

# The Divine Institutions–Part 3

**Fellowship Chapel**

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# David's Experience Under Years of Pressure as a Chosen Monarch

31 "For who is God, except the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?

32 It is God who arms me with strength, and makes my way perfect

33 He makes my feet like the feet of deer, and sets me on my high places."

35 "You have given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up. Your gentleness has made me great,

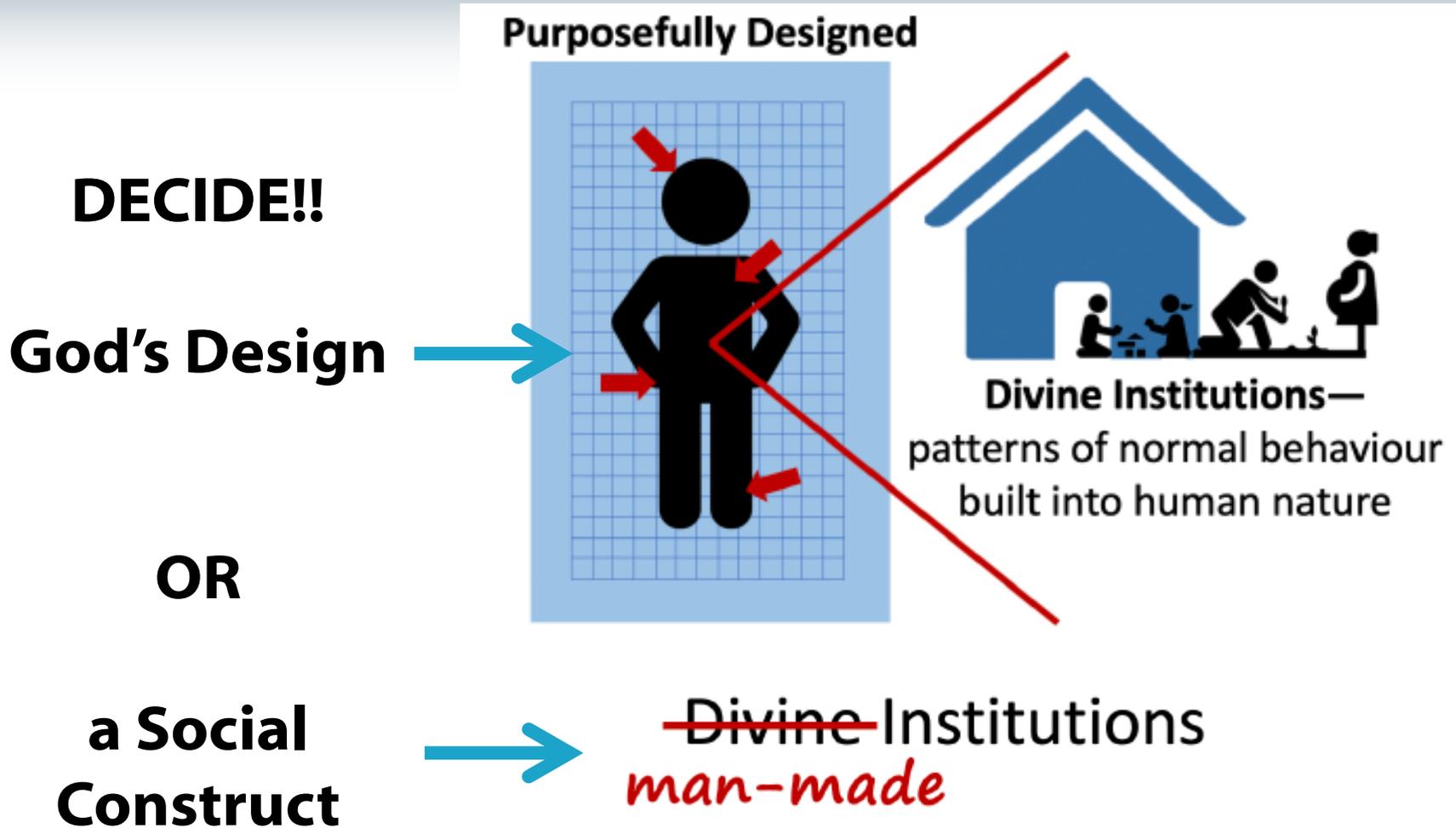
36 You enlarged my path under me, so my feet did not slip."

