

BROTHER RIVERA - BYU RELA 122 ~ LESSON 12

THIS WAS A CRITICAL TIME ~
KING-MEN VS. FREEMEN - ALMA 51

“They did not long maintain an entire peace in the land, for there began to be a contention among the people concerning the chief judge Pahoran; for behold, there were a part of the people who desired that a few particular points of the law should be altered.”

– ALMA 51:2

CHIEF JUDGE PAHORAN

- Contention among certain people in Zarahemla against the Chief Judge
- Pahoran would not alter the Law
- Pahoran would not listen to their petitions to alter the Law - vs. 3
- They wanted to impeach Pahoran as Chief Judge - vs. 4



“And it came to pass that those who were desirous that Pahoran should be dethroned from the judgment-seat were called king-men, for they were desirous that the law should be altered in a manner to overthrow the free government and to establish a king over the land.”

– ALMA 51:5

“And those who were desirous that Pahoran should remain chief judge over the land took upon them the name of freemen; and thus was the division among them, for the freemen had sworn or covenanted to maintain their rights and the privileges of their religion by a free government.”

– ALMA 51:6

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

- This contentious political issue was settled by the voice of the people - vs. 7
- The people of liberty win the vote
- Pahoran retained the judgment-seat
- King-men were silenced
- The cause of freedom maintained



We the People

insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote
and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Article I

Section 1. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.
Section 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.
Section 3. The Senate shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof, for a Term of six Years; and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

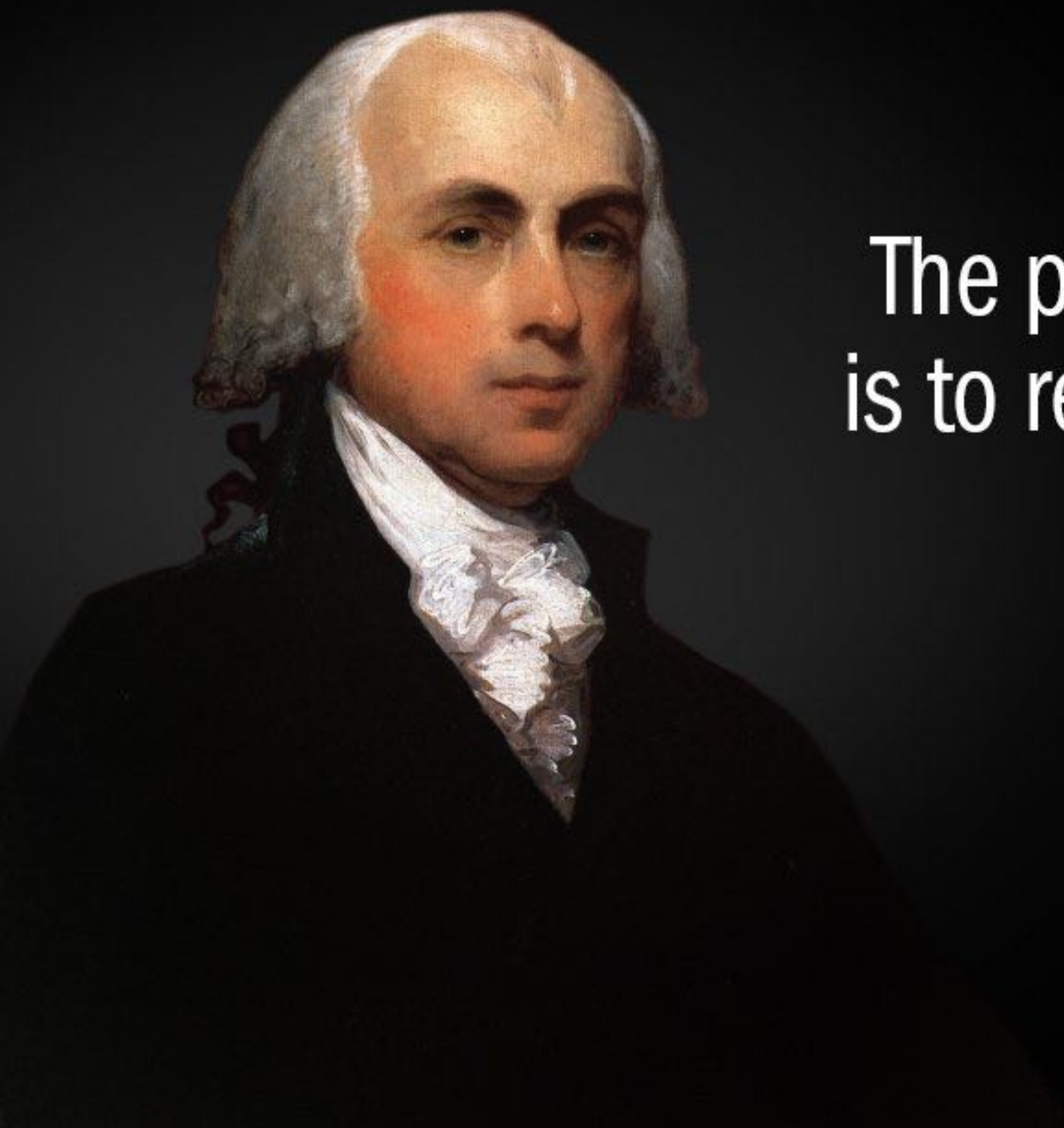
“I reverence the Constitution of the United States as a sacred document. To me its words are akin to the revelations of God, for God has placed His stamp of approval upon it.”

