

BIBLICAL CIVICS

GOD'S LAW FOR ALL NATIONS

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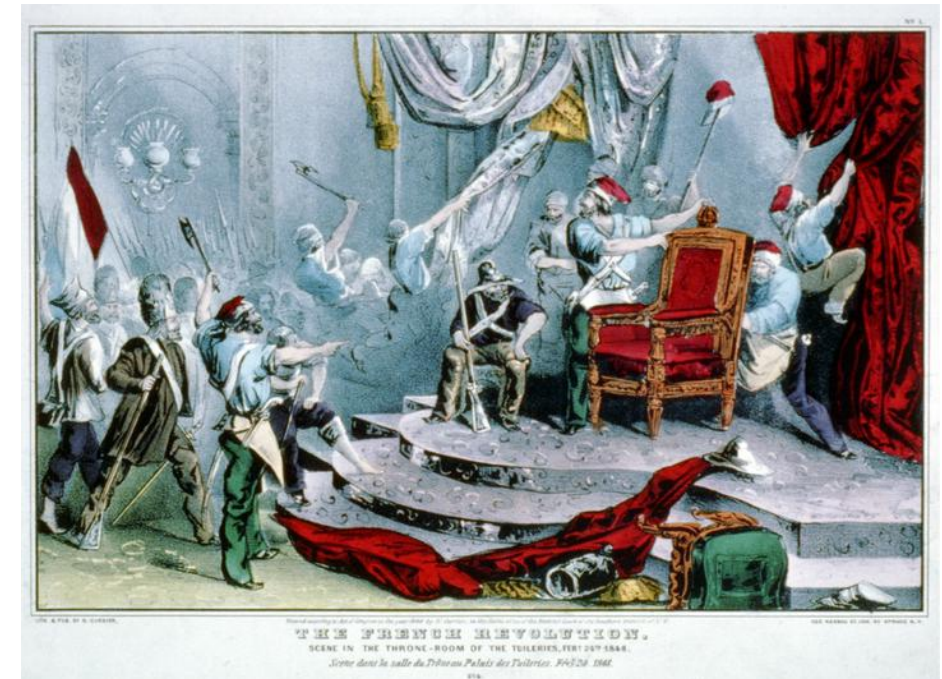
THE CHURCH AND THE STATE IN THE USA

- There is no mention of a "separation of church and state" in the constitution. Rather, the "establishment clause" of the First Amendment to the US Constitution says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."
- Thomas Jefferson, in his letter to the Danbury Baptist Association (Jan 1, 1802), is who referred to the establishment clause as "building a wall of separation between Church & State" to ease their fear that the state might try to take control of the church (not vice versa). The establishment clause exists to keep the state out of church business and is a separation of governments, not a separation of lawfulness or religion. Standard laws related to theft, murder, etc. still apply to the church, and Christians are still to influence the state through non-coercive means.
- At the drafting of the Constitution, most states had "state churches" and this was permitted. The establishment clause ensured that there would be no "national church/denomination" (like the church of England which established a single denomination of Christianity).
- The founding fathers presumed us to be a Christian nation, and cited Deuteronomy more than any other book as the basis for our constitution.
- In the majority opinion of the SCOTUS decision on Church of the Holy Trinity v. United States, 143 U.S.457 (1892) the court acknowledged that the USA is a Christian nation.
- The USA was established on God's Law and led to peace, prosperity, and liberty.



THE SECULAR STATE IN FRANCE

- The French Revolution rejected Christianity and established "The Cult of Reason" as an atheistic substitute for Christianity.
- Three days after forcing the Christian bishop out of Notre Dame, on Nov. 10, 1793 the Christian vestments were removed from the temple, a woman was dressed as "The Goddess of Reason," statues of enlightenment thinkers were erected, and a congregation sang, "'Come, Holy Liberty, dwell in this temple; become the Goddess of the French people.'" The French people publicly rejected Christianity and adopted atheistic religiosity in defiance of God.
- The Cult of Reason spread quickly but ended quickly when it's leaders, Chaumette and Jacques Hébert, were taken to the guillotine (March 24, 1794).
- The French Revolution saw multiple government changes, multiple constitutions, and years of bloodshed.
- The atheistic French Revolution was marked by "The Reign of Terror" (5 September 1793 – 27 July 1794) in which "The Revolutionary Tribunal" killed many, including many of their own allies. The bloodshed continued until Napoleon brought 'order.'
- The French Revolution had no objective moral law (because they rejected it) but had "inequality" as its chief enemy. Anyone who was perceived to have more could be considered an enemy of "Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity."
- The French revolution was established on atheism and led to bloodshed, poverty, and tyranny.



