

Prophetic Theme For 2026:

“Total Dominion”

Gen. 1:27-28

TOTAL DOMINION

Key Texts: Genesis 1:26–28, Luke 10:19, Romans 8:37, Matthew 28:18

26. “Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

27. So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

28. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.””

Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV

“Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”

Luke 10:19 NKJV

“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

Romans 8:37 NKJV

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”

Matthew 28:18 NKJV

INTRODUCTION

- Dominion is not about pride or controlling people.
- Dominion is God-given authority to rule over what He created and assigned to us.

From the beginning, God never designed humans to live defeated, afraid, or powerless.

He created us to live in authority, purpose, and victory.

- Dominion is not arrogance or control over people, but God-given authority to live victoriously.

This message is about identity, responsibility, and spiritual confidence.

Today, we are not just talking about dominion — we are talking about TOTAL DOMINION.

1. GOD'S ORIGINAL PLAN: DOMINION

In Genesis, God created humanity and gave a clear assignment:

“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.””

Genesis 1:27-28 NKJV

- To rule
- To subdue
- To take charge of creation

Dominion was not earned; it was given.

Before sin entered the world, dominion already existed.

God's original intention was never fear or defeat.

Humanity was designed to reflect God's authority on earth.

From creation, dominion was part of our purpose, not an afterthought.

NOTE:

You were created to lead, not to be helpless.

Adam naming the animals.

Gen 2:19-20

“Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.”

Genesis 2:19-20 NKJV

- Naming is never casual in the Bible—it signals rule, stewardship, or power.

- God allowed Adam to name the animals as a sign that creation was placed under his dominion.

“What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, All sheep and oxen— Even the beasts of the field, The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas.”

Psalms 8:4-8 NKJV

- Naming represents authority. God trusted humanity with leadership.

-The one who has the right to name something has authority over it—its identity, function, and direction.

This shows dominion was intentional and part of God's design.

Dominion means:

Authority over your life

“And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.””

Matthew 16:19 NKJV

-Authority over your life is the right and responsibility to govern your thoughts, choices, actions, and direction under God—rather than being ruled by fear, people, habits, or circumstances.

-It is self-governance aligned with divine order, not self-will.

1. Authority over your mind

You decide what is allowed to stay in your thoughts.

“casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,”

II Corinthians 10:5 NKJV

This means:

- You don't let fear think for you

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

II Timothy 1:7 NKJV

- You don't let past trauma define you
- You don't let temptation negotiate with you

2. Control over sin, and confusion

-Authority over your emotions and body

Emotions are real—but they are not rulers.

“Be angry, and do not sin.” (Ephesians 4:26)

-You feel emotions without being controlled by them

-You respond instead of reacting

Your body is a servant, not a master.

“I discipline my body and keep it under control.” (1 Corinthians 9:27)

This includes:

-Sexual discipline

-Appetite and health

-Rest and boundaries

3. Authority over your choices

-You take responsibility instead of blaming circumstances or people.

“I have set before you life and death... therefore choose life.” (Deuteronomy 30:19)

-Authority is expressed through deliberate choices, not impulses.

4. Authority over your boundaries

-You decide what has access to your time, energy, and spirit.

“Above all else, guard your heart.” (Proverbs 4:23)

Dominion also means -

- Influence in your environment

Influence in your environment is the capacity to shape what happens around you—people, decisions, atmosphere, and outcomes—through who you are, what you carry, and how you act, not merely through position or force.

2. DOMINION WAS DAMAGED, BUT RESTORED

“For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.”

Romans 5:6-11 NKJV

When sin entered, humanity lost spiritual authority.

But God did not abandon His plan.

Through Jesus Christ:

- Authority was restored
- Power over sin and darkness was returned
- Believers were raised into victory again

“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”

Ephesians 2:4-7 NKJV

Jesus said He has all authority, and He shares it with His followers.

“Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”

Luke 10:19 NKJV

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”

Matthew 28:18-19 NKJV

NOTE:

Salvation is not only forgiveness — it is restoration of authority.

