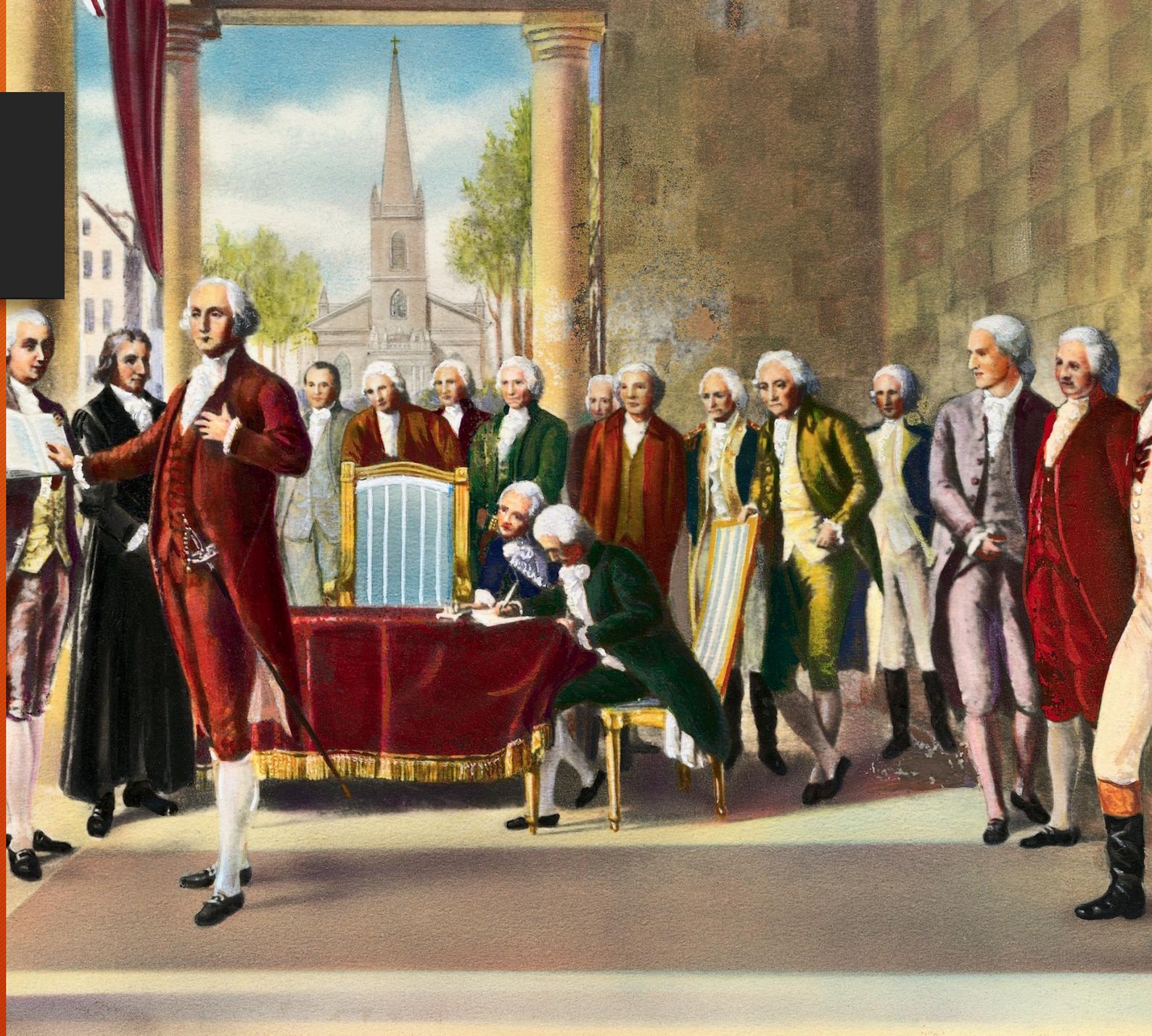


# 1 Samuel: The Birth of the Monarchy

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# George Washington Inauguration - ca. 1789



# Overall Theme of 1 Samuel

- 1 Samuel describes the significant transition for the people of Israel, as they transition from a collaboration of loosely connected tribes under the leadership of various, geographical judges, to a unified, central monarchy over the entire nation.

# Gordon J. Keddie

- “...not “merely political or sociological, but theological, spiritual and, eschatological. It is theological, because it concerns the rule of God among his people; it is spiritual because it concerns the faith of those who love the Lord and are committed to him as his disciples; and it is eschatological because it points, in its very form, to the coming of God’s Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, in the fulness of time to be the messianic and mediatorial King who must reign until all things are put under his feet.” (Keddie, *Dawn of a Kingdom*)

# I. Samuel - The Final Judge (1-7)

- **2 Characteristics of Samuel**
  - **A. The Unique Origin of Samuel (1-2)**
  - **B. The Unique Offices of Samuel (3-7)**

## II. Saul - The First King (8-15)

- 4 Stages of Saul's Kingship
  - A. The Request for a King (8)

## V. Philips Long

- “How can Israel have a human king, while Yahweh remains the Great King? In other words, what kind of human king is suitable within a theocracy? God is willing, even desirous, to give Israel a king of the right sort. *But this king must be a vassal king, or vice-regent, submissive to the initiatives and directives of the Great King.*” (Long, *1 & 2 Samuel*)

## II. Saul - The First King (8-15)

- 4 Stages of Saul's Kingship
  - A. The Request for a King (8)
  - B. The Rise of Saul as King (9-10)
  - C. The Reign of Saul as King (11-14)
  - D. The Rejection of Saul as King (15)

## III. David - The Faithful King (16-31)

- 4 Headings Analyzing David in 1 Samuel
  - A. The Anointing of David (16)
  - B. The Attestation of David (17)
  - C. The Acclaim of David (18)
  - D. The Affliction of David (18-31)