Psalm 18:31–33, 35–36

# Ideas Have Political Consequences

<p><b>Human Nature Depraved &amp; Unchangeable</b> (Founding Fathers)</p>	<p><b>Human Nature Good and Perfectible</b> (French revolutionaries)</p>
<p>Strict laws &amp; punishments</p>	<p>Lax laws &amp; few punishments</p>
<p>Limit rulers' powers</p>	<p>Trust ruler's good intentions</p>
<p>Need to defend against other nations</p>	<p>Little need for national defense</p>

# Basis of Divine Institutions



# Order of Divine Institutions

## The First Three Divine Institutions

3<sup>rd</sup> Institution:

Family

2<sup>nd</sup> Institution:

Marriage

1<sup>st</sup> Institution:

Responsible Dominion

MAN



# **Divine Institution #4**

## **Civil Government (“the Sword”)**

**“Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man’s brother I will require the life of man. Whosoever sheds man’s blood, by man shall his blood be shed for in the image of God He made man.” Genesis 9:5–6**



# Divine Institution #4

## Civil Government (“the Sword”)

**“Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath, for it is written, ‘*Vengeance in Mine; I will repay,*’ says the Lord ... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” Romans 12:19,21**

**“Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God. And the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God. ... For [the authority] is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. ...”**  
Romans 13:1–2, 4

