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**AFRICA,
GET READY!**

TRANSITION PLAN FOR AFRICA'S TRANSFORMATION

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Which Country is this?

- Oppressed and victimized
- Rampart poverty
- Low life expectancy
- No government
- No schools
- No economy
- No industry
- No agriculture
- No religious system
- Welfare mentality
- No work ethic
- Undeveloped social system
- No land
- No army

POSITIONING AFRICA FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

**The Pivotal Role of Leadership
and Think Tanks**



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Governance Failure in Africa

- Post Independence Experience
- Lack of Servant Leaders
- Lack of Leaders who understand the principles of Leadership or the Purpose for Government
- Failure of the Church to articulate proper doctrine on Government and Governance

Exodus 4:22

Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD, **Israel is my firstborn son**, and I say to you, “Let my son go that he may serve me.” If you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son.’”

From Slavery To Prominence: Israel As A Prototype



1. Yearning for Freedom
2. A Call to Nationhood
3. Discovery of Purpose
4. Institution of Law and Order
5. Conceiving of National Vision

1. Yearning for Freedom



- Israel became a nation through brutal slavery
- Oppression drove them to desire and cry out for freedom
- There was a cry for liberty - desire to be free
- Moses brought a unifying call to all the 12 tribes, not just his tribe - Levi
- There was a fight for freedom in which God was actively involved

2. A Call to Nationhood

Galvanization of the Sense of Nationhood

- Shared History
- Shared Values
- Shared Vision
- Shared Suffering
- Celebration of Freedom
- Wilderness Ahead



3. Discovery of Purpose



- Every nation has a purpose
- God will often communicate this to the leaders
- The leaders must find a way to communicate this to the people
- Just like individuals, nations find fulfillment when they walk in their purpose

