

# 1 & 2 Samuel Series

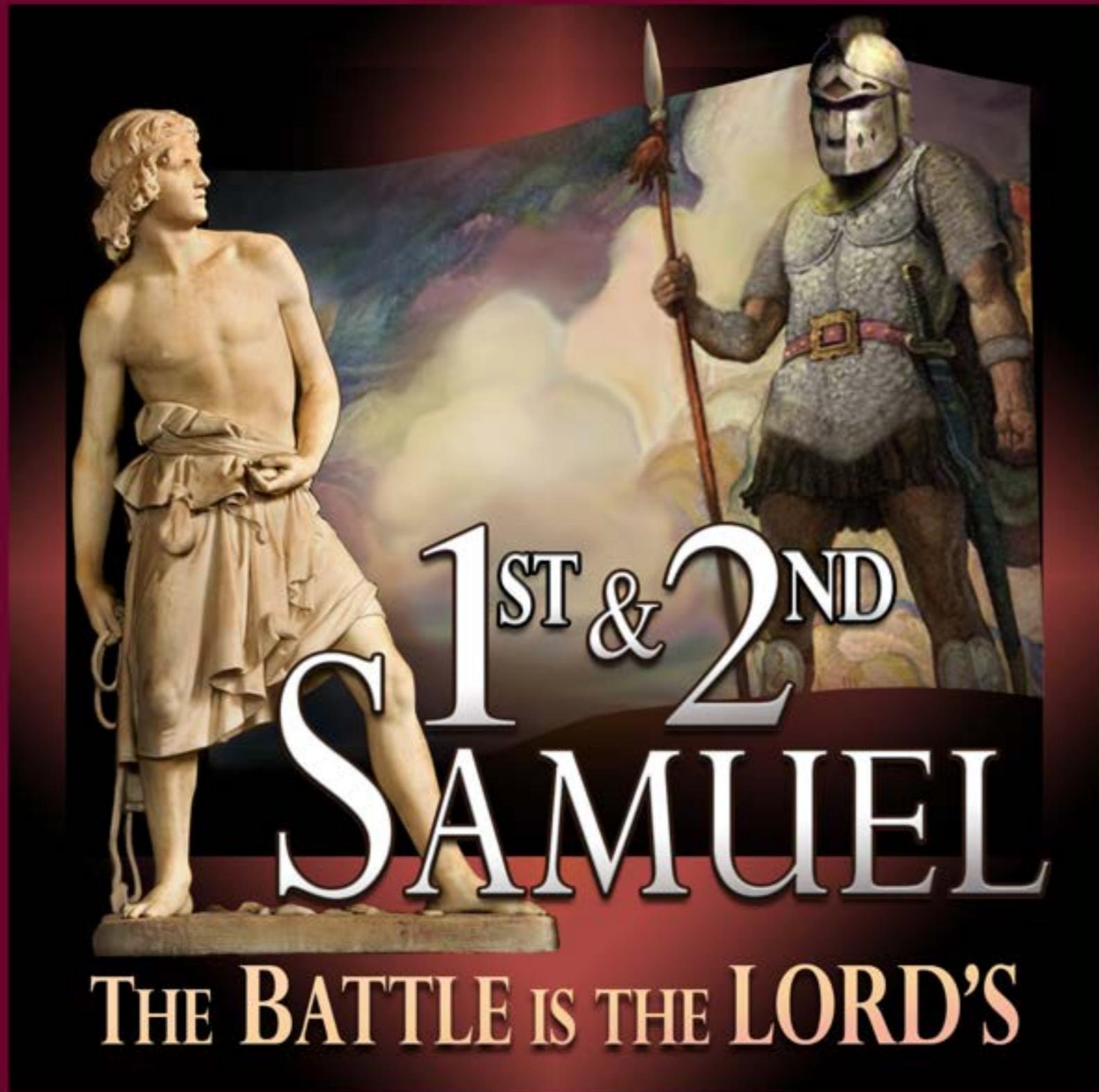
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**PAGAN KINGSHIP VS. DIVINE VIEWPOINT KINGSHIP**  
**1 SAMUEL 8**

