

# The 5th Commandment and Civil Authorities

## The Historical Development of Civil Government

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Q: Why did civil governments develop?

A: Since sin spreads and self-governance repeatedly fails, God established civil governments as mankind multiplied.

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### (I) Creation

- God is sovereign (Creator, Sustainer, Governor)
- The first family: Adam and Eve

### (II) The Fall (Gen 3) to the Flood (Gen 4-6)

- Because of the Fall and the entrance of sin, \_\_\_\_\_ expanded...

therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ was necessary for social order...

- Restraint was needed in the face of:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 4:1-16 Cain and Abel)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 4:19-24 Lamech)
  - Widespread \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 6:1-18)

### (III) Post-Flood (Gen 9)

- God grants mankind delegated responsibility to administer \_\_\_\_\_

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Was the responsibility to administer justice given to the individual, family, or mankind (i.e. civil state)?

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(IV) Post-Flood Development of Familial Nations (Gen 10-11)

- Table of \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 10)
  - The development of \_\_\_\_\_ distinctions
  
- Tower of \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 11)
  - The development of \_\_\_\_\_ nations

(V) Patriarchal Era (Gen 12ff)

- See the emergence of independent \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 13) and international \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 14; 31; 34)

(VI) Israel: The formation of a theocratic nation

- Israel in Egypt (Exodus 1)
  
- Israel in the Wilderness (Exodus 18)
  
- Israel, redeemed from Egypt, covenanted with God (Exodus 19-20)
  
- Israel in the Land — era of Judges (Judges 2:10-15; 17:6)
  
- Israel developed into a theocratic monarchy (1 Sam 8; Deut 17:14-17; 1 Sam 9:15-10:1)

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Given the story of what transpired after the Fall, what hope is there for nations and civil governments?

How is God at work to fulfill the Dominion Mandate through the nations?

In what ways is Israel like other nations? How is Israel different? What challenges does this present for us today, as we might make application to our own civil governments?

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