Authority

1. What must Christians do for leaders according to 1 Timothy 2:1-4?

II. Biblical Requirements for Government Leaders

A. Old Testament mandate for leadership.

1. Why were Jewish kings commanded to be intimately familiar with God's Word/Laws according to Deuteronomy 17:20 and what would be the implication of that today for leaders today?

B. God's Response to Leaders Who Accept or Reject His Rule

1. Blessings.

a. What are the blessings a leader receives when he/she obeys God's rule according to Proverbs 16:12, 20:8, 20:28, 25:5, 29:13 and Psalm 33:12?

b. What was Jesus Christ's attitude towards leadership according to Matthew 6:9-10?

2. Curses.

a. What was the attitude of King Nebuchadnezzar, Ruler of Babylon sacking Jerusalem in 605 B.C. and dying in 562 B.C according to Daniel 4:30?

b. What was God's response to Nebuchadnezzar according to Daniel 4:31-37?