# 1 Samuel

**Samuel**  
Prophet,  
Priest,  
Judge

1 7

**Saul**

Rise

Decline

David's  
Rise

8 15 16 31

**I. God's preparation to deliver the nation Israel from her enemies by grace.**

***1 Sam. 1–7***

**II. God establishes the office of the king.**

***1 Sam. 8–15***

**III. God decreases the influence of Saul, and increases David.**

***1 Sam. 16–2 Sam. 1***

**1 Sam. 8:1–3–The setting: The people reject the sons of Samuel, who he made to be judges over Israel, because they are corrupt and pervert the law.**

**1 Sam. 8:4–5–The elders of Israel gather to meet Samuel at Ramah and request a king over them like all of the nations.**

**1 Sam. 8:6–9–Samuel takes it personally and reacts to their request, but in prayer, turns to the Lord who tells him that it is He whom the people have rejected and tells Samuel to warn them of the consequences.**

**1 Sam. 8:10–18–Samuel tells the people all of the consequences and how this will burden them financially and limit their liberty and freedom.**

**1 Sam. 8:19–20–The people reject the warning and continue to demand a king like all of the other nations.**

**1 Sam. 8:21–22–The Lord tells Samuel to obey their voice.**

**Be fruitful and multiply,  
and fill the earth. Gen. 9:1**

**Eat meat, not blood.  
Gen. 9:2–4**

**Capital punishment for  
animals or humans who  
kill. Gen. 9:5–7**

**God promised to never  
judge the earth by water  
again. Gen. 9:9–11**

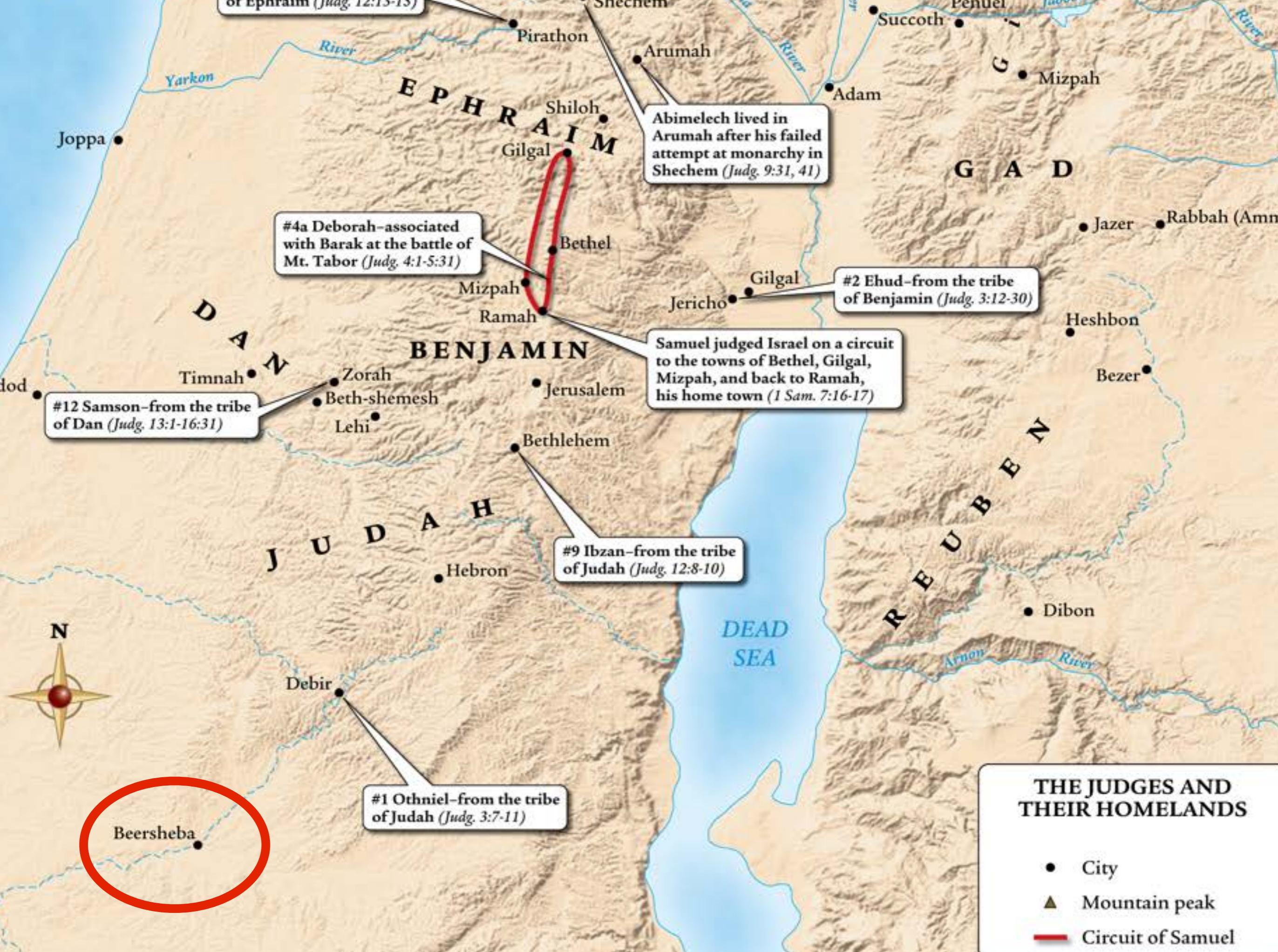
**The sign is the rainbow.  
Gen. 9:12–13**



