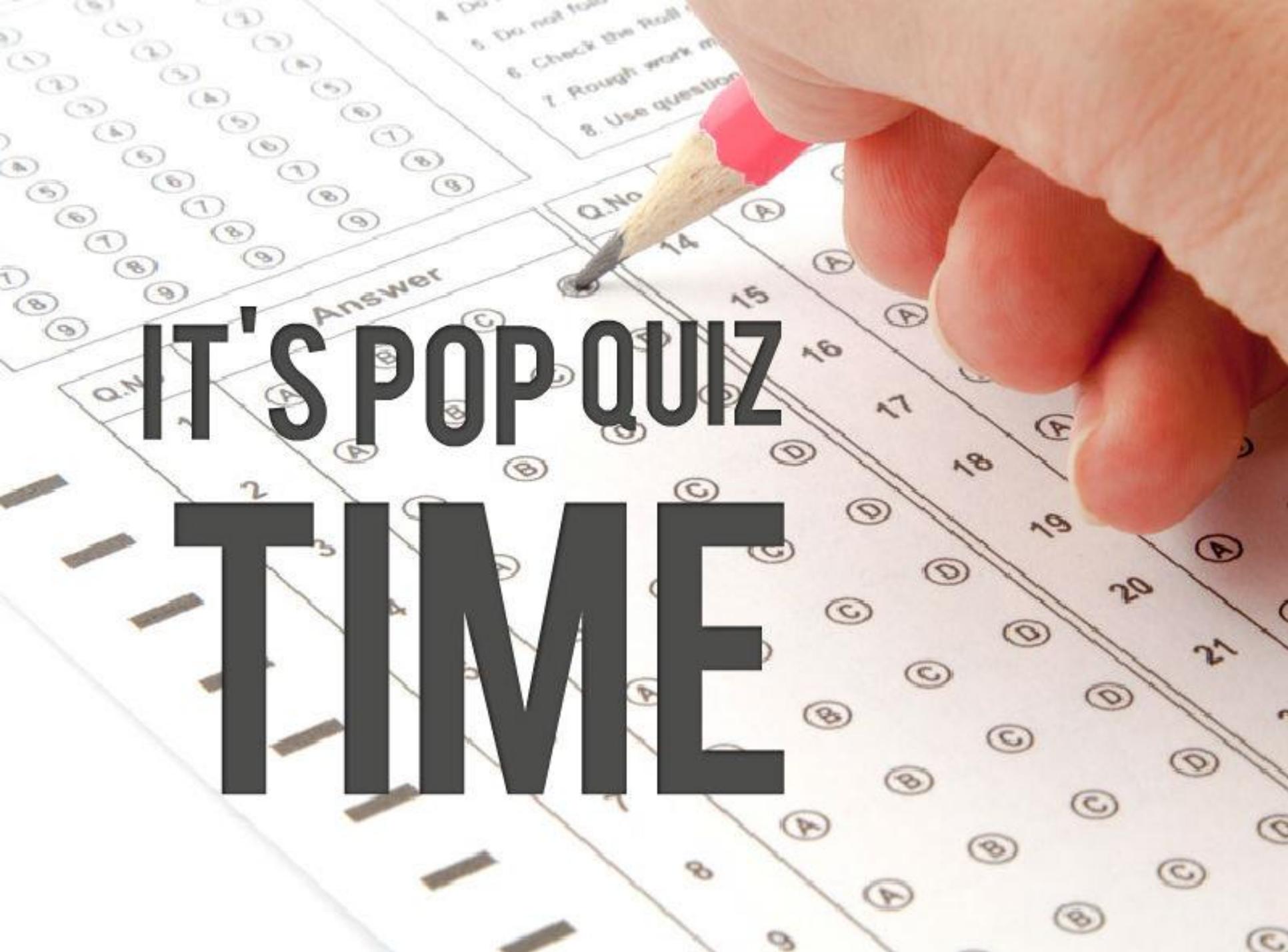


SEEING MELCHIZEDEK

A study of Hebrews 7:1-10



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IT'S POP QUIZ TIME

POP Quiz

1. The Bible says that God became a man in the person of Jesus Christ: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). Has God ever appeared in physical form prior to this?

Yes

No

WHEN GOD APPEARED (IN THE OT)

SOME EXAMPLES

- ▶ He Appeared To Hagar (Genesis 16:9-13)
- ▶ God Appeared To Abraham And Sarah At Mamre (Genesis 18:1-33)
- ▶ God Again Appeared To Abraham On Mount Moriah (Genesis 22:11-14)
- ▶ The Lord Appeared To Jacob At Peniel (Genesis 32:24-43)
- ▶ God Appeared To Gideon (Judges 6:11-24)
- ▶ The Lord Was In The Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3:23-29)

POP Quiz

2. Which of these statements is false? (Could be more than one). Melchizedek was ...

king of peace

priest of God Most High

priest of Midian

king of righteousness

king of Salem

king of Shinar

MELCHIZEDEK WAS ...

- ▶ **Hebrews 7:1-2**
- ▶ **This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, the name Melchizedek means “king of righteousness”; then also, “king of Salem” means “king of peace.”**

POP Quiz

3. Was Melchizedek the Pre-incarnate Christ?

Yes

No

MELCHIZEDEK WAS A TYPE OF CHRIST

- ▶ Opinions on both side – but the case that Melchizedek not being the same person as Christ seems stronger.

1. Christ was said to be a priest “after [kata] the order [taxis] of” Melchizedek (Heb. 5:6,10; 6:20; 7:11).

- ▶ The Greek term taxis (order) suggests a similar “arrangement.” For example, just as Melchizedek was both a king and priest simultaneously, so Christ is as well (cf. Zech. 6:12-13; Heb. 1:3). It is a comparison verb.