4. Institution of Law and Order

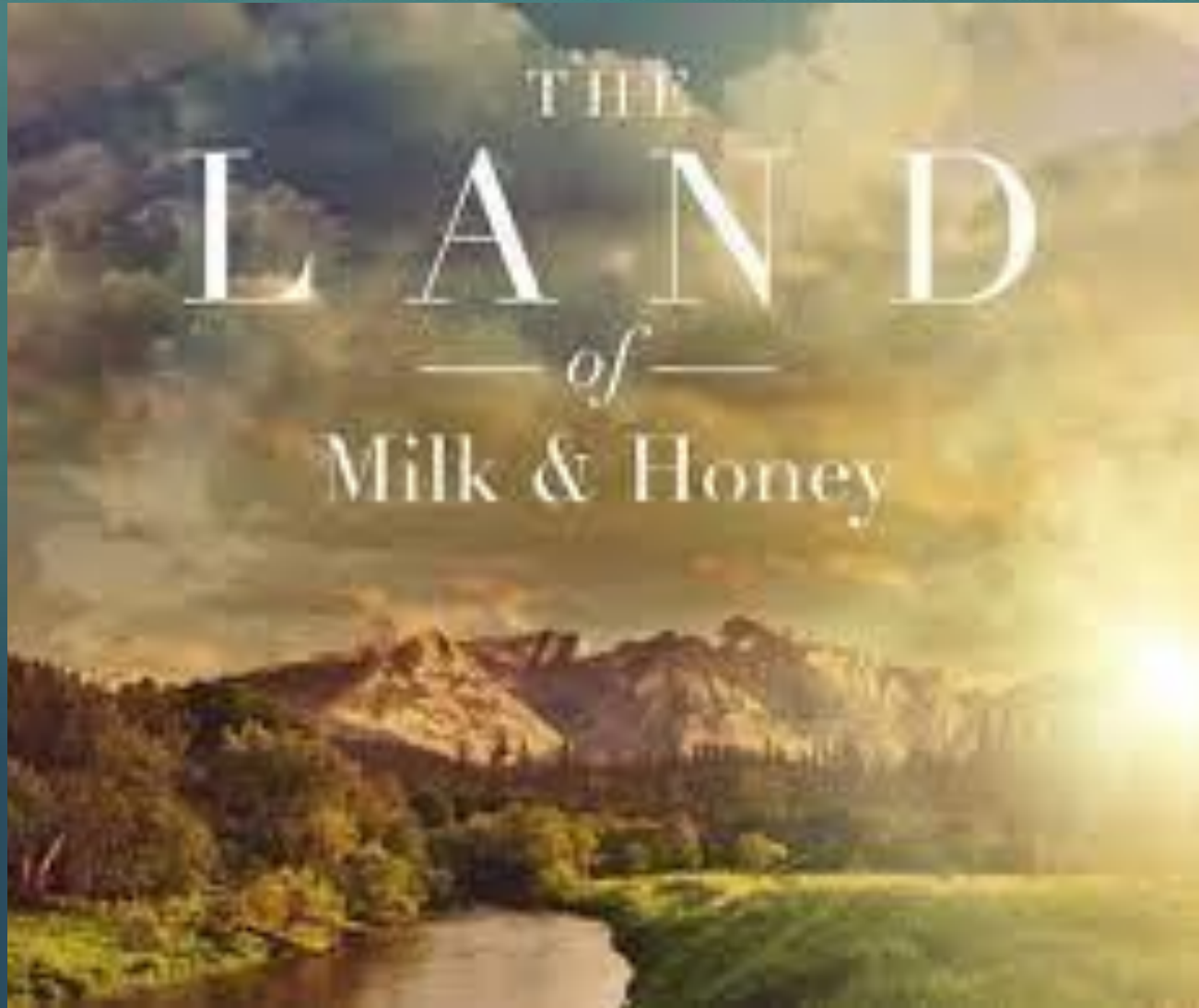


- There was a transition from Moses to the rule of law and institutions
- God's laws were detailed and thorough
- They were robustly enforced
- They broke the laws of the oppressor to be free but now you must keep the law in your own country!

God's Country of Laws!

- Governance
- Worship
- Property rights
- Enterprise
- Construction
- Health
- Dressing
- Education
- Family Life
- Environment
- Sexuality
- Agriculture
- Food
- Celebration
- Even toilet habits!

5. Conceiving of National Vision



In Deuteronomy 8 God painted a picture of a land flowing with milk and honey...

Governance Template



GOVERNMENT

“In my study of Deuteronomy, I that about 25% of the book (of Deuteronomy) pertains to instructions and episodes revolving around governmental issues”

Landa Cope

Exodus 18:18-23

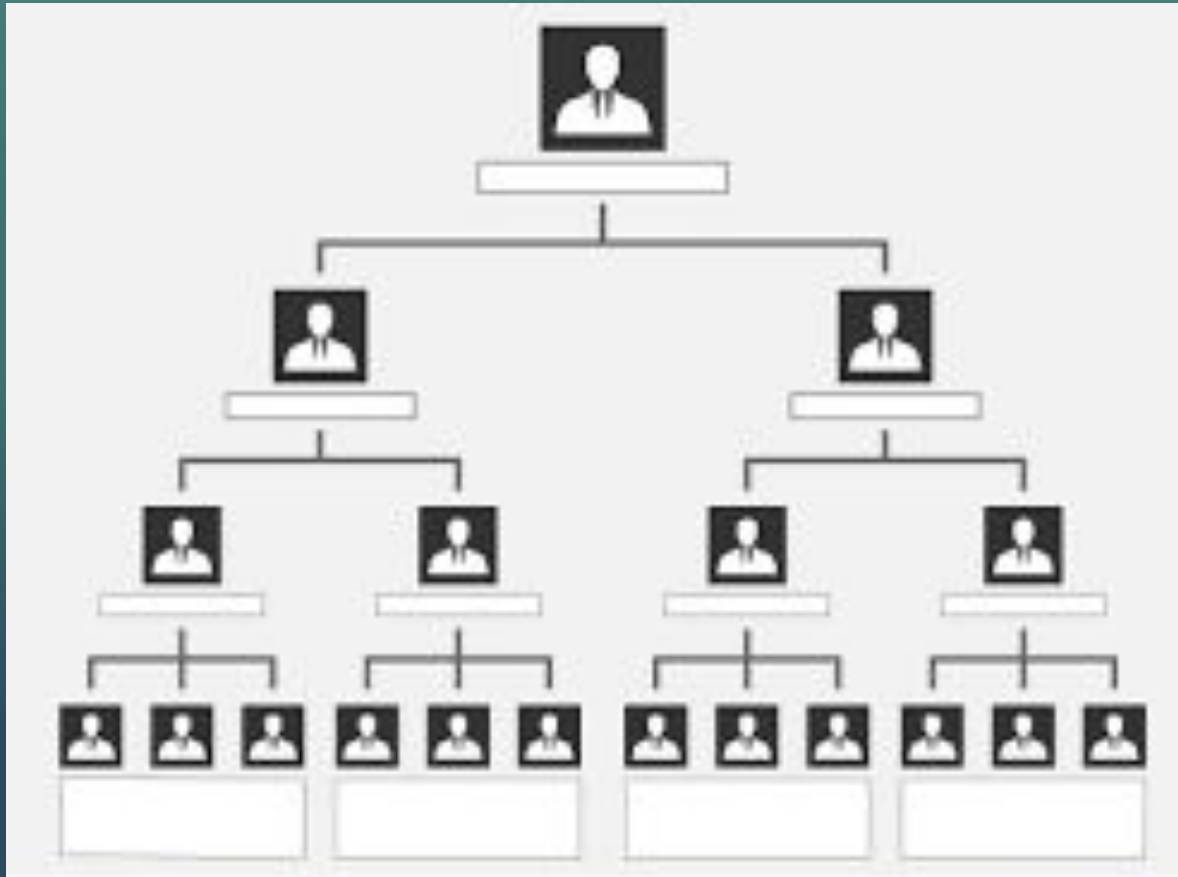
You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone. Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God, and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do. Moreover, **look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe**, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. If you do this, God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace.”