**1 Sam. 8:1, “Now it came to pass when Samuel was old that he made his sons judges over Israel.**

**1 Sam. 8:2, “The name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba.**

**1 Sam. 8:3, “But his sons did not walk in his ways; they turned aside after dishonest gain, took bribes, and perverted justice.”**



of Ephraim (Judg. 12:15-15)

Abimelech lived in Arumah after his failed attempt at monarchy in Shechem (Judg. 9:31, 41)

#4a Deborah—associated with Barak at the battle of Mt. Tabor (Judg. 4:1-5:31)

#2 Ehud—from the tribe of Benjamin (Judg. 3:12-30)

Samuel judged Israel on a circuit to the towns of Bethel, Gilgal, Mizpah, and back to Ramah, his home town (1 Sam. 7:16-17)

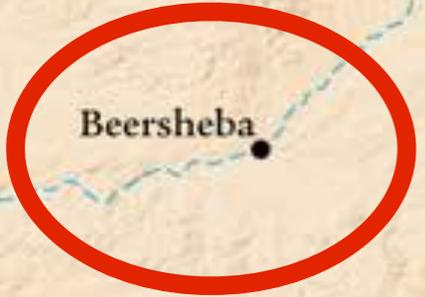
#12 Samson—from the tribe of Dan (Judg. 13:1-16:31)

#9 Ibzan—from the tribe of Judah (Judg. 12:8-10)

#1 Othniel—from the tribe of Judah (Judg. 3:7-11)

