**Framework for Dominion Study**

Dominion - what does it mean?

* A PERSON exercising power and authority
* An EXTENT over which power is exercised (bounded)
* A PEOPLE subject to authority (obedience)
* A set of LAWS governing the subjects

Dominion - what are its attributes?

* Enforcement of laws (justice)
* Welfare of the "commonwealth"
* Access to the monarch and his officials in matters of justice and welfare
* Stewardship and administration
* Leadership and exampleship
* Continuity and future prospects
* Peace and defense against enemies

What PERSONS have dominion?

* Ultimate
* Subordinate

Ultimate dominion is with God alone

* His ultimate power evident in His creative acts
  + The kosmos (Gen.1:1; Psa.89:11; Rom.1:19-20; Col.1:16)
  + Satan (Eze.28:13-15)
  + Angels and the heavenly environ (Psa.148:2-5; Col.1:16)
  + Adam (Gen.2:7) and Eve (2:21-22)
  + The new man indwelling (Eph.2:10; 4:24; Col.3:10)
* His ultimate power evident in His destructive acts
  + The overthrow of the kosmos (Gen.1:2)
  + The Flood (Gen.6:5-7)
  + The overthrow of the Egyptians (Exo.14:13-18)
* His foreknowledge
  + Perfect knowledge of all events and possibilities (1 Sam.23:9-13)
  + Perfect knowledge in support of His purposes (Acts 2:22-23; 1 Pet.1:19-20)
* His power to restrain evil
  + Satan (Job 2:1-7)
  + Men who follow Satan's example of self-exaltation (Dan.4:28-37)
* His transcendence of the kosmos
  + Not contained in material things (mass) - 1 Ki.19:11-12
  + Not contained in immaterial things (space) - 1 Ki.8:27
  + Not contained in any time period - Psa.90:2
* His immutability
  + "God is not a man ..." - Num.23:19
  + More lasting than heavens and earth - Psa.102:25-27
  + His mercy - Psa.136
  + His laws - Mal.3:5-7
  + "The same yesterday and today and forever" - Heb.13:8 of Christ - also, Heb.1:10-12

Subordinate dominions

* Physical laws of the kosmos - Gen.1:16-18; Jer.33:20-26
* Adam's dominions
  + Before the Fall, over the earthly creation - Gen.1:26-28
  + After the Fall
    - Over Eve - Gen.3:16; 1 Cor.11:9
    - Over sacrificial creatures - Gen.4:7
    - Over a changed earthly creation - Gen.9:1-2
* Human dominions
  + The 70 nations and Israel - Deu.32:8
  + Beginnings of earthly kingship & idolatry - Gen.10:8-10 (guideline of 1st occurrence)
    - Derived from the "books of generations" - Gen.10:1
  + God's priority in Israel - Deu.15:6
  + God rules over all, even the rebellious - 2 Ki.19:15; Psa.46:6-10; Jer.10:7; 43:10; Dan.4:1-3; Joh.19:10-11
    - Eventual subjugation - Hag.2:20-23; Mat.25:31-46; Rev.11:15; 19:6
  + Reigning with God
    - Kingdom of priests - Exo.19:5-6
    - Twelve Apostles - Mat.19:28
    - The 24 elders (6/12) and 4 "beasts" (7/17) - Rev.4:1-11; 5:6-14 (NB: mediatorial role); 7:11; 11:16; 14:3; 19:4
    - First Resurrection/Overcomers reign 1,000 years - Rev.20:6 (basileuō meta)
    - Body of Christ - Eph.1:20; 2:6 (kathizō, sun- kathizō)
    - Endurers' reign - 2 Tim.2:11-12 (sumbasileuō)
* Angelic dominions
  + The cherubim
    - Keepers of the way of the Tree of Life - Gen.3:24
    - Throne chariot of God - 2 Sam.22:7-11 (Song of David - repeated in Psa.18); Eze.10
  + Angels as ministering spirits
    - To the Son of God - Mat.4:11; 1 Pet.3:21-22
    - To men under the covenants - Gal.3:19; Heb.1:7,13-14; Rev.1:10
  + The 7 spirits of God - Rev.4:1-11; 5:6; 15:7
  + The "good" principalities and powers in the super-heavens - Eph.3:10
* Satan's dominion
  + Appointed as "anointed cherub that covers" - guardianship (cp. Psa.91:4; 140:7) of the kosmos, and a priestly dominion - Eze.28:12-19 - cp. covering the mercy-seat (Exo.25:20) - cp. concealment of Lam.3:43-44
  + Ambition: to be exalted "like the Most High" - Isa.14:12-14 - "stars of God" as angels (see Jud.5:20-23, Song of Deborah, and Job 38:7)
  + His possession of human kingdoms - Dan.10:12-13; Mat.4:8-10
  + His command over fallen angels - Rev.12:3-4
  + Evil principalities and powers - Eph.6:12; Col.2:15