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2. Melchizedek was “without father, without mother” (Heb. 7:3a).

- ▶ The meaning is this: his divine role was not genealogically derived, not handed down from his parents (as the king of Salem). So, neither was Jesus’ priesthood determined by a physical lineage, as in the case of the Aaronic priests (Ex. 28:1; Num. 3:10).

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3. Melchizedek's administration was without “beginning of days” and “end of life” (Heb. 7:3b).

- ▶ Again, the meaning is that his priesthood was not for a fixed term (as in the case of the Levitical priests). Under the Old Testament regime, priests began their service at the age of 30, and the Levites served from age 30 to 50 (cf. Num. 4:3ff; 8:24-25).

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4. That Melchizedek was not the same person as Jesus is evident in that he is said to be “like unto” the Son of God (Heb. 7:3c).

- ▶ The participle aphomoioo denotes a comparison (e.g., a “copy” or “facsimile” – J.H. Thayer, Greek-English Lexicon, Edinburgh: T.&T. Clark, 1958, pp. 89-90). The term becomes irrelevant if the two persons were the same in identity.

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5. A distinction between Christ and Melchizedek is vividly seen in Psalm 110.

- ▶ In this text, Jehovah addresses David's "Lord" (Jesus) in the second person, while the reference to Melchizedek is in the third person (v. 4). [Note: See Matthew 22:42-44 for Jesus' application of this psalm to himself.]

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I – INTRODUCTION – POP QUIZ

II – WHO IS MELCHIZEDEK

How great he was

5 Characteristics, 2 Roles

2 Problems (with us)

III – THE KING AND I

CONCLUSION

Who is Melchizedek

Genesis 14; Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:6-11; 6:20-7:28

Melchizedek's sudden appearance and disappearance in the book of Genesis is somewhat mysterious.

Melchizedek and Abraham first met after Abraham's defeat of Chedorlaomer and his three allies. (Lot's rescue)

Melchizedek presented bread and wine to Abraham and his weary men, demonstrating friendship. He bestowed a blessing on Abraham in the name of El Elyon ("God Most High") and praised God for giving Abraham a victory in battle (Genesis 14:18–20).

Who is Melchizedek

Abraham presented Melchizedek with a tithe (a tenth) of all the items he had gathered. By this act Abraham indicated that he recognized Melchizedek as a priest who ranked higher spiritually than he.

TIME

#Time100

MALALA
YOUSAFZAI
By Chelsea
Clinton

THE 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

BARACK OBAMA

By Hillary Clinton

MARIO DRAGHI

By Christine Lagarde

BEYONCÉ

By Baz Luhrmann

TOM COBURN

By Barack Obama

JIMMY FALLON

By Justin Timberlake

LEBRON JAMES

By Derek Jeter

AUNG SAN SUU KYI

By Madeline Albright

JONATHAN IVE

By Bono

BASSEM YOUSSEF

By Jon Stewart

MAGNUS CARLSEN

By Garry Kasparov

JOYCE BANDA

By Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE

By Stevie Wonder

ELENA KAGAN

By Sandra Day O'Connor

XI JINPING

By Henry Kissinger

PLUS

MIGUEL

WANG SHU

DAVID EINHORN

ANDREW NG

DAPHNE KOLLER

How great he was

7:4 (NIV) ... Just think how great he was:

7:4 (NKJV)... Now consider how great this man was

7:4 (Greek)

2334

1161

4080

3778

Theoreite

de

pelikos

houtos

consider moreover **how great** this [one was]

Thayer:1) how great, how large

1a) in a material reference (denoting geometrical magnitude as distinguished from arithmetical)

1b) in an ethical sense: how distinguished

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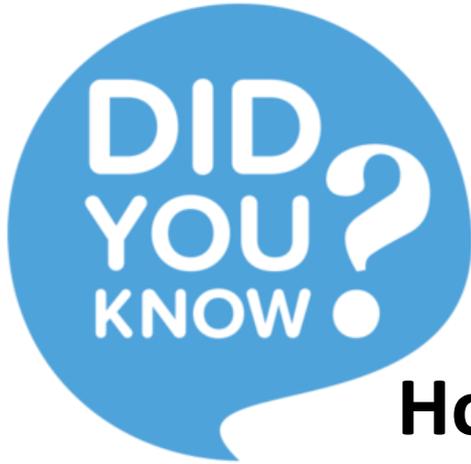
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Problem #1:

FORGOTTEN



How many absolute monarchies are left in the world?

There are only 7 absolute monarchies left in the world. Five of them are Muslim countries (Brunei, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, UAE).

There is also Swaziland, near South Africa. And, of course, Vatican City.