### THE JUDGES AND THEIR HOMELANDS

- City
- ▲ Mountain peak
- Circuit of Samuel



**1 Sam. 8:4, “Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah,**

**1 Sam. 8:5, “and said to him, ‘Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.’ ”**

# The Divine Institutions

1. Individual Responsibility

**PRE-FALL**

2. Marriage

3. Family

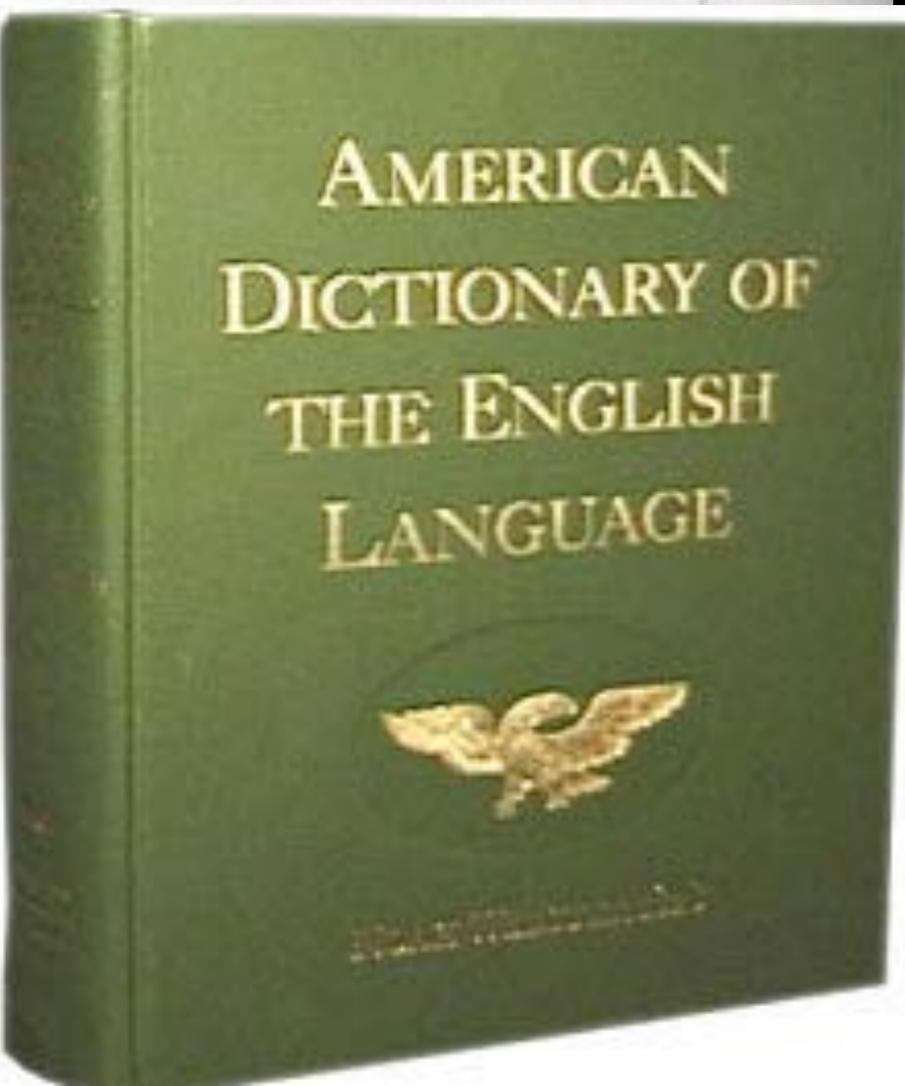
**Designed to promote  
productivity and advance  
civilization**