A historical painting depicting a man in a dark coat holding a flag aloft, with a crowd of people and buildings in the background. The scene is set outdoors, possibly on a hillside or near a town square, with a large American flag visible in the distance. The overall tone is dramatic and patriotic.

CHURCH AND STATE

CHRISTIANS HAVE A DUTY TO ADVANCE THE
KINGDOM OF GOD THROUGH THE GOSPEL
WHILE ACTIVELY SEEKING TO MAKE HIS LAW
THE LAW OF THE LAND.



THE LAW:

WHAT IS THE BASIS OF CIVIL
LAW IN SOCIETY?

GOD'S LAW IS PART OF NATURAL REVELATION

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth....32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them. - Romans 1:18,32

12 For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. 13 For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. 14 For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. 15 They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them 16 on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus. -Romans 2:12-16



GOD'S LAW AS WISDOM IN THE EYES OF THE NATIONS

*5 See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. 6 **Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'** 7 For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? 8 And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? -Deut 4:5-8*

**OBEYING GOD'S LAW BRINGS
GLORY TO GOD AND GREATNESS
TO A NATION.**



GOD'S HOLDS BELIEVERS AND NONBELIEVERS ACCOUNTABLE FOR VIOLATING HIS LAW.

24 "Do not make yourselves unclean by any of these things, for by all these the nations I am driving out before you have become unclean, 25 and the land became unclean, so that I punished its iniquity, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. 26 But you shall keep my statutes and my rules and do none of these abominations, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you 27 (for the people of the land, who were before you, did all of these abominations, so that the land became unclean), -Lev. 18:24-27

17 But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess.
-Deut. 30:17-18



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9 There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, 10 but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. 11 For God shows no partiality.
-Romans 2:9-11 (see 17-24 for more)

14 It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, 15 to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him." -Jude 14-15



GOD'S LAW FOR THE NATIONS

OLD TESTAMENT

PROV. 13:43

Righteousness exalts
a nation, but sin is a
reproach to any
people.

NEW TESTAMENT

MATT. 28:20

"...teaching them to
observe all that I have
commanded you. And
behold, I am with you
always, to the end of
the age."



SHOULD WE OBEY THE OLD TESTAMENT LAW?

- We are NOT saved by obeying the Law. We are saved by grace through the saving work of Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- We should obey God's law unless He specifies otherwise (Acts 10:15) just as the sacrificial and ceremonial aspects of the Law have been overridden in the New Covenant and are no longer applicable (Hebrews 1-13).
- The apostles believed that the moral commands of the Law were essential as a guide for right living and that the civil and punitive aspects of the Law were just as valid as ever (1 Timothy 1:5-11)

FOR MORE ON THIS TOPIC, SEE "THE LAW: IT'S ROLE AND PURPOSE"

GOD'S LAW RULES

*Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For **there is no authority except from God**, and those that exist have been instituted by God.² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ **For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad.** Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴ 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. **For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.***

-Romans 13:1-4



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SCRIPTURE PRESENTS CHRIST AS KING AND
CIVIL MAGISTRATES AS HIS SERVANTS TO
ENFORCE HIS LAW..

IN BIBLICAL TERMS. GOD'S LAW RULES.

