



QA: Why Do Governments Never Change? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: Why does it seem that, no matter what people are voted into office, government(s) never seem to change?

ANSWER: Because human nature never changes, and the corruption of power appeals to the worst of human nature! This is seen in advance before the Israelites entered the the Promised Land. Moses was given detailed instructions for a king to follow if he was to be given the throne over God's people:

Deuteronomy 17: 14- 20:

When you come to the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,' you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; **[1]** you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. **[2]** But he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for the LORD has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.' **[3]** Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; **[4]** nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself. **[5]** Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.

In order, kings were NOT to:

- [1] be an alien or foreign-born;
- [2] depend on military might and outsiders;
- [3] disregard marriage rules;
- [4] selfishly prosper financially;
- [5] ignore God's Word!

When God had an earthly kingdom under Moses' Law, He was very specific about what the king should and shouldn't do.

That God prophesied the Israelite demand for a king hundreds of years before the fact is proof beyond any doubt God is indeed "omniscient" (all-knowing). God's prophecy through Moses in **Deuteronomy 17** was fulfilled after the period covered by the books of Joshua and Judges. The people did demand their own king (**1 Samuel 8:6**

(read **verses 1-9**), and even then God prophesied the kind of king Israel would have (**1 Samuel 8:10-22**). ***It seems the nature of those who rule tends to graft, corruption, and greed for power over the people.*** In **1 Samuel 8**, God predicted the king would:

- 1) take control over their sons' lives;
- 2) use them to grow produce for him and make materiel of war and be in his army;
- 3) employ their daughters for his bakeries;
- 4) take the best of people's wine and oil for his own;
- 5) take 10% of vineyards and grain for his own government employees;
- 6) take over the finest workers (both human and animal) for his own;
- 7) take 10% of their sheep; and
- 8) make the populace serve him.

AND the people stubbornly insisted on having their king, anyway! People still demand "self-government" and keep putting in office(s) those who can be (and are!) corrupted by that power! THE SAME DEMAND PRODUCES THE SAME RESULT-EVERY TIME!

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