4. Government, judicial

5. Nations

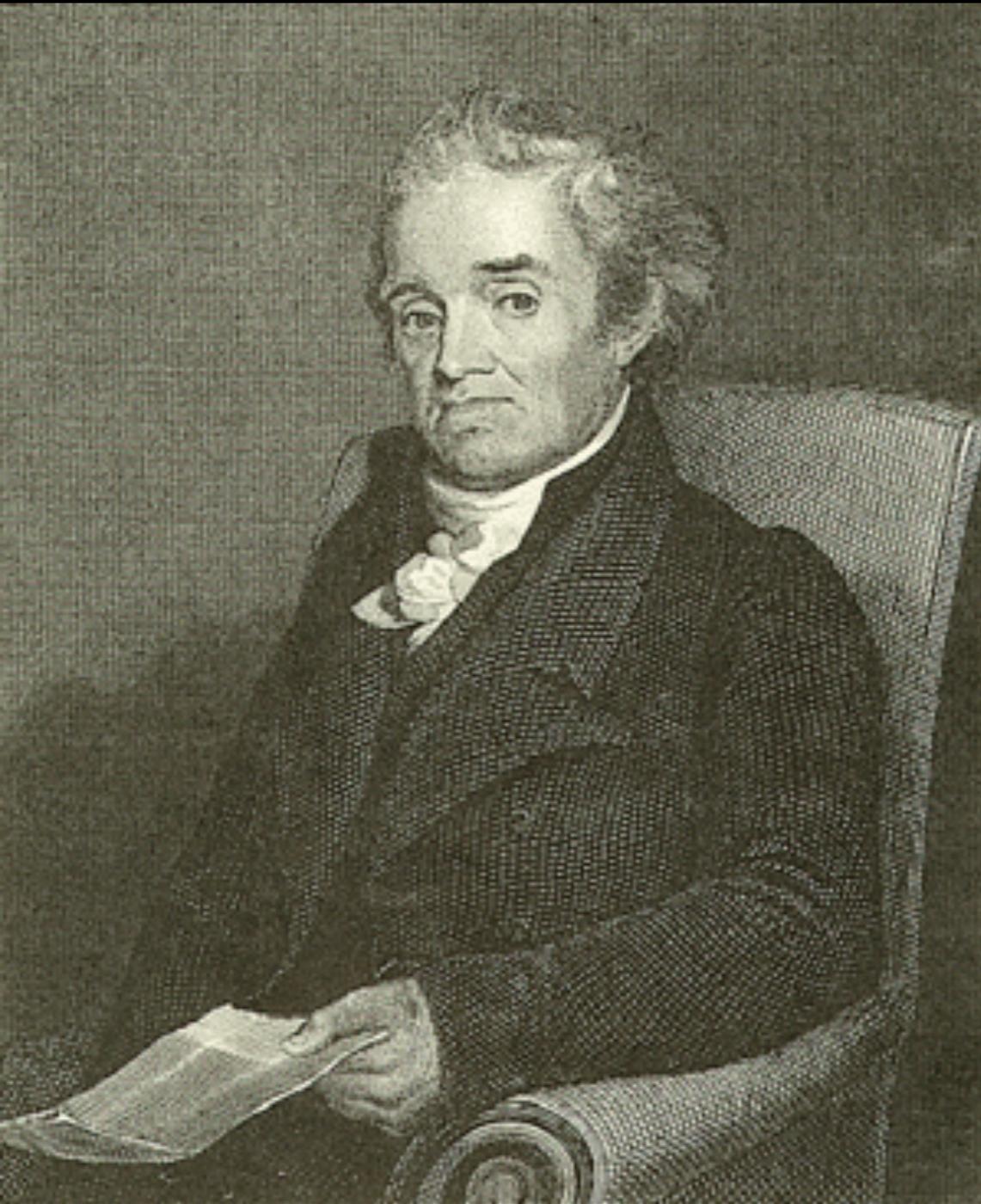
**POST-FALL**

**Designed to restrain evil**



“In my view, the Christian religion is the most important and one of the first things in which all children, under a free government ought to be instructed ... No truth is more evident to my mind than that the Christian religion must be the basis of any government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people.”

