

Week Two Handout

“God & Caesar – The Ancient Modern Clash”

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Render unto Caesar:

An Old Testament Perspective (Part 2)

This session 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.

Review

God in America series on PBS – <http://www.pbs.org/godinamerica/>

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

Nation =

Country =

People =

Household =

Additional OT Scriptures

2. Genesis 17:20

Ishmael as Father

Ishmael as Nation

3. Genesis 13:14-17, 15:18-20, 17:8

Israel as a land or a political entity

The current political debate over the land

4. Exodus 19:3-6

Kingdom & sovereignty

Kingdom – spiritual vs. political

5. 1 Samuel 8-10

Saul – King of the ‘nation’

Israel – A nation like all the others

6. Daniel 4:17, 6:4

Kingdoms, sovereignty and governmental affairs

7. Isaiah 9:6-7

Kingdom, sovereignty and government

Historical Charts of Empires

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