

GOD IS SOVEREIGN

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Sovereign: *the supreme power and authority; God’s rule over all reality; refers to both position and power.*

	How is God’s SOVEREIGNTY shown in these Scriptures?	Observations, Questions, Synonyms, Other Attributes	What difference does God’s SOVEREIGNTY make in my life?
<p>Ezekiel 37:1-14</p> <p>The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” I said, “Sovereign LORD, you alone know.” ⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!’ ⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.”</p> <p>⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.</p> <p><i>Continued</i></p>			

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<p>Ezekiel 37:1-14 - continued</p> <p>⁹ 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'"</p> <p>¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.</p> <p>¹¹ Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'"</p> <p><i>a. The Hebrew for this word can also mean "wind" or "spirit" (see verses 6-14).</i></p>			

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<p>Psalm 24:1-6</p> <p>The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; ²for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. ³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? ⁴The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.^[a] ⁵They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Savior. ⁶Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.^{[b][c]}</p> <p><i>a. Or "swear falsely"</i> <i>b. Two Hebrew manuscripts and Syriac (see also Septuagint); most Hebrew manuscripts "face, Jacob"</i> <i>c. The Hebrew has "Selah" (a word of uncertain meaning) here and at the end of verse 10.</i></p>			

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<p>Mark 1:21-27</p> <p>They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴ "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"</p> <p>²⁵ "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" ²⁶ The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. ²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him."</p>			

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<p>Revelation 5:9-14</p> <p>And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign^[a] on the earth." ¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" ¹⁴ The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.</p> <p><i>a. Some manuscripts "they reign"</i></p>			

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What other scriptures come to mind?			

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Reflections

Deuteronomy 32:39

Philippians 2:10

Jesus brings new life spiritually and physically. Tell of a time when you were spiritually dead or drained and how He brought you renewal.

Jesus is sovereign, and He alone is worthy to set events into motion. How does knowing Christ's Lordship bring you comfort, peace, and/or encouragement?

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Lecture Notes

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Prayer Requests