IN THE CIVIC ARENA. THE LAW EXISTS TO RESTRAIN EVILDOERS

*8 Now we know that **the law is good, if one uses it lawfully,** 9 understanding this, that **the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient,** for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, 10 the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, 11 in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.*

-1 Timothy 1:8-11

STATE ISSUE 1

Frank LaRose
Ohio Secretary of State



I, Frank LaRose, certify that printed within is the full text, ballot language, explanation, and arguments that were certified by the Ohio Ballot Board, or filed with the Secretary of State as prescribed by law, for the constitutional amendment proposed by joint resolution of the Ohio General Assembly pursuant to Article XVI, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREFORE, I have subscribed my name in Columbus, Ohio, this thirteenth day of June 2023.

In addition to certifying the following State Issue for the Special Election occurring August 8, 2023, R.C. 3505.062(G) and Ohio Constitution Article II, Section 1g require Secretary of State Frank LaRose to contract for the publication of this information once a week for three consecutive weeks preceding the election in at least one newspaper of general circulation in each county in the state.

Frank LaRose
Ohio Secretary of State

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BALLOT LANGUAGE

Proposed Constitutional Amendment
ELEVATING THE STANDARDS TO QUALIFY FOR AN INITIATED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND TO PASS A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly

To amend Sections 1b, 1e, and 1g of Article II and Sections 1 and 3 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio

A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.

The proposed amendment would:

- Require that any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at least 60 percent of eligible voters voting on the proposed amendment.
- Require that any initiative petition filed on or after January 1, 2024 with the Secretary of State proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Ohio be signed by at least five percent of the electors of each county based on the total vote in the county for governor in the last preceding election.
- Specify that additional signatures may not be added to an initiative petition proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Ohio that is filed with the Secretary of State on or after January 1, 2024 proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Ohio.

If passed, the amendment will be effective immediately.

SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

- Yes
 No

EXPLANATION FOR ISSUE 1

Issue 1 asks eligible Ohio voters to consider an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio proposed by a two-thirds majority of the Ohio General Assembly. The amendment, if approved, would elevate the standards by which the Constitution of the State of Ohio may be amended. Any newly proposed constitutional amendment placed on a statewide ballot must receive at least 60 percent of the vote

OHIO ISSUE 1 (AUGUST 8TH)

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Important: Issue 1 is good because it would block a radical abortion amendment!

INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Attorney General of Ohio: Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 3519.01(A), the undersigned electors of the State of Ohio, numbering in excess of one thousand, hereby submit to you the full text of a proposed Amendment to the Ohio Constitution and a summary of the same.

TITLE

The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety

SUMMARY

The Amendment would amend Article I of the Ohio Constitution by adding Section 22, titled "The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety."

The Amendment provides that:

1. Every individual has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on contraception, fertility treatment, continuing one's own pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion.
2. The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either an individual's voluntary exercise of this right or a person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual's health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.
3. However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health.
4. As used in this Section, "Fetal viability" means "the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis"; and "State" includes any governmental entity and political subdivision.
5. This Section is self-executing.

COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

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"THE RIGHT TO REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM..." (ON NOVEMBER BALLOT IF ISSUE 1 DOESN'T PASS)

"Every individual has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on contraception, fertility treatment, continuing one's own pregnancy, miscarriage care; and abortion."

Why this is wicked:

- It makes murdering babies an Ohio constitutional "right."
- "Every individual" means children...thus allowing abusers to force abortions on children they abuse while hiding the abuse from parents and authorities.
- "Reproductive decisions....not limited" leaves the door open for transgender surgery, including mutilation of children manipulated by trans ideology.

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- "Fetal viability" ad determined by the abortionist means nothing

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BAD LAWS ARE AN ABOMINATION

Unequal weights are an abomination to the LORD,
and false scales are not good.

-Prov. 20:23

Woe to those who decree iniquitous decrees, and the
writers who keep writing oppression, to turn aside the
needy from justice and to rob the poor of my people of
their right, that widows may be their spoil, and that
they may make the fatherless their prey!

-Isaiah 10:1-3



WE ARE NEVER TO BE ALLIES
WITH WICKED RULES.
GOD WILL JUDGE THEM.