~Preface

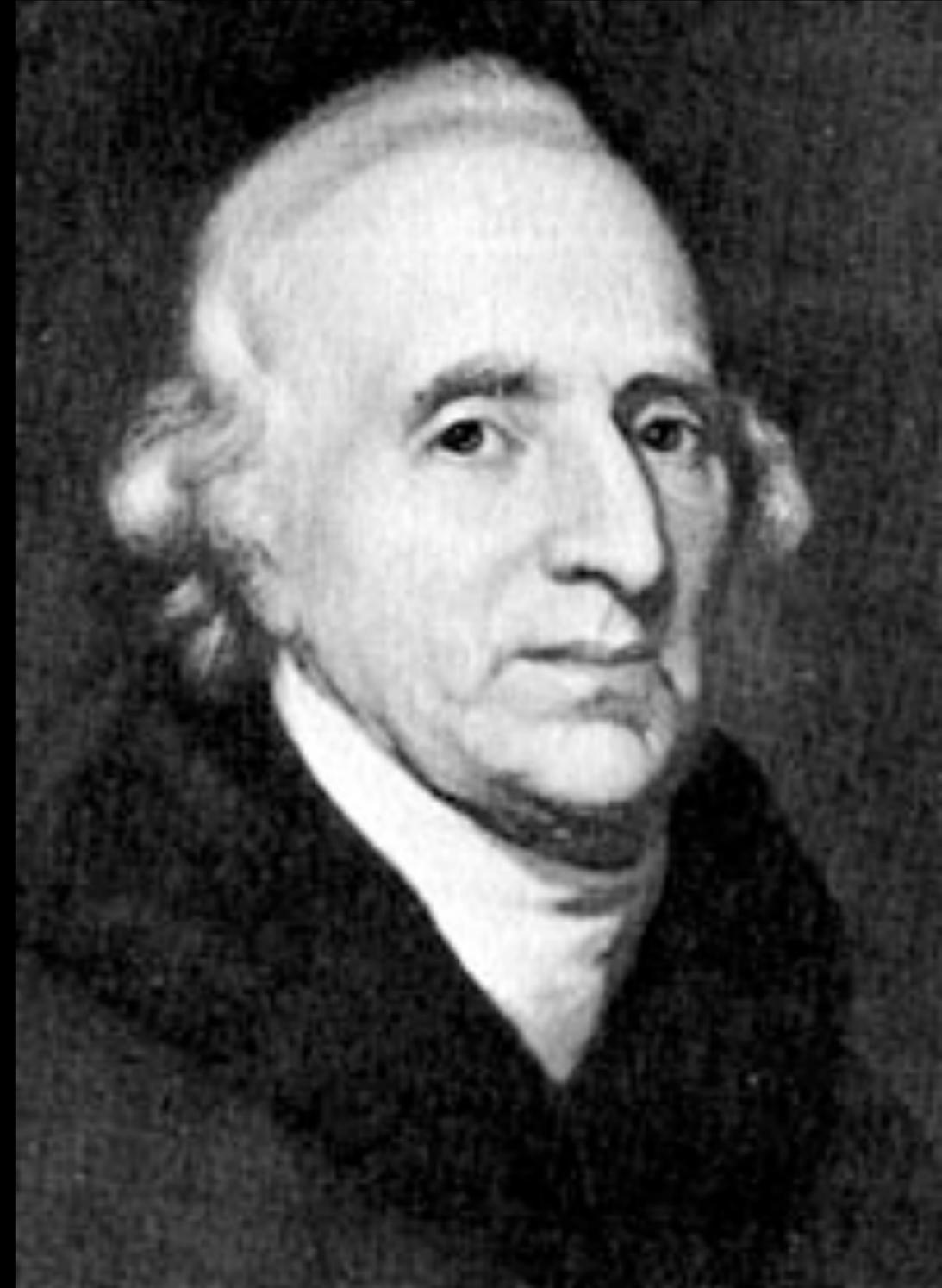


“Our citizens should early understand that the genuine source of correct republican principles is the Bible, particularly the New Testament, or the Christian religion.”

~Noah Webster  
(1758–1843)

**“Without morals a republic cannot subsist any length of time; they therefore who are decrying the Christian religion, whose morality is so sublime and pure ... are undermining the solid foundation of morals, the best security for the duration of free governments.”**

~Charles Carroll, Signer of the Declaration of Independence; [Letter to James McHenry on November 4, 1800.]



**"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion.**

**“ . . . Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”**

**~John Adams**



**George Washington**

**1732-1799**



**“there is no truth more thoroughly established, than that there exists in the economy and course of nature, an indissoluble union between virtue and happiness.”**

**~George Washington**

**“The morality of the country is deeply engrafted upon Christianity... The people whose manners ... and morals have been elevated and inspired ... by means of the Christian religion.”**

**~New York Supreme Court**

**“The Christian concept of right and wrong, or right and justice, motivates every rule of equity. It is the guide by which we dissolve domestic frictions and the rule by which all legal controversies are settled.”**

**~Florida Supreme Court**

**The people who rule a nation, reflect the values of the citizens of the nation, therefore a nation's character is reflected in the character of the rulers.**

**What kind of king did the other nations have?**

# GOD

Personal-Infinite  
Creator GOD

INFINITE-  
IMPERSONAL  
Universe

FINITE UNIVERSE

*Man*  
*Animals*  
*Vegetation*  
*Matter/Energy*



*God*  
*Man*  
*nature*

**Application**

**Political/National or Individual Decisions**

**This is where we talk and argue.**

**Logical sequence**

**Ethics: What is right? What is wrong? What is good or bad?**

**Pressures of life**

**These are the real issues, usually ignored.**

**Epistemology: How do we know truth? Right from wrong? Just or unjust?**

**Metaphysics: Ultimate reality, i.e., God, matter, energy, nothing**

**Foundation of *all* thought**

**1 Sam. 8:6, “But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, ‘Give us a king to judge us.’ So Samuel prayed to the LORD.”**

**1 Sam. 8:7, “And the LORD said to Samuel, ‘Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.**

**1 Sam. 8:8, “ ‘According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt, even to this day—with which they have forsaken Me and served other gods—so they are doing to you also.’ ”**