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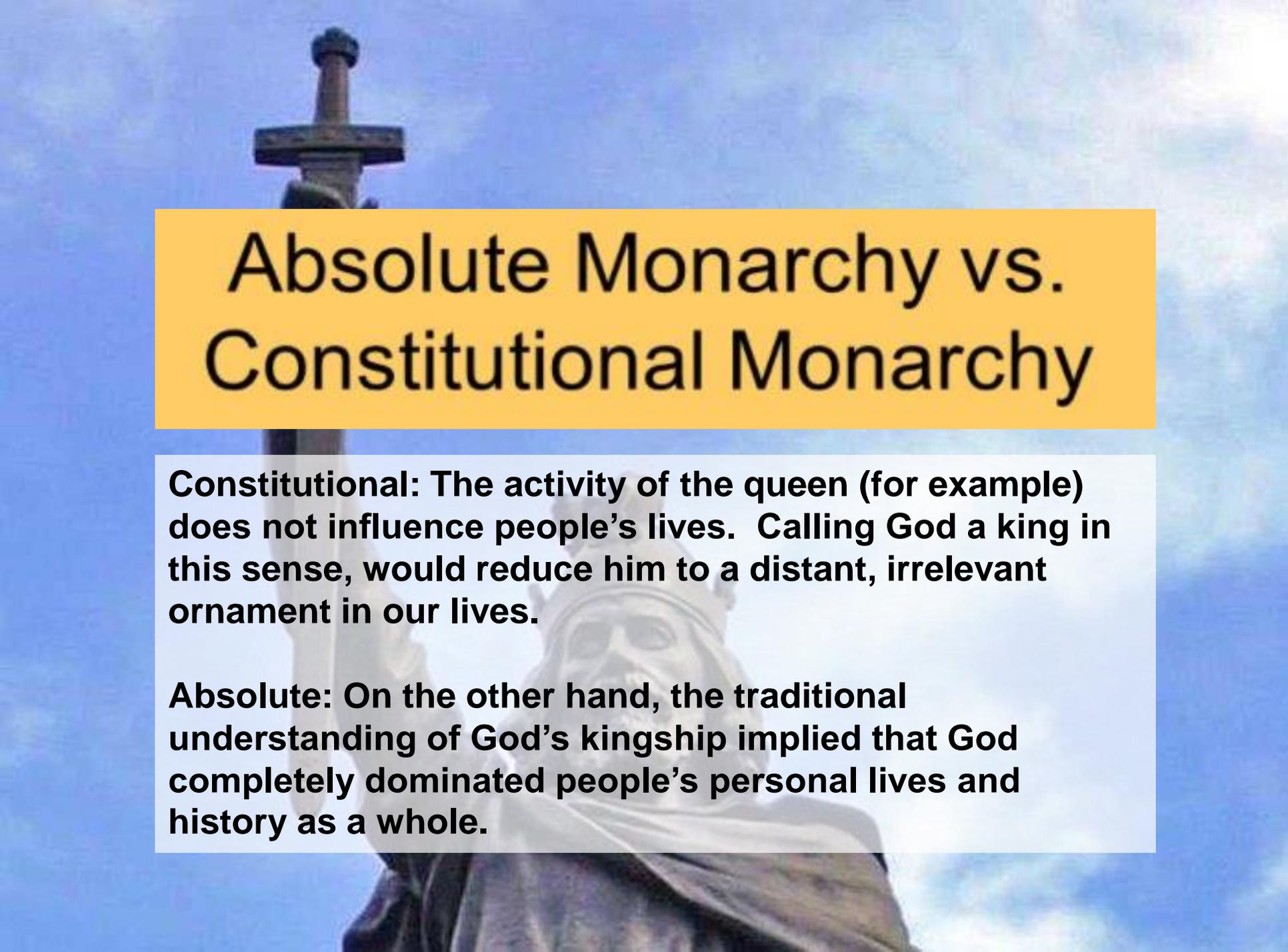
Absolute Monarchy vs. Constitutional Monarchy

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the King of Sweden to the Prince of Liechtenstein who can still veto bills and dismiss ministers on his own.

For the UK (of which England is a constituent part), the Queen is said to reign, not rule. While the Crown is the source of power, it is exercised by a government that is primarily from a democratically elected House of Commons, the 'lower' house of Parliament. Since 1688 the Commons has held an increasing amount of power, while the Crown's has declined.

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Absolute Monarchy vs. Constitutional Monarchy

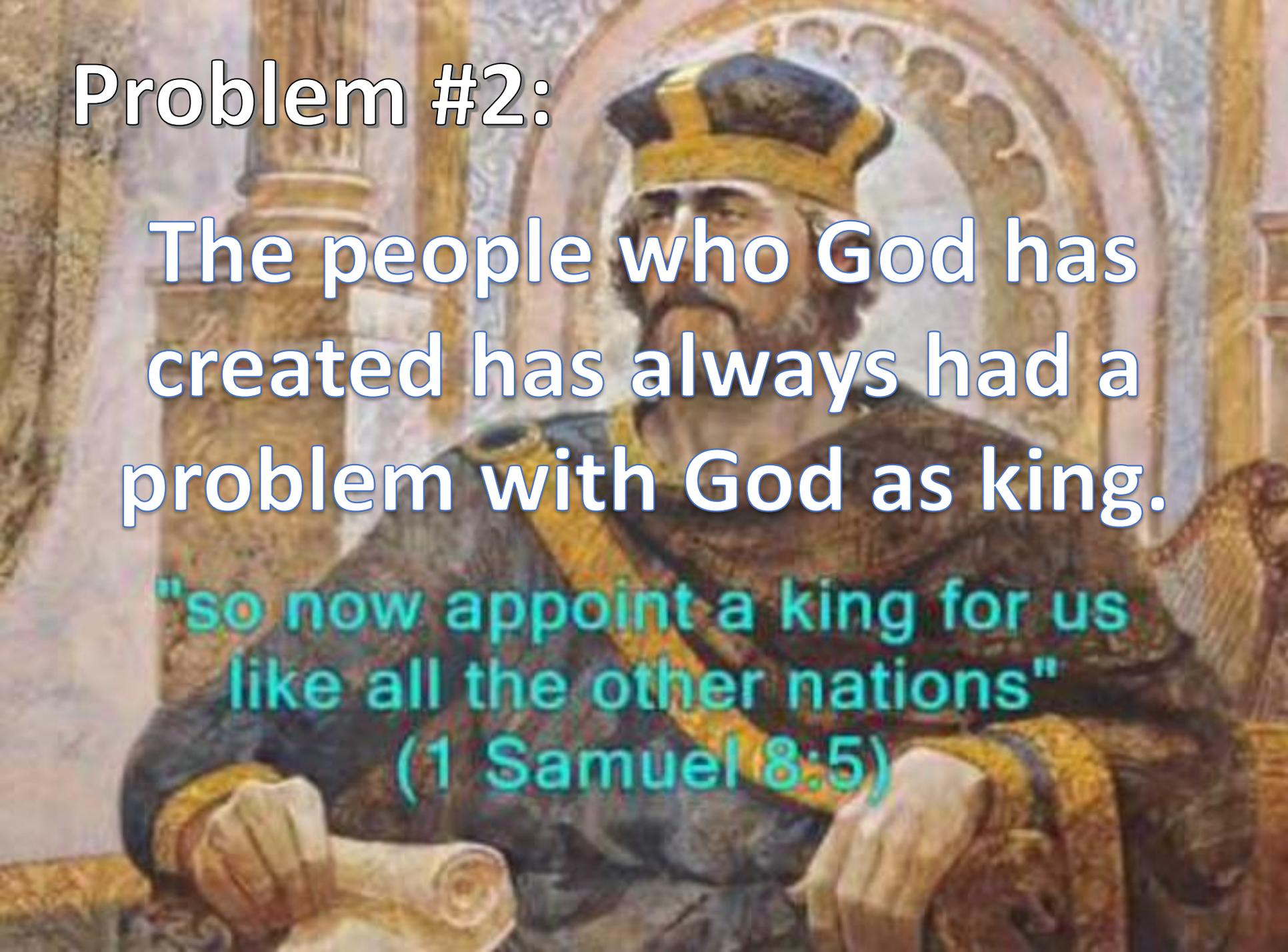
Constitutional: The activity of the queen (for example) does not influence people's lives. Calling God a king in this sense, would reduce him to a distant, irrelevant ornament in our lives.

