

# The Sovereignty of God Over All Evil & Suffering

## **Genesis 8:21-22**

*The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And **never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.** 22. "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."*

## **Exodus 4:11**

*The LORD said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who **makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind?** Is it not I, the LORD?"*

## **Deuteronomy 32:3-4**

*I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! 4. He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. **A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.***

## **1 Samuel 2:6-7**

*6. "The LORD brings death and makes alive; **he brings down to the grave and raises up.** 7. **The LORD sends poverty and wealth;** he humbles and he exalts.*

## **2 King 17:25**

*When they first lived there, they did not worship the LORD; so **he sent lions among them and they killed some of the people.***

## **Psalm 115:3**

*Our God is in heaven; **he does whatever pleases him.***

## **Psalm 105:16**

***He called down famine on the land and destroyed all their supplies of food;***

## **Isaiah 46:9-11**

*9. Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. 10. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: **My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.** 11. From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. **What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do.***

## **Isaiah 45:5-7**

*5. I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, 6. so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. 7. **I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.***

### **Isaiah 45:9-12**

*"Woe to him who quarrels with his Maker, to him who is but a potsherd among the potsherds on the ground. Does the clay say to the potter, 'What are you making?' Does your work say, 'He has no hands'? Woe to him who says to his father, 'What have you begotten?' or to his mother, 'What have you brought to birth?' "This is what the LORD says-- the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker: Concerning things to come, do you question me about my children, or give me orders about the work of my hands? It is I who made the earth and created mankind upon it. My own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshaled their starry hosts.*

### **Jeremiah 9:7, 11-13**

*7. Therefore this is what the LORD Almighty says: "**See, I will refine and test them, for what else can I do because of the sin of my people?**" 11. "I will make Jerusalem a heap of ruins, a haunt of jackals; and I will lay waste the towns of Judah so no one can live there." 12. What man is wise enough to understand this? Who has been instructed by the LORD and can explain it? Why has the land been ruined and laid waste like a desert that no one can cross? 13. The LORD said, "It is because they have forsaken my law, which I set before them; they have not obeyed me or followed my law.*

### **Lamentations 3:31-36**

*31. For men are not cast off by the Lord forever. 32. **Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love.** 33. **For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men.** 34. To crush underfoot all prisoners in the land, 35. to deny a man his rights before the Most High, 36. to deprive a man of justice-- would not the Lord see such things?*

### **Lamentations 3:37-39**

*37. Who can speak and have it happen if the Lord has not decreed it? 38. **Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that both calamities and good things come?** 39. Why should any living man complain when punished for his sins?*

### **Daniel 4:34-35**

*Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation. 35. All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. **He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?"***

### **Amos 3:6**

*When a trumpet sounds in a city, do not the people tremble? **When disaster comes to a city, has not the LORD caused it?***

## The New Testament Echoes the Same

**Acts 2:22-23** *"Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. **This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge**; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.*

**Acts 4:27-28**, *Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. **They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.***

### **1 Timothy 6:14-16**

*I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame which God will bring about in his own time--**God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords**, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.*

**Revelation 15:1-4** Listen to this. After the wrath of God is finished verses 2-4 one say, *And I saw what looked like a sea of glass mixed with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and over the number of his name. They held harps given them by God and sang the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb: **"Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."***