*Can wicked rulers be allied with you, those who frame
injustice by statute? They band together against the life of
the righteous and condemn the innocent to death.*

*But the LORD has become my stronghold, and my God the rock of
my refuge. He will bring back on them their iniquity and wipe them
out for their wickedness; the LORD our God will wipe them out.*

-Psalm 93:20-23

BIBLICAL CIVICS FOR CHRISTIANS



LOVE GOD AND LOVE PEOPLE (MARK 12:30-31)

MAKE DISCIPLES AND TEACH GOD'S LAW (MATT. 28:18-20)

SEEK JUSTICE (MICAH 6:8)

RESCUE THE INNOCENT (PROV 24:11-2)

MAKE GOOD LAWS (PROV. 20:23. ISAIAH 10:1-3)

DEFY TYRANTS (ACTS 5:29. JUDGES 3:12-4:1)

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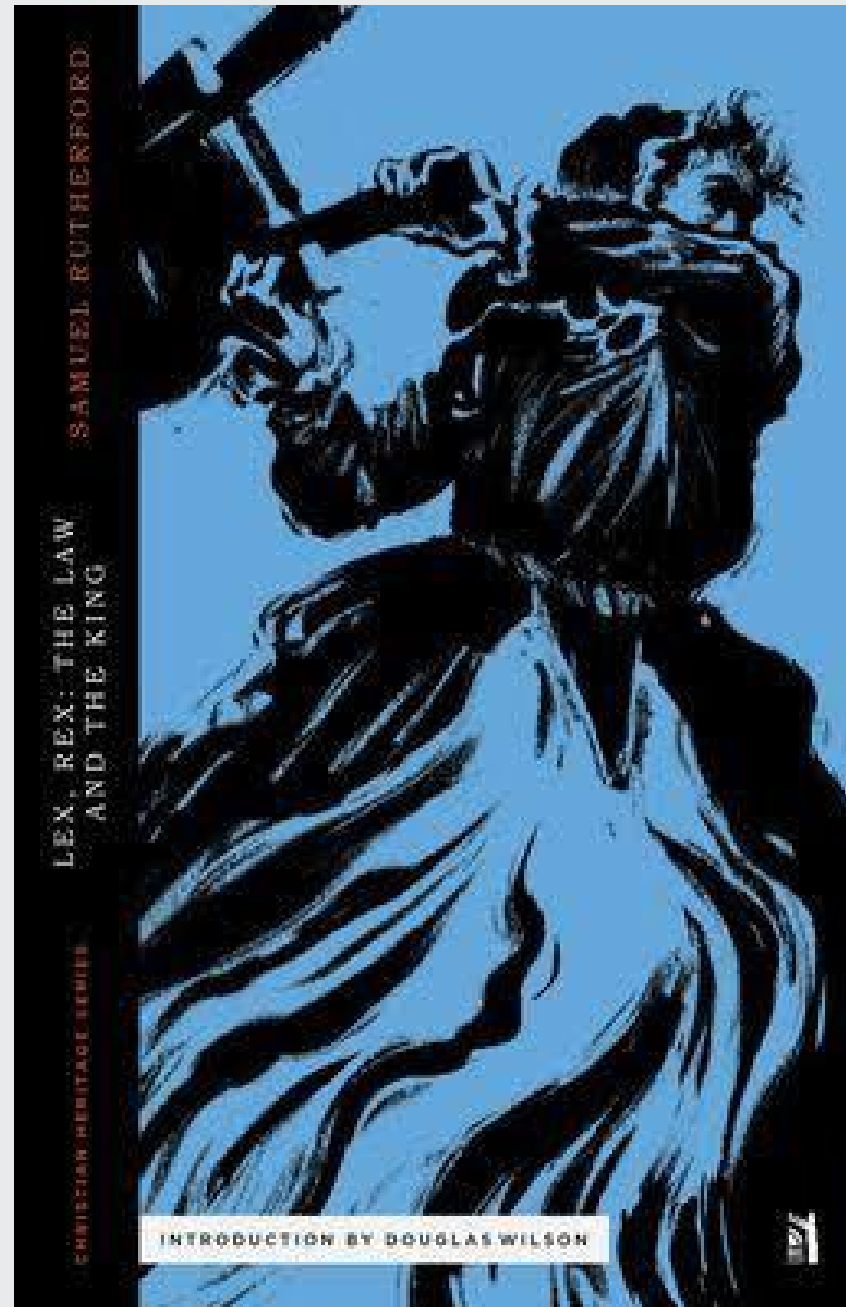
WE ARE COMMANDED TO RESCUE THE INNOCENT

Rescue those who are being taken away to death;
hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter.