Absolute: On the other hand, the traditional understanding of God's kingship implied that God completely dominated people's personal lives and history as a whole.

Problem #2:

The people who God has created has always had a problem with God as king.

"so now appoint a king for us
like all the other nations"
(1 Samuel 8:5)



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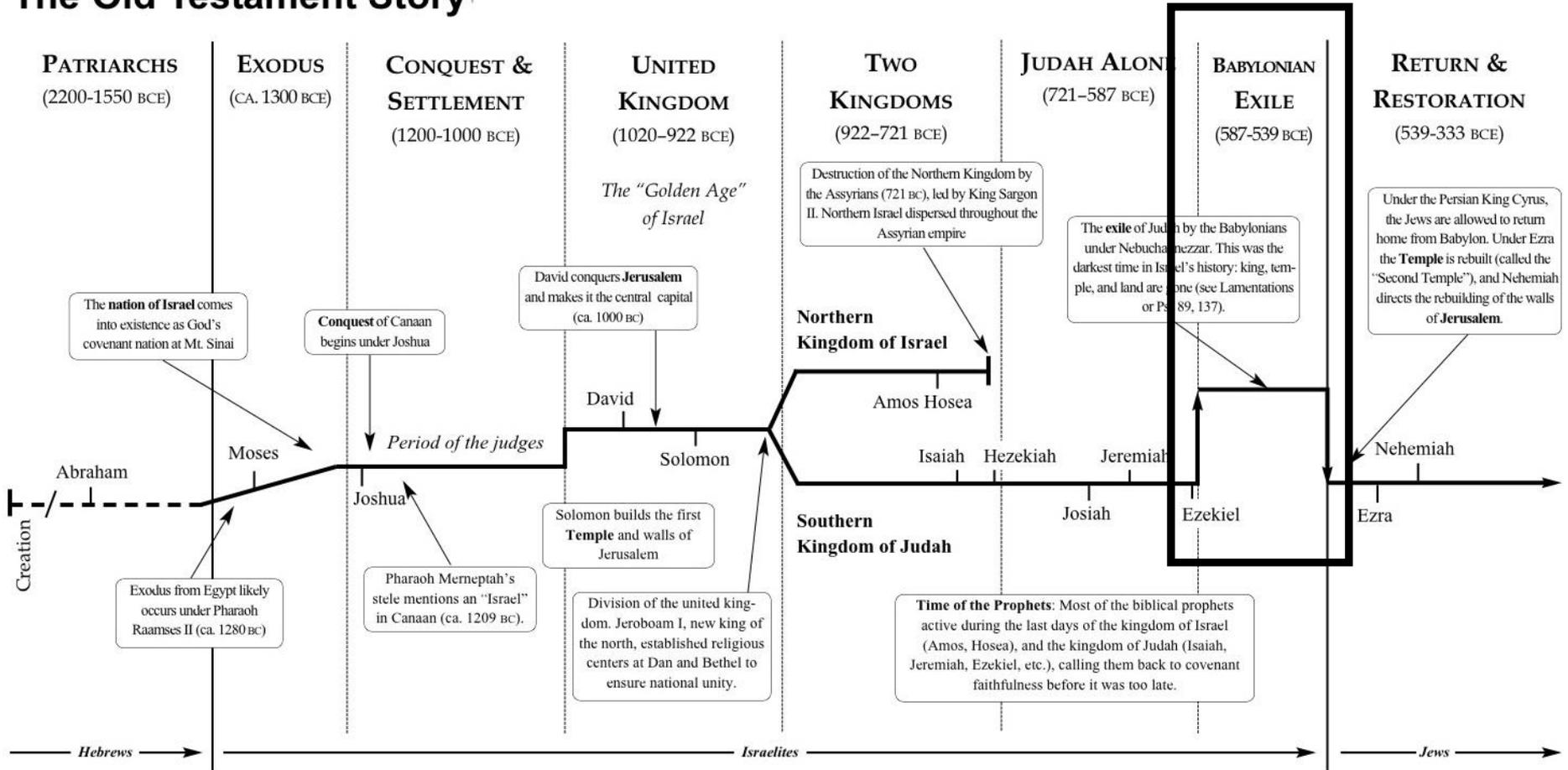
Israel's apostasy

