

## SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD IN THE BOOK OF DANIEL

**Text: “And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?” Daniel 4:35.**

As an introduction, I would like to point out eight things about the sovereignty of God and what it means:

1. God is on the Throne.
2. There are no accidents with God.
3. No mere happenings with God.
4. God does as He wills.
5. God makes wicked acts of men to become the holy acts of Jehovah God.
6. God often fulfills His righteous will by the wicked wills of men.
7. God makes vices of men to fulfill His holy purpose.
8. Man does exactly what he wants to do, and yet God’s will is accomplished (Psa. 76:10; Gen. 50:20).

**I. GOD WAS SOVEREIGN IN ISRAEL BEING CAPTURED AND CARRIED INTO BABYLON – Israel committed five unpardonable sins and God sent them into captivity.**

1. They mocked the messengers of God.
  2. Israel despised the words of God.
  3. They misused the prophets of God.
  4. Israel abused the goodness of God.
  5. They spurned the mercy of God.
- References: 2 Chron. 36:15-17; Psa. 79:1-3.

**II. GOD WAS SOVEREIGN OVER THE FIRES OF BABYLON.**

1. A group of villainous adulterers were roasted in the fires of Babylon (Jer. 29:22).
2. A group of the wicked king’s servants were burned in the fires of Babylon (Dan. 3:22).
3. A group of the Lord’s faithful servants could not be burned by the fires of Babylon (Dan. 3:27).

**III. GOD WAS SOVEREIGN OVER THE IDOLS OF BABYLON.**

1. God in His sovereignty kept one group from the idols of Babylon (Dan. 1:8).
2. Another group was given over to the idols of Babylon (Dan. 5:4; compare Rev. 9:20).

**IV. GOD WAS SOVEREIGN OVER THE KINGS OF BABYLON.**

1. God puts up kings.
2. God takes down kings (Dan. 2:21).
3. God turned Nebuchadnezzar into a beast until that wicked king learned the sovereignty of the God of Israel (Dan. 4:33-35).
4. God killed old king Belshazzar while partying in the king’s house (Dan. 5:25-30).

V. GOD WAS SOVEREIGN OVER THE AFFAIRS OF BABYLON.

1. He controlled the fires of Babylon.
2. He wrote a message of judgment on the walls of Babylon.
3. He stopped the mouth of the lions.
4. As we have noticed, God raised up kings and put down kings.
5. He revealed secrets unto His prophets (Dan. 2:19-22).

VI. GOD WAS SOVEREIGN OVER THE CONFUSION OF BABYLON. And He is still so over the modern “Babylon.” Notice:

1. Fathers are confused
2. Mothers are confused
3. Children confused
4. Colleges confused
5. Politicians confused
6. Churches and the professed people of God are confused (Dan. 9:8).

VII. GOD WAS SOVEREIGN OVER ALL SOULS IN BABYLON.

1. God blinds the wicked
2. God gives wisdom to His own (Dan. 12:10-13).

Conclusion: In studying the sovereignty of God in the prophecy of Daniel, we learn many great truths. These are revealed in Daniel in a peculiar way. Remember:

1. The greatest blessing that God could give to an individual or a nation is to put them under the ministry of a true prophet of God.
  2. The biggest curse that God could give to any individual or nation is to put them under the ministry of false prophets. Read Mat. 23:15. Amen and Amen!
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