– PRESIDENT EZRA TAFT BENSON

We the People

of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union,
establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence,
promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty
to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution
for the United States of America.





The purpose of the **Constitution**
is to restrict the **majority's ability**
to **harm a minority.**

– *James Madison*

DEMOCRACY

Everyone participates in every decision

Majority rules

No protection of individual rights

No protection of property rights

Not practical for large countries

Always ends in turbulence & violence

REPUBLIC

Governed by elected representatives

Governed by established set of laws

Protection of individual rights

Protection of property rights

Ideal for large and diverse populations

Avoids extremes: mobocracy & tyranny

Democracy vs Republic

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	Democracy	Republic
DEFINITION	Democracy is the direct rule of the people	Republic is characterized by the standard form of government
CHARACTERISTICS	Characterized by the rule of the majority	A government rules according to law
POWER	Power lies in the people	Power lies in laws that have been created
MOBOCRACY	Mobocracy prevails	Mobocracy does not prevail

“I have faith that the Constitution will be saved as prophesied by Joseph Smith. It will be saved by the righteous citizens of this nation who love and cherish freedom. It will be saved by enlightened members of this Church—among others—men and women who understand and abide the principles of the Constitution.”

– PRESIDENT EZRA TAFT BENSON

KING-MEN'S REAL INTENT

“Now those who were in favor of kings were those of high birth, and they sought to be kings; and they were supported by those who sought power and authority over the people..”

– ALMA 51:8

A CRITICAL TIME

“But behold, this was a critical time for such contentions to be among the people of Nephi; for behold, Amalickiah had again stirred up the hearts of the people of the Lamanites against the people of the Nephites, and he was gathering together soldiers from all parts of his land, and arming them, and preparing for war with all diligence; for he had sworn to drink the blood of Moroni.”

– ALMA 51:9

CIVIL WAR IN ZARAHEMLA

- King-men were glad Lamanites were coming to war - vs. 13
- King-men angry with Chief Judge, People of Liberty
- King-men refused to defend Homeland
- Moroni petitioned a vote for Marshall Law - vs. 16



“And it came to pass that Moroni commanded that his army should go against those king-men, to pull down their pride and their nobility and level them with the earth, or they should take up arms and support the cause of liberty.”

– ALMA 51:17

THE ENEMY IS HERE

“Behold, it came to pass that while Moroni was thus breaking down the wars and contentions among his own people, and subjecting them to peace and civilization, and making regulations to prepare for war against the Lamanites, behold, the Lamanites had come.”

—JOHNNY APPLESEED

CAPTAIN TEANCUM ~ ALMA 51:31

Teancum and his men were great warriors; for every man of Teancum did exceed the Lamanites in their strength and in their skill of war.



TEANCUM KILLED KING AMALICKIAH - ALMA 51:33-37

THUS ENDED THE DAYS OF AMALICKIAH

"Teancum stole privily into the tent of the king, and put a javelin to his heart; and he did cause the death of the king immediately."

