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# BEHOLD OUR GOD

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# God is sovereign.

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- God has the independent authority to govern the universe He has created.
- God is the supreme ruler, the only Sovereign, over everything and everyone.
- *God's sovereignty is His grand, powerful, authority and ownership over all and in all.*

(Psalm 103:19, Deuteronomy 10:14, Colossians 1:16-17, Hebrews 1:3)

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## Isaiah 44:24-28

<sup>24</sup> Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb:

“I am the LORD, who made all things,  
who alone stretched out the heavens,  
who spread out the earth by myself,  
<sup>25</sup> who frustrates the signs of liars and  
makes fools of diviners, who turns wise men  
back and makes their knowledge foolish,

<sup>26</sup> who confirms the word of his servant  
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Isaiah 44:24-28

who says of Jerusalem, 'She shall be inhabited,'  
and of the cities of Judah, 'They shall be built,  
and I will raise up their ruins';

<sup>27</sup> who says to the deep, 'Be dry; I will dry up  
your rivers';

<sup>28</sup> who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd, and he  
shall fulfill all my purpose';

saying of Jerusalem, 'She shall be built,' and of  
the temple, 'Your foundation shall be laid.'"

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*1. God is sovereign over human life,  
including the process of conception  
and childbirth.*

- Isaiah 44:24a

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer,  
who formed you from the womb:

(see also Psalm 139)

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## *2. God is sovereign over creation.*

- Isaiah 44:24b

“I am the LORD, who made all things,  
who alone stretched out the heavens,  
who spread out the earth by myself.

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### *3. God is sovereign over the future.*

- Isaiah 44:25-26 (“I am the LORD”)  
...who frustrates the signs of liars and makes  
fools of diviners,  
who turns wise men back and makes their  
knowledge foolish,  
<sup>26</sup> who confirms the word of his servant and  
fulfills the counsel of his messengers,

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# *The Sovereign God will accomplish His redemptive purpose!*

- Isaiah 44:26b - 28 (“I am the LORD”) who says of Jerusalem, “She shall be inhabited,’ and of the cities of Judah, ‘They shall be built, and I will raise up their ruins’; ...saying of Jerusalem, ‘She shall be built,’ and of the temple, ‘Your foundation shall be laid.’

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Isaiah 44:28 – 45:1

<sup>28</sup> who says of Cyrus, ‘He is my shepherd, and he shall fulfill all my purpose’;

saying of Jerusalem, ‘She shall be built,’ and of the temple, ‘Your foundation shall be laid.’”

<sup>45:1</sup> Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed:

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# *The Sovereign God will accomplish His redemptive purpose!*

- Isaiah 45: 4 - For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,
- 1 Timothy 4:10
- Acts 17:26-27
- Ephesians 1:7-9

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Does God's sovereignty mean that God causes or decrees evil and sin?

- The Bible denies that God causes sin.

Jeremiah 19:5

...“which I did not command or decree, nor did it come to into my mind.”

(See also Jeremiah 7:31, James 1:13-15, Matthew 16:23, Matthew 13:28, 41.)

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Does God's sovereignty negate human freedom and moral responsibility?

- No, Scripture affirms both.

Psalm 62:11-12

“Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.”

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If God is sovereign over everything, can He really respond to us in any meaningful way?

- Yes – God acts in dynamic interaction, responding to people throughout Scripture.

Psalm 81

Notice Scripture's "Oh that my people..." sayings. Lament Psalms call for God's response.

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