

THE RIGHTS OF THE POTTER!



(1) The Potter has the right to do whatever he wants with the clay, 9:19-21.

(2) The Potter reveals the riches of his glory to the mercy vessels, 9:22-24.

► GET THIS: The Potter patiently tolerates the vessels of wrath because of his desire to show the vessels of mercy the riches of his glory. He endures the rebellion of the “wrath vessels” with much patience in order that we (“the mercy vessels”) may better understand the riches of his glory.

- Do we know what we are saved to?
- Do we know what we are saved from?

(3) The Potter is the one who makes people “his people.” 9:25-29.

► AND THIS: The Potter will carry out his sovereign, providential plan for both Jews and Gentiles.

- God will call Gentiles (who were not his people) “my people” and “beloved” for a time as Israel is on the outside looking in, 9:25.
- But one day in the very places where Israel was scattered, they will again be called “sons of the living God,” 9:26.
- God will thoroughly judge Israel and save a remnant, 9:27-28.
- If not for God, then Israel would not even have the remnant, 9:29.

(Isaiah 64:8 ESV) But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and **you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.**

(Isaiah 29:16 ESV) You turn things upside down! **Shall the potter be regarded as the clay**, that the thing made should say of its maker, “He did not make me”; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, “He has no understanding”?

(Isaiah 45:9 NASB95) Woe to the one who quarrels with his Maker— An earthenware vessel among the vessels of earth! **Will the clay say to the potter**, ‘What are you doing?’ Or the thing you are making say, ‘He has no hands’?



The name that is above every name ...

(Philippians 2:9 ESV)



The Lion
of the tribe of Judah,
the Root of David ...

(Revelation 5:5)

“Weep no more ...
The Lion ...
has conquered!”

(Revelation 5:5)

Sovereign LORD or Arbitrary Tyrant?



Sovereign LORD

- He who is **the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords**, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen (1 Timothy 6:15b-16 ESV).
- Seated him [Christ] at his right hand in the heavenly places, **far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named**, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet (Ephesians 1:20b-22a ESV).



Arbitrary Tyrant

- Arbitrary: Based on random choice or personal whim, rather than any reason or system.
- Determined by chance, or impulse, and not by necessity, reason, or principle.
- Capricious; unreasonable. Based on or subject to individual judgment or preference.
- Whimsical, unpredictable; autocratic, dictatorial, undemocratic, despotic, authoritarian, high-handed, uncontrolled.