

Definition and Description		Conclusions and Response
<p>4438 מְלִכּוּת <i>malikut</i> - 1413 δυνάστης <i>dunastes</i>                      "Sovereign" = prince, potentate, ruler                      "sovereignty" = royal power, reign, dominion                      → God's absolute right to do all things according to His good pleasure (EBD)                      → He can do</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- whatever</li> <li>- whenever</li> <li>- however</li> <li>- whyever</li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">} He wants</p> <p>→ He is totally free of any external influence</p> <p>1. God is אֵל עֶלְיוֹן <i>El Elyon</i> = God Most High</p> <p>2. God is the sovereign Sovereign - He is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lord of heaven and earth (Acts 17:24)</li> <li>- King of kings and Lord of lords (1 Tim. 6:15)</li> <li>- Ruler and Master (Dan. 4:17; 2 Tim. 2:21)</li> <li>- God above all gods (Ps. 135:5-6)</li> </ul> <p>3. He does what He pleases and no one can</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- thwart His purposes (Job 42:2)</li> <li>- frustrate or hinder His plans (Isa. 14:27)</li> <li>- quarrel with Him or question Him (Isa. 29:16; Rom. 9:20-21)</li> </ul> <p>4. God exercises His sovereignty consistent with all aspects of His character</p>	<p>5. God is sovereign over:</p> <p>a) EVERYTHING (Ps. 103:19; Eph. 1:11)</p> <p>b) CREATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- heaven and earth (Ps. 119:89-91)</li> <li>- the host of heaven</li> <li>→ angels, demons, Satan, stars etc.</li> <li>- all inhabitants of earth (Dan. 4:34-35)</li> <li>- the physical world (Ps. 135:6-7; Nah. 1:3-4)</li> </ul> <p>c) HISTORY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- times and seasons</li> <li>- removing/establishing kings (Dan. 2:20-22)</li> <li>- circumstances of the nations (Ps. 22:28; Dan. 4:17b; Acts 17:26)</li> </ul> <p>d) KNOWLEDGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- wisdom ... what can be known</li> <li>- profound and hidden things (Dan. 2:20-22)</li> </ul> <p>e) INDIVIDUALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- life and death (Deut. 32:39; 1 Sam. 2:6)</li> <li>- birth, calling and length of life (Jer. 1:5; Ps. 139:16)</li> <li>- wounding and healing (Deut. 32:39)</li> <li>- well-being and calamity (Isa. 45:6-7)</li> </ul> <p>f) THE FUTURE (Isa. 46:9-10)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- declares the end from the beginning</li> </ul> <p>g) SALVATION</p>	<p>The doctrine of God's Sovereignty is:</p> <p>a) a challenging and controversial doctrine and therefore not particularly popular</p> <p>It is however a doctrine that is:</p> <p>b) <u>humbling</u> - it reminds us that God is God and we are not</p> <p>c) <u>exalting</u> - it gives us a very big God - once understood and embraced it assures that we will never have a small God again</p> <p>d) <u>mysterious</u> - it brings us face to face with the problem of evil and free will                      → God is entirely sovereign and we are truly responsible for all the choices we make</p> <p>e) <u>clarifying</u> - it teaches us that there is no such thing as luck, chance or coincidence</p> <p>f) <u>empowering</u> - if we believe that God is sovereign, no mere human can intimidate us - we will have the courage to face our own "giants"</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Ray Pritchard (Our Awesome God)</p>