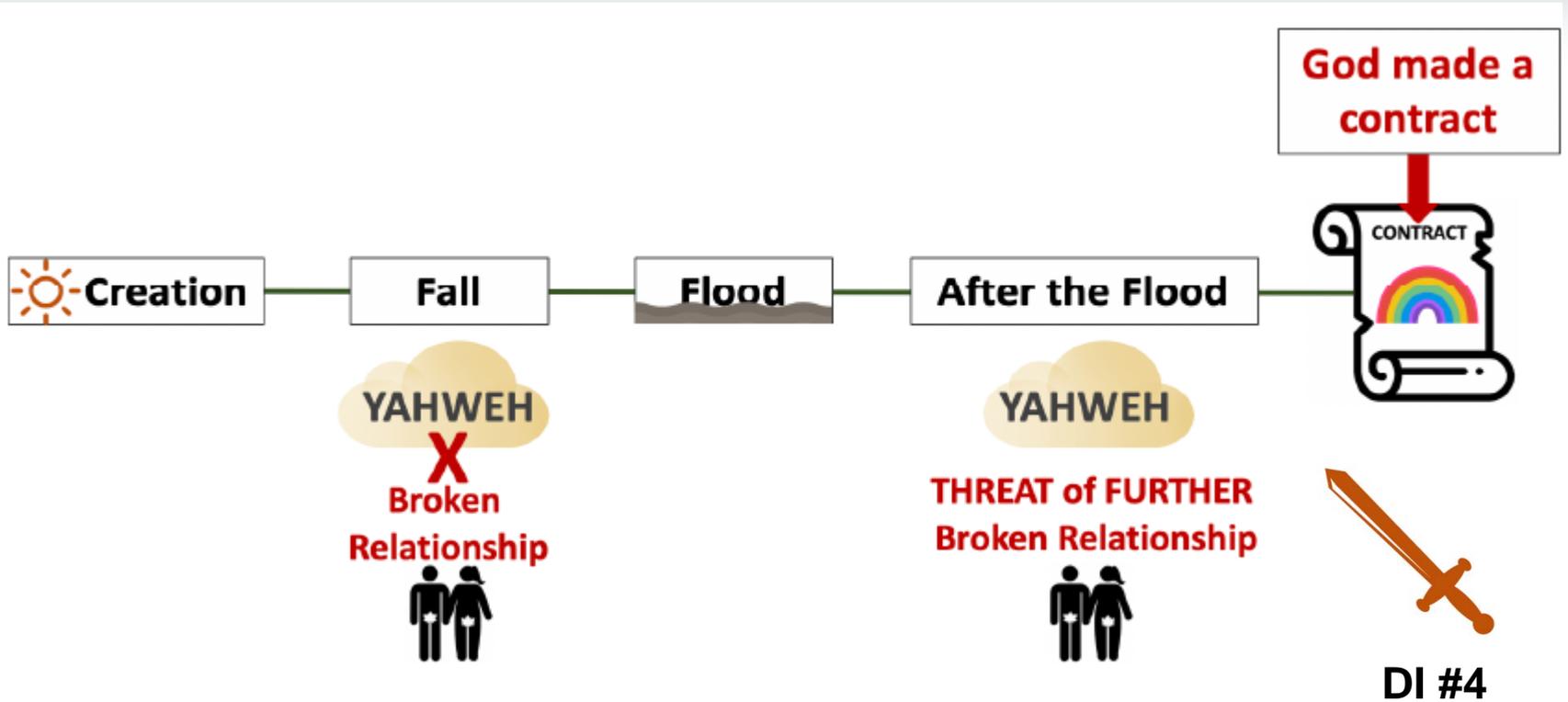


# Why Civil Authority Became Necessary

**“The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually and the LORD was sorry He had made man on the earth. . . . So He said, ‘I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth. . . .’”**

**Genesis 6:5–7**

# How to Continue History Without Another Civilization Like the Antediluvian Civilization?



# Arguments Against Capital Punishment

- 1. Times Have Changed.** Neither human nature nor God's Justice has changed; even in the Millennial Kingdom Jesus uses it.
- 2. Doesn't Deter Crime.** Deters the murderer; if administered properly, timely, and publicly it would deter.
- 3. Can't be Administered Fairly.** Mosaic Law had stricter rules of evidence than courts today; God "risked" it even with His own Son who was unfairly crucified.
- 4. Violates Biblical Forgiveness.** Scripture nowhere invalidates it; Paul said: "If I have committed anything deserving of death, I do not object to dying"  
(Acts 25:11)



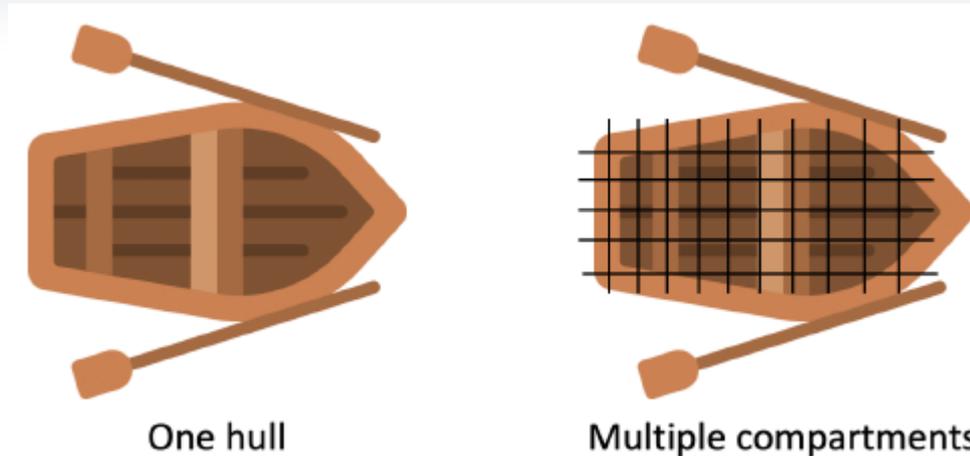
# First (Apostate) Attempt at Global Government

**“And they said, ‘Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens, let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face the whole earth.”**

**“The LORD said, ‘The people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do, now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them... Let Us go down there and confuse their language that they may not understand one another’s speech.’ So the LORD scattered them over the face of all the earth.”**