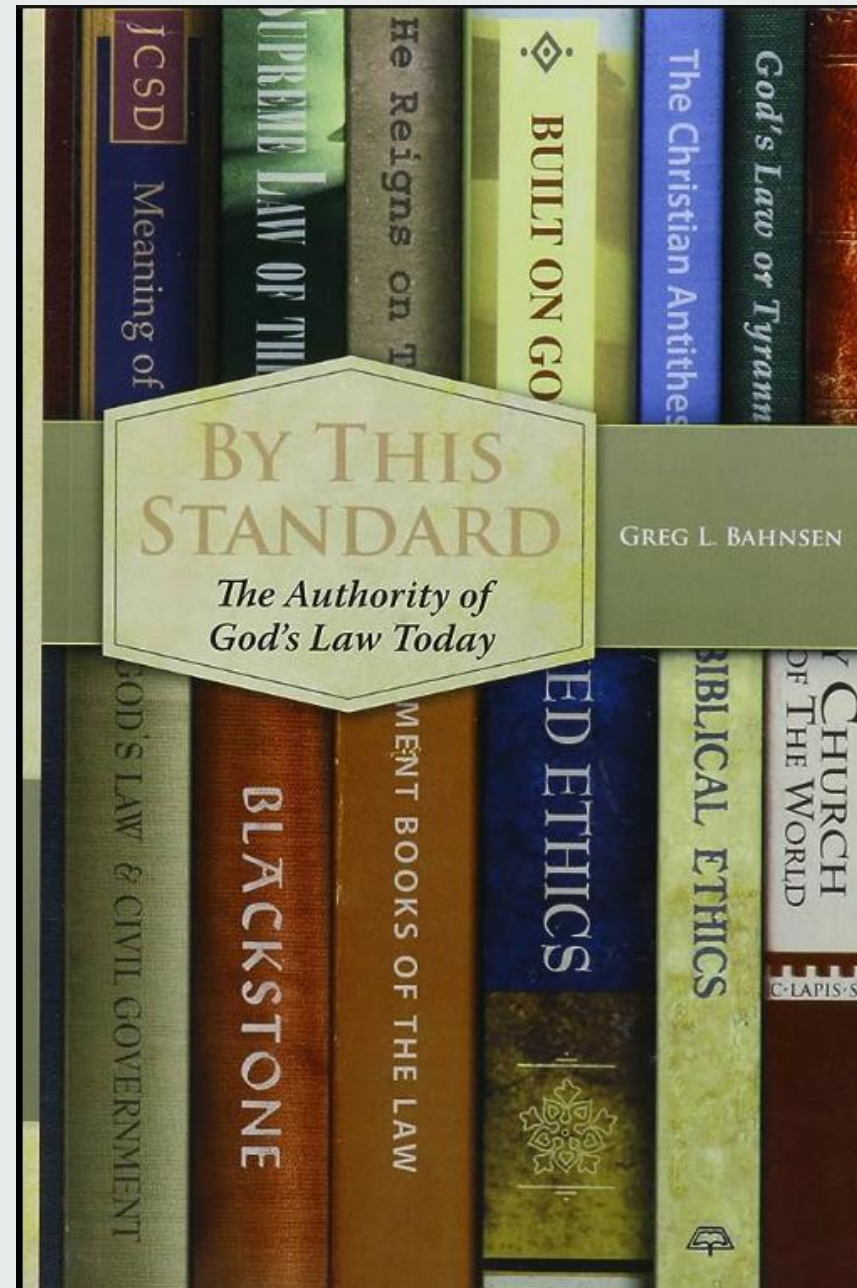
If you say, "Behold, we did not know this,"
does not he who weighs the heart perceive it?
Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it,
and will he not repay man according to his work?

