

也。故置公卿大夫士。以飾法設刑。而天下治。其彊也。禁暴誅亂。而天下服。其弱也。五伯征而諸侯從。其削也。內守外附。而社稷存。故秦之盛也。繁法嚴刑。而天下振。及共衰也。百姓怨望。而海內畔矣。故周五序得其道。而千餘歲不絕。秦本末並失。故不長久。由此觀之。安危之統。相去遠矣。野諺曰。前事之不忘。後事之師也。是以君子爲國。觀之上古。驗之當世。參以人事。察盛衰之理。審權勢之宜。去就有序。變化有時。故曠日長久。而社稷安矣。秦孝公

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