

## JERUSALEM AND GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

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### WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT GOD IS SOVEREIGN?

GOD IS DESCRIBED IN THE BIBLE AS ALL-POWERFUL AND ALL-KNOWING

HE IS OUTSIDE OF TIME

HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CREATION OF EVERYTHING

HE OFFERS MAN CHOICES

HE HOLDS THEM RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR SINS

HE IS UNHAPPY WITH SOME OF THEIR CHOICES

ALL OF THE ENEMY'S ANTICS ARE UNDER THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

God has the ability to do anything, to take action and intervene in any situation, but He often chooses to act indirectly or to allow certain things for reasons of His own. His will is furthered in any case. God's "sovereignty" means that He is absolute in authority and unrestricted in His supremacy. Everything that happens is, at the very least, the result of God's permissive will. This holds true even if certain specific things are not what He would prefer. The right of God to allow mankind's free choices is just as necessary for true sovereignty as His ability to enact His will, wherever and however He chooses. (gotquestions.org)

### GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY IS NOT RANDOM IT IS PURPOSEFUL

*For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp that burns. <sup>2</sup> The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the LORD will name. <sup>3</sup> You shall also be a crown of glory In the hand of the LORD, And a royal diadem In the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup> You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; For the LORD delights in you, And your land shall be married. <sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a virgin, So shall your sons marry you; And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So shall your God rejoice over you. <sup>6</sup> I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, <sup>7</sup> And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.*

**Isaiah 62:1-7 (NKJV)**

GOD PERSISTS WITH ISRAEL AND JERUSALEM AND THE COVENANT HE MADE WITH ABRAHAM AND DAVID V. 1

WHEN ISRAEL AND JERUSALEM ARE BLESSED THE NATIONS ARE BLESSED

*"If you will return, O Israel," says the LORD, "Return to Me; And if you will put away your abominations out of My sight, Then you shall not be moved. <sup>2</sup> And you shall swear, 'The LORD lives,' In truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; The nations shall bless themselves in Him, And in Him they shall glory."*

**Jeremiah 4:1-2 (NKJV)**

BIBLICAL HISTORY IS ABOUT ISRAEL, JERUSALEM AND GOD'S PLAN TO BLESS THEM AND BLESS THROUGH THEM

ULTIMATELY THERE WILL BE, IN THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH, A NEW JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM GETS A NEW NAME

HEPHZIBAH—DELIGHT

BEULAH—MARRIED

WATCHMEN ARE TO PERSIST IN THE PROMISES OF GOD—PRAYING THOSE PROMISES AND REMINDING OTHERS OF THEM

*Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. <sup>2</sup> Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." <sup>5</sup> Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."*

**Revelation 21:1-5 (NKJV)**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

**Psalms 122:6 (NKJV)**