-Proverbs 24:11-12

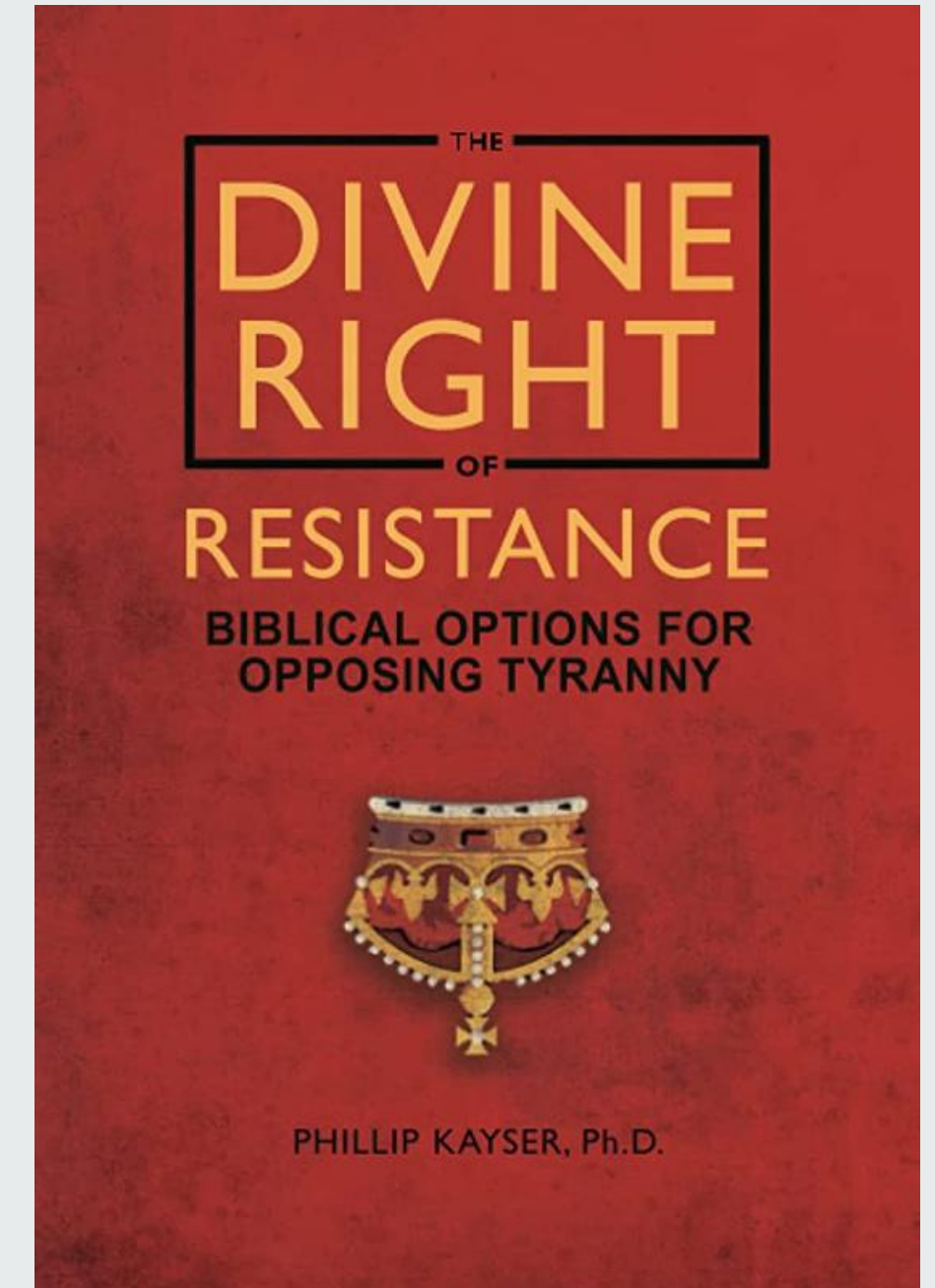
RECOMMENDED READING



Lex Rex
by
Samuel Rutherford



By This Standard
by
Douglas Wilson



The Divine Right of Resistance
by
Philip Kayser