1. They forsook God and worshipped other gods (Deut 29:26)
2. They tolerated evil (Psalm 1:1; Isaiah 5:20)
3. They intermarried and followed the ways of the nations around them (Judges 3:5-6)

Apathy & Apostasy

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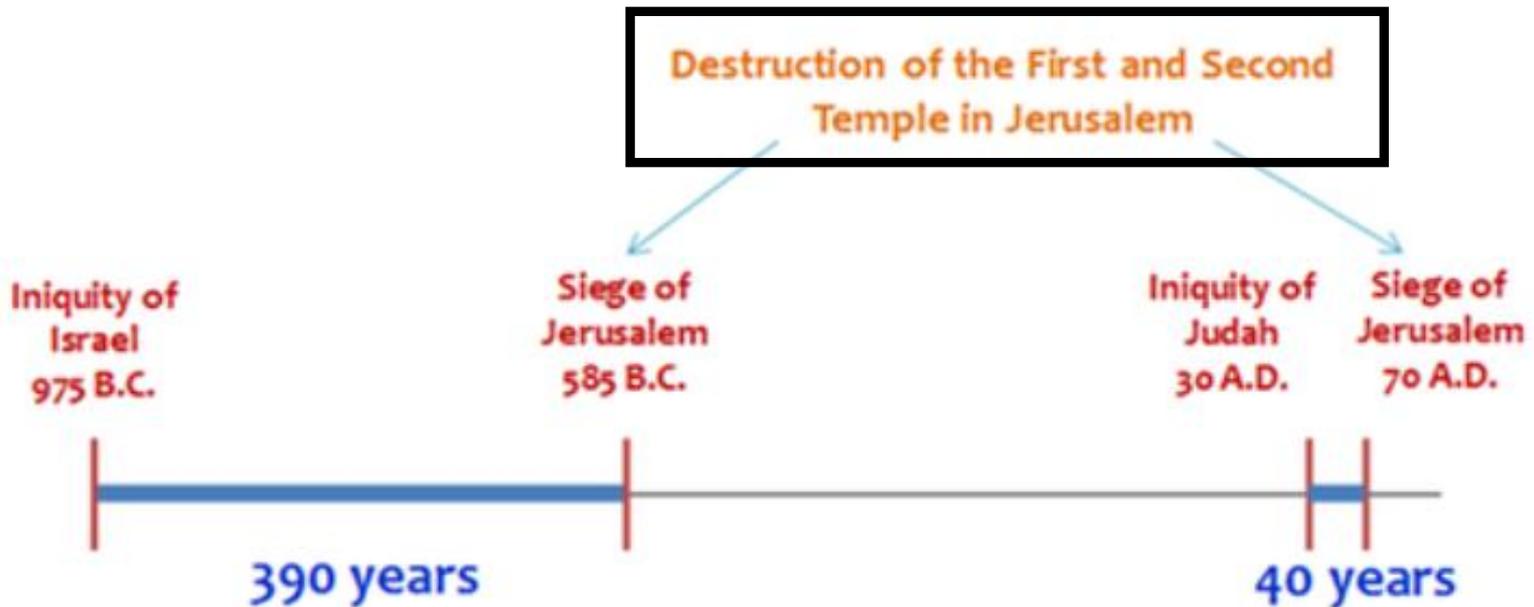
The Old Testament Story†



Apathy & Apostasy

CONSEQUENCES OF

The Ezekiel 4 Siege



God gave the prophet Ezekiel a two-fold pre-determined years prior to Jerusalem's siege and destruction of the Temple of God: for the house of Israel, 390 years were determined while for the house of Judah, it was only 40 years.

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5:11 - dull of hearing

5:12 - ought to be teachers

5:14 – not discern both good & evil

6:06 - fall away

6:07 - bears herbs (i.e. fruits) vs thorns and briers

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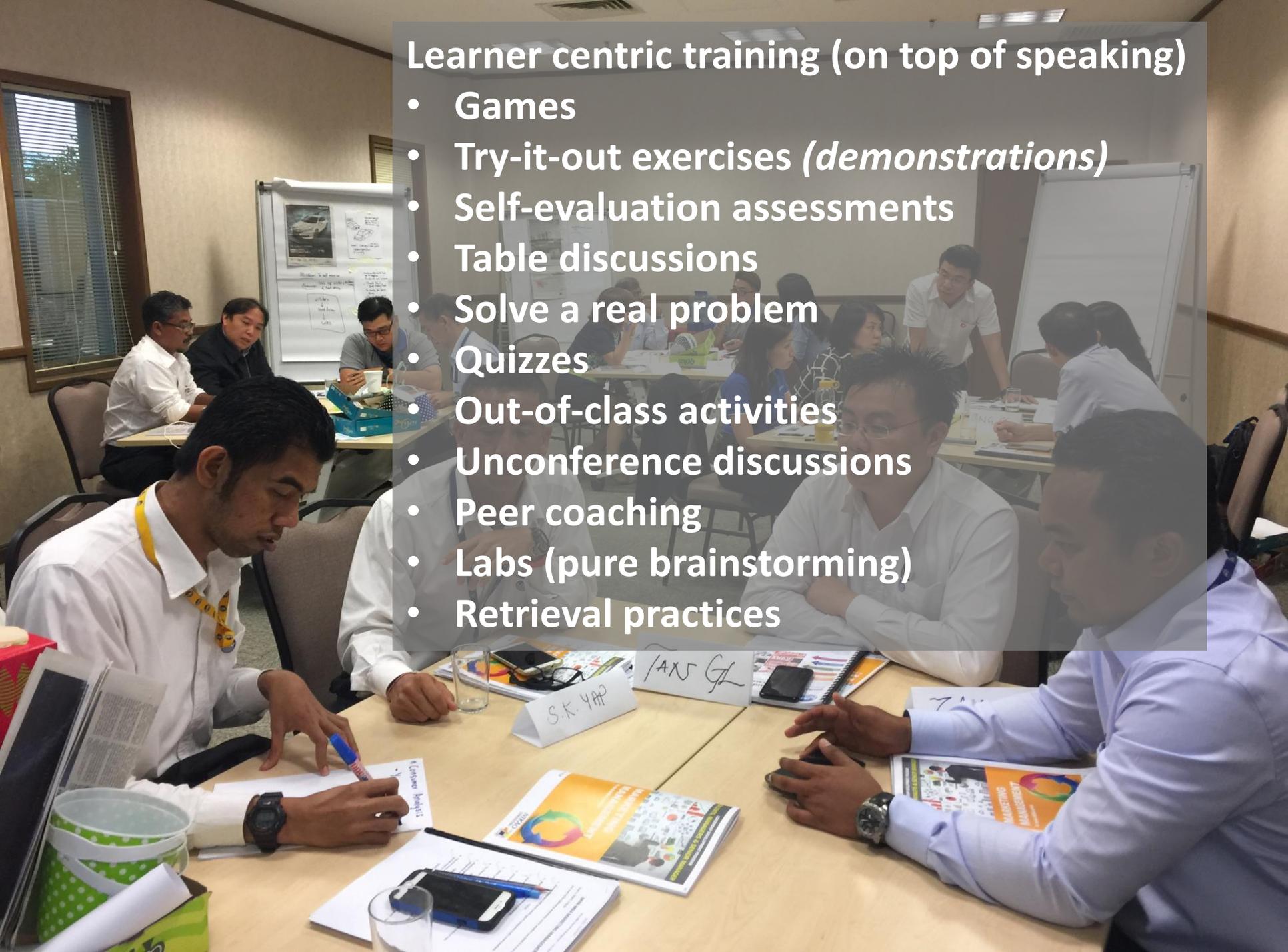
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Hebrews 5:12 - **In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers,** you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again.

