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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

24 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,
25 who frustrates the signs of liars and
makes fools of diviners, who turns wise men
back and makes their knowledge foolish,

26 who confirms the word of his servant
and fulfills the counsel of his messengers,

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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';

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

²⁸ 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,
²⁶ who confirms the word of his servant and
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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

²⁸ 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.’”

^{45:1} 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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- 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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