



The 3322 Project Study Guide 5: What is Government?

Notable Quotations:

“Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, ‘This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.’ So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the Lord had commanded him to speak. The people all responded together, ‘We will do everything the Lord has said.’ So Moses brought their answer back to the Lord.” -*Exodus 19:3-8, RSV*

Short Answer Questions:

1. Is it correct to say that we can fix our problems if we treat the government as a business?
2. What is unique about the historical development of the government of New England?

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3. What is the Motto of America? What does it mean?
4. Is government a covenant or a contract?
5. According to the lecture, did the founders draw from primarily a classical model, or a Semetic (Hebraic and Scriptural) one for the formation of our Government?

Essay/Long Answer Questions:

1. Government is a covenant. What is a covenant? Why is a government a covenant and not a contract?
2. Argue the opposite position, that our government is a contract.

Suggested Reading:

Genesis: 12-17

Exodus: 19-24

1620 Mayflower Compact

<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/1620-the-mayflower-compact>

1639 Fundamental Orders of Connecticut (In particular the introduction)

<https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/1639-fundamental-orders-of-connecticut>

1780 Constitution of Massachusetts

<https://www.consource.org/document/constitution-of-massachusetts-1780-10-25/>

The Constitution of the United States

<https://constitutioncenter.org/media/files/constitution.pdf>

The Articles of Confederation

<https://www.articlesofconfederation.com/p/articles-text.html>

John Locke's 2nd Treatise on Government



<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/7370/7370-h/7370-h.htm>