Learner centric training (on top of speaking)

- Games
- Try-it-out exercises (*demonstrations*)
- Self-evaluation assessments
- Table discussions
- Solve a real problem
- Quizzes
- Out-of-class activities
- Unconference discussions
- Peer coaching
- Labs (pure brainstorming)
- Retrieval practices



Perhaps one possible reason why the church is so “weak” is we have stopped “teaching” ...



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RIGHTEOUS – G1343

1. quality (of character or act) *acceptable to God, it is for good;*
 2. *justice and the justifier*
4. **BLESSED (ABRHAM) WHO HAD THE PROMISES**

2 RESPONSES

1. DO YOU TEACH ...

2. DO YOU LIVE
(DISCERN) ...

to separate thoroughly, i.e. (literally and reflexively) to withdraw from
- E.g. Jews & Gentiles



Hebrews 5:14 - But solid food is for the mature, who by **constant use** have **trained themselves to distinguish** good from evil.

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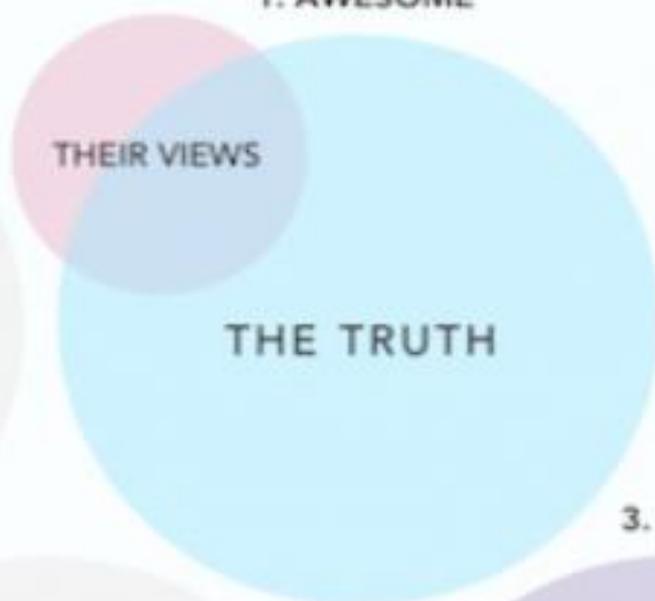
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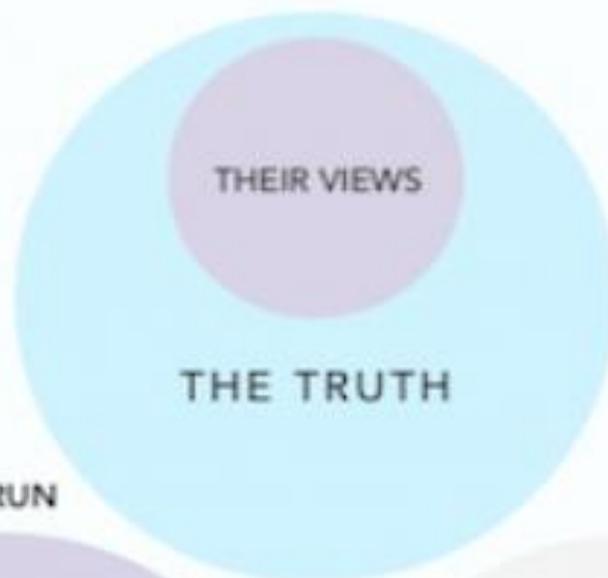
Hebrews 6:7-8 - ⁷ Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that **produces a crop useful** to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. ⁸ But land that **produces thorns and thistles is worthless** and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned. **#fruitfulness**

HOW THE THREE TYPES OF PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THEIR VIEWS

1. AWESOME



2. DANGEROUS



3. RUN



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PEACE – G1515

1. peace between individuals, i.e. harmony, concord
2. of the Messiah's peace (salvation)