ISRAEL'S FIRST SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT

Deuteronomy 1:9-15

“At that time I said to you, ‘I am not able to bear you by myself. The LORD your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are today as numerous as the stars of heaven. May the LORD, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are and bless you, as he has promised you! How can I bear by myself the weight and burden of you and your strife? Choose for your tribes wise, understanding, and experienced men, and I will appoint them as your heads.’ And you answered me, ‘The thing that you have spoken is good for us to do.’ So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, and set them as heads over you, commanders of thousands, commanders of hundreds, commanders of fifties, commanders of tens, and officers, throughout your tribes.

Principles for Governance



1. The Right to Choose
2. Character Matters
3. Representative in Nature
4. Consensus
5. Delegation of Responsibility

Justice For All

Deuteronomy 1:16-18



*And I charged your judges at that time, 'Hear the cases between your brothers, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the alien who is with him. **You shall not be partial in judgment. You shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not be intimidated by anyone, for the judgment is God's.** And the case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it.'* And I commanded you at that time all the things that you should do.

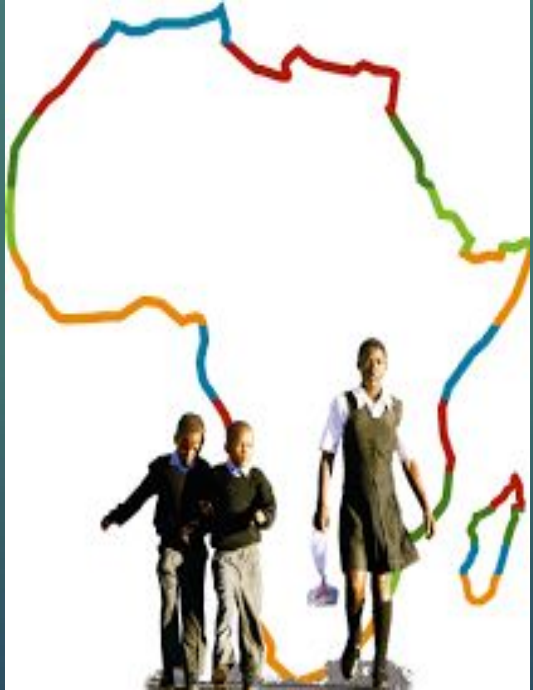
Education Template

Israel's First Education System

Deuteronomy 6:20-25

*“When **your son asks you in time to come**, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the Lord our God has commanded you?’ **then you shall say to your son**, We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. And the Lord showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes. And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers. And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, **to fear the Lord our God, for our good always**, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day. And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us.’*

Principles For Education



- Education was to be practical
- Education was to start in the family
- Your son (singular)... not sons
- Each child important and special
- Education was to be relevant to the future...
- Education must provide answers to learners.



Economics Template



Deuteronomy 15:4

But there will be no poor among you; for the LORD will bless you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance to possess...

Templates for a New Africa

Family Template



Arts and Entertainment





“When the gospel came to Europe, Europeans were the “filthy pagans” that the advanced Middle Easterners weren’t sure they wanted to mingle with.”

Landa Cope



In Conclusion

- 1. Yearning for Freedom**
- 2. A Call to Nationhood & To African Unity**
- 3. Discovery of Purpose**
- 4. Institution of Law and Order**
- 5. Conceiving of National Vision**
- 6. Discovery of Biblical Patterns for Governance Education Economics and ALL OF LIFE**

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