3. TOTAL DOMINION IN CHRIST

Total dominion means:

- Dominion over sin (it does not control you)

“For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”

Romans 6:14 NKJV

- Dominion over fear (fear does not decide your future)

“Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”

Hebrews 2:14-15 NKJV

- Dominion over temptation (you are not powerless)

“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

I Corinthians 10:13 NKJV

- Dominion over circumstances (they do not define you)

Apostle Paul reminds us that believers are more than conquerors, not victims.

“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

Romans 8:37 NKJV

Total dominion is not loud arrogance — it is quiet confidence in Christ.

Authority comes from position, not strength.

A police officer doesn't need to be the strongest person on the road.

When they raise their hand, cars stop — not because of their strength, but because of their authority.

Take away the uniform, and the authority disappears.

Our authority is not in our personality or power.

Our authority comes from being in Christ.

When we stand in Christ, we operate with heaven's backing.

David did not defeat Goliath with size, armor, or experience.

He defeated him with:

- **Confidence in God**
- **Understanding of spiritual authority**
- **Bold faith**

David knew something Goliath didn't:

“The battle belongs to the Lord.”

Total dominion doesn't mean no challenges, but it means challenges don't control us.

We face life from victory, not defeat.

4. HOW TO WALK IN TOTAL DOMINION

“and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.”

Ephesians 1:19-21 NKJV

Dominion must be activated.

Dominion grows through identity, submission, Scripture, and spiritual discipline.

Authority must be maintained, not assumed.

A. Know Your Identity

You cannot walk in authority if you think like a slave.

What Is Identity?

Identity is who you are at the core—the truth that defines your value, purpose, authority, and direction, regardless of circumstances.

From Scripture, identity is who you are as defined by God, not by:

- your past
- your failures
- your achievements
- others' opinions
- your circumstances

You are:

- A child of God

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:”

John 1:12 NKJV

- A joint heir with Christ

“Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.”

Galatians 4:7 NKJV

- Spiritually empowered

A lion can weigh much less than an elephant.

Yet when a lion roars, even elephants hesitate.

Why?

Not because of size, but because of identity and confidence.

Lesson:

Many believers are strong but silent.

When you know who you are in Christ, you don't panic — you stand.

“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”

Ephesians 6:13 NKJV

B. Submit to God

“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

James 4:7 NKJV

True authority flows from submission.

When God rules you, you can rule situations.

C. Use God's Word

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

Hebrews 4:12 NKJV

The Word of God is a weapon.

Jesus defeated temptation by declaring Scripture.

“Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’” Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.”

Matthew 4:10-11 NKJV

D. Live by the Spirit

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”

Romans 8:14 NKJV

Dominion is sustained through prayer, obedience, and faith.

5. DOMINION WITH RESPONSIBILITY

Dominion is not abuse of power.

God gives dominion so we can:

- Serve others
- Reflect His character
- Bring light into dark places

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.””

Acts 1:8 NKJV

Authority without love becomes oppression.

“For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.”

II Corinthians 5:13-15 NKJV

Authority with love becomes transformation.

“Authority with love becomes transformation” means that power or leadership only truly changes people and situations when it is exercised through love—not control, fear, or ego.

1. Authority alone can force behavior—but not hearts

Authority by itself can:

- Command obedience
- Enforce rules
- Produce short-term compliance

But it often results in:

- Resistance
- Fear
- Surface-level change

People may submit outwardly while remaining unchanged inwardly.

“Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit...” (Zechariah 4:6)

2. Love gives authority legitimacy

When authority is grounded in love:

- It seeks restoration, not domination
- It protects dignity
- It invites trust

Love answers the question:

“Why should I submit?”

“Let all that you do be done with love.” (1 Corinthians 16:14)

Authority without love feels oppressive.

Authority with love feels safe.

3. Love activates transformation

Transformation is internal change—of mind, will, and character.

Love:

- Softens resistance
- Opens hearts
- Makes correction receivable

Jesus demonstrated this perfectly:

- He had absolute authority
- Yet He led with compassion

“The kindness of God leads to repentance.” (Romans 2:4)

People didn’t just obey Jesus—they became different.

4. Authority + love mirrors God's dominion

- God's dominion is