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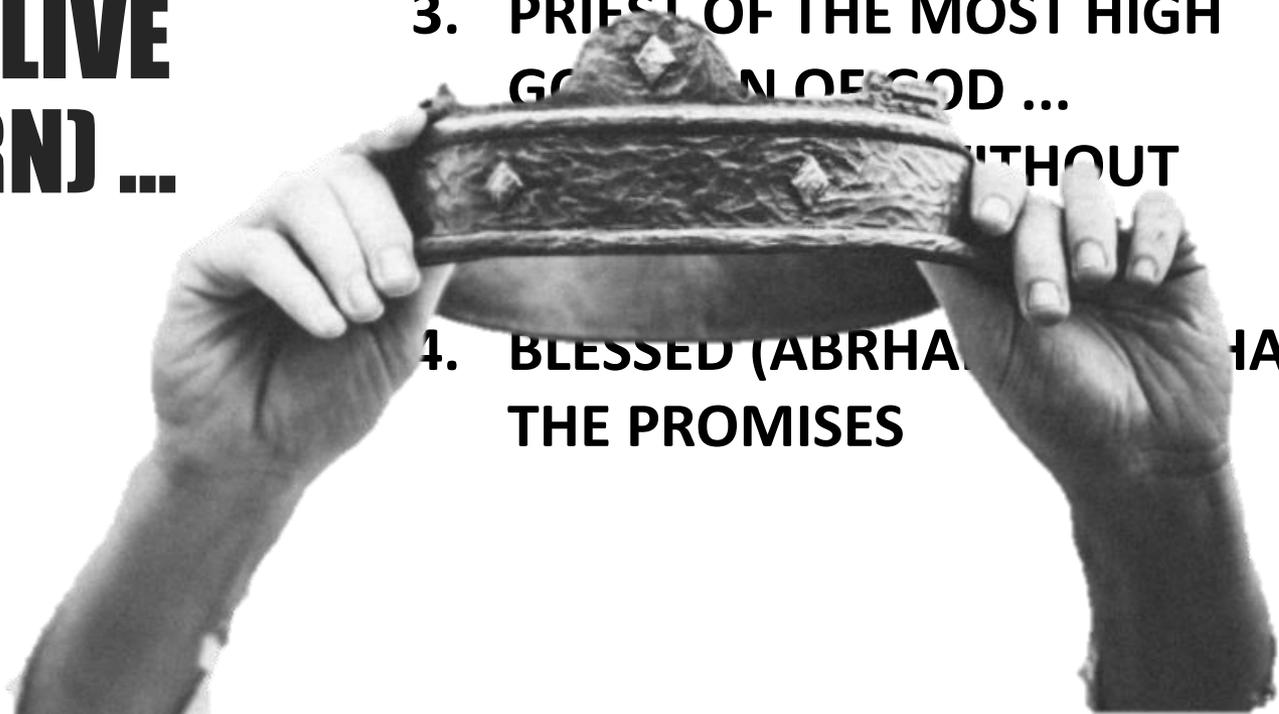
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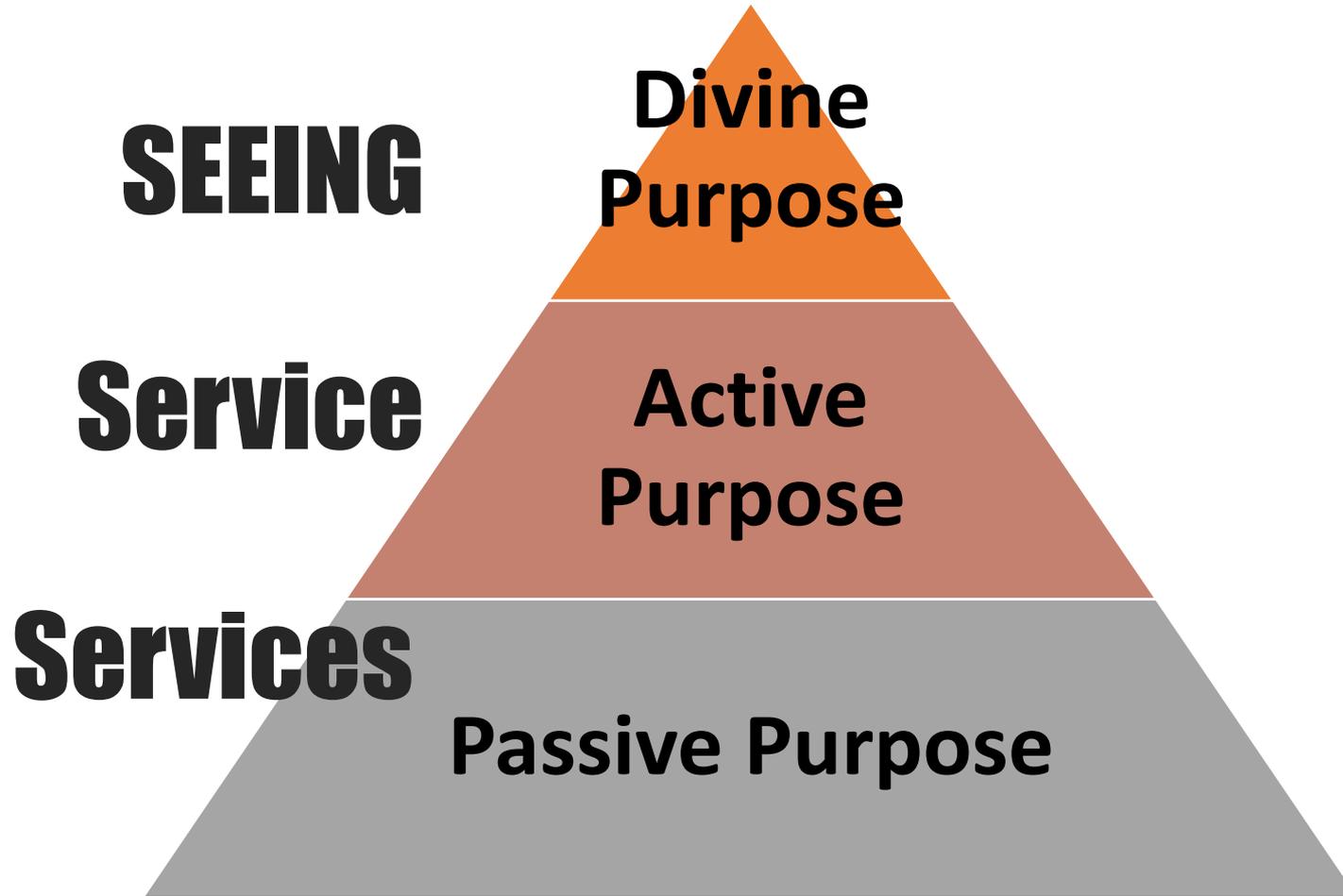
The 3 Levels of Christian purpose

