



The 3322 Project Study Guide 2: What Does Washington Have to Do With Jerusalem?

Notable Quotations:

“What hath Athens to do with Jerusalem?” -*Tertullian*

“And God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” -*Gen. 1:28, RSV*, (“The Genesis Dominion Mandate”)

“Government: The exercise of authority; direction and restraint exercised over the actions of men in communities, societies or states; the administration of public affairs, according to established constitution, laws and usages, or by arbitrary edicts” -*Webster’s 1828 Dictionary*

“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for God made man in his own image.” -*Gen. 9:6, RSV*

“For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of him who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain; he is the servant of God to execute his wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore

one must be subject, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience."

-*Romans 13:3-5, RSV*

"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." -*Jeremiah 29:7, RSV*

Short Answer Questions:

1. What is government? How do our daily decisions demonstrate some form of government?
2. What is the first level of government?
3. What are the three natures of government?
4. What is the "dominion mandate"? Explain its significance.
5. When does man achieve dominion over other men? Why?

Longer Answer/ Essay questions:

1. What is the proper context of the civil government? In other words, how do we avoid political idolatry? Explain your answer.
2. In the lecture, Zane states that even a bad government is better than the horrors of lawlessness. Do you agree? Why or why not? Defend your answer.

Suggested Further Reading:

Genesis 1 and 9:1-17

Romans 13

Jeremiah 29

Thomas Aquinas on Sedition: *Summa Theologicae, Second Part of the Second Part, Question 42*, esp. Article 1, Reply to Objection 3.
<https://www.newadvent.org/summa/3042.htm>

Thomas Aquinas on The Effects of Law: *Summa Theologicae, First Part of the Second Part, Question 92*.
<https://www.newadvent.org/summa/2092.htm>

Thomas Aquinas on The Government of Things in General: *Summa Theologicae, First Part, Question 103*.
<https://www.newadvent.org/summa/1103.htm>