

El Elyon in the Affairs of Men


In this session, we seek to establish from the Scriptures the absolute sovereignty of God over His created cosmos and that this sovereignty is personal, not divorced from benevolence or loving involvement with persons.

I. El Elyon & Abraham, God's Elect Progenitor of Israel, Gen 14:16-20

Note 4 references to El Elyon, "God Most High" (NKJ)

- v.18 Melchizidek is the priest of El Elyon.
- v.19 El Elyon is possessor (owner) of heaven and earth.
- v.20 El Elyon is the unseen protector of Abraham.
- v.22 El Elyon's will is supreme in Abraham's mind.

Background to Gen. 14:16-20

Lot (walks by sight: volitional choices)	Abraham (walks by faith: volitional choices)
13:12 <i>"pitches tent toward Sodom"</i>	
14:12 <i>"dwelt in Sodom"</i>	
14:16 rescued by Uncle Abraham	
19:1 <i>"sits in the gate (city council) of Sodom"</i>	
19:16 <i>"dragged out of Sodom (rescued again)"</i>	
19:31-38 drunk in cave; incest with both daughters	
	Gen. 15 Blessed by God

Conclusion: El Elyon, though sovereign, is very personally involved with Abraham.

II. El Elyon & the Terrestrial Affairs of Nations, Israel's Geography, Deut. 32:7-9

El Elyon, sovereign of heaven and earth, determined national boundaries (Gen. 10-11)
WITH FUTURE ISRAEL IN MIND!

III. El Elyon & Nebuchadnezzar, A Pagan Ruler, Dan. 4:17,25,32,34

El Elyon teaches a pagan king what His sovereignty is about; cmp. 6:25-27.

IV. The Sovereignty of God clearly stated, 1Chron. 29:10-13

Summary: God is the Supreme Sovereign of His Created Cosmos

1. Scripture persistently declares the sovereignty of God. History manifests it.
2. Sovereignty obviously relates to authority, rulership, dominion. Endemic to it are:
 - the right to rule.
 - the power to rule.
 - the actual ruling itself.
3. Divine rule in Scripture refers to the universal Kingdom of God
 - which always exists (never interrupted).
 - which is superior to the kingdoms of men.
 - which never fails in its purpose (see diagram on p.21)
4. Sovereignty among humans is commonly perceived as distant and impersonal: NOT SO WITH GOD'S sovereignty.
5. Our sovereign God sovereignly chose to create beings (angels & humans) capable of volitional choice, which includes:
 - the right to choose.
 - the responsibility for the choice.
6. Net result of Sovereignty's choice to create volitional beings: there are 3 very real and active authoritative wills operating in God's cosmos.

