

GLEANINGS

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THE BEST TYPE OF GOVERNMENT

The nation of Israel had the best type of government when they began as a nation. Soon after the Lord delivered them from Egyptian captivity, they met with God at the foot of Mt. Sinai (*Exodus 19:1 through 20:17*) in Saudi Arabia (*Galatians 4:25*). They agreed that their form of government would be a true theocracy. In a true theocracy, a wise and benevolent God rules the nation. In Israel's case, they agreed to put themselves under the authority of Jehovah Elohim. His laws governed the lives and actions of the nation. I recommend that you re-read article GE-48, "Who Is Jehovah Elohim?" If you do not have a copy of the article, you may obtain one from the paper office or on the World Wide Web at <http://www.bayourouge.net>.

"1 Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and decrees which I proclaim in your hearing this day, that you may learn them and take care to observe them. 2 The LORD, our God, made a covenant with us at Horeb; 3 not with our fathers did he make this covenant, but with us, all of us who are alive here this day. 4 The LORD spoke with you face to face on the mountain from the midst of the fire. 5 Since you were afraid of the fire and would not go up the mountain, I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to announce to you these words of the LORD: 6 'I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery.'" Deuteronomy 5:1-7 The New American Bible

A true theocracy is also the best type of government for a local, scriptural church. The church in Jerusalem began with this type of government. When the members became disciples of Jesus Christ, they put themselves under His authority. Christ's disciples agreed His laws would govern their lives and actions and they would be sustained by His power. The Holy Spirit of God inspired the recording of those laws in a library of books under one cover, the Bible.