**Genesis 11:4, 6–9**

# Tribally-Divided Humanity Restrains Global Control



## **SHEM**

Semitic peoples  
Jews, Arabs,  
Assyrians,  
Babylonians

Monotheistic  
religions

## **HAM**

Asians, Africans,  
American Indians

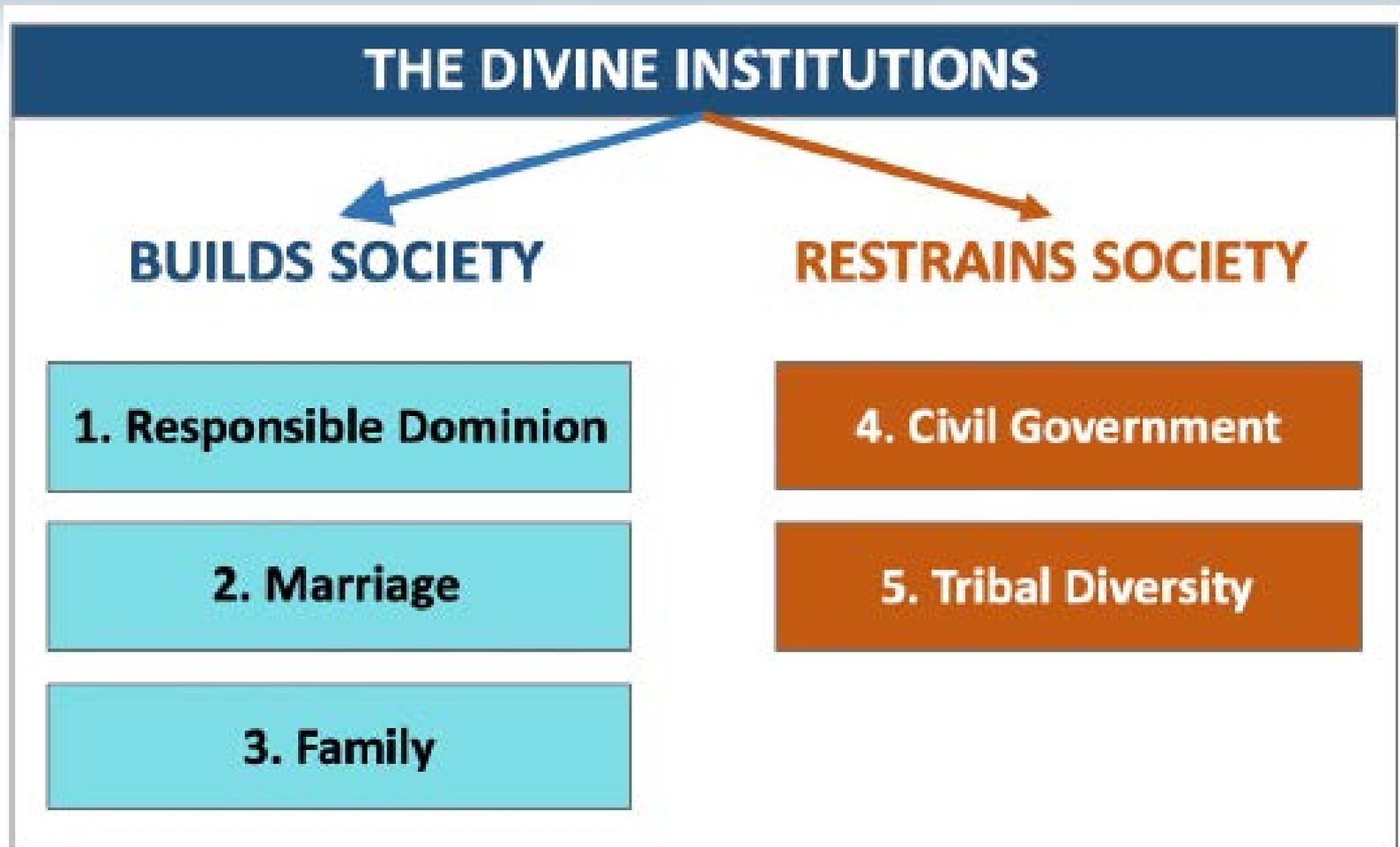
1<sup>st</sup> settlers on every  
continent &  
inventors of tools

## **JAPHETH**

Indo-Europeans

Systemitizers in  
thought & law

# Pre-Fall Divine Institutions and Post-Fall Divine Institutions



# John Lennon's "Imagine" 1971



**“Imagine there is no heaven ... it’s easy if  
you try  
No hell below us ... above us only sky  
Imagine all the people ... living for today”**

# John Lennon's "Imagine" 1971



**"Imagine there's no countries . . . It isn't  
hard to do**

**Nothing to kill or die for . . . And no  
religion, too**

**Imagine all the people . . . Living life in  
peace"**

# John Lennon's "Imagine" 1971



**"Imagine no possessions . . . wonder if you  
can**

**No need for greed or hunger . . . a  
brotherhood of man**

**Imagine all the people . . . sharing all the  
world"**