Beyond Service & Services to SEEING



Not many saw ... but Abraham did
Not many see Melchizedek in Hebrews
Not many see Jesus Christ as King & Priest

The 3 Levels of Christian Purpose



Our purpose affects our life & fellowship with God

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The American Heritage Dictionary defines **hallowed** as, "sanctified; consecrated; highly **venerated / great respect or awe**"

Divine Purpose

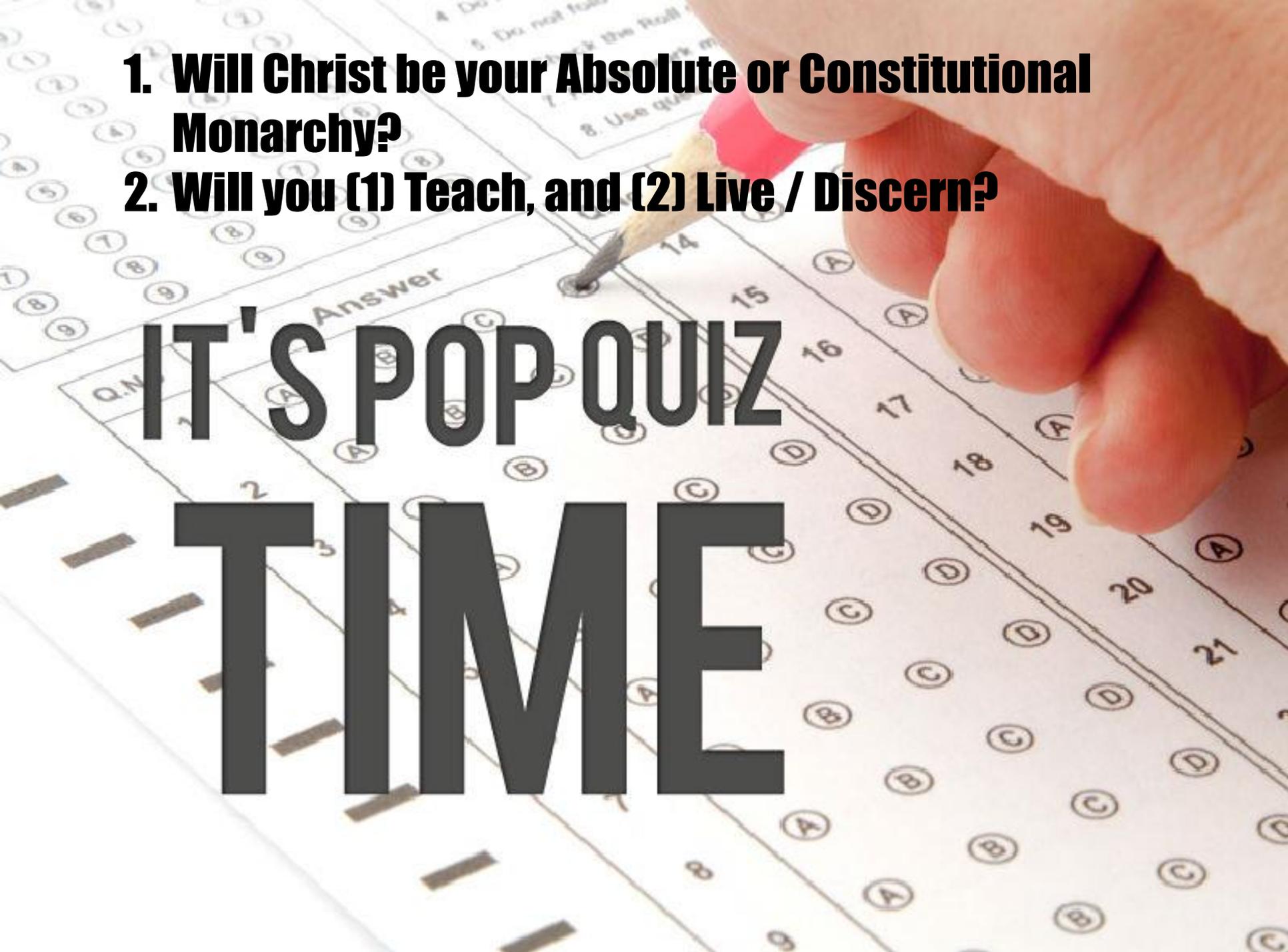
The Bible usage – to render, acknowledge to be venerable, to **separate** from profane things and **dedicated to God**; to purify.

Active Purpose



Passive Purpose

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- 1. Will Christ be your Absolute or Constitutional Monarchy?**
 - 2. Will you (1) Teach, and (2) Live / Discern?**

**IT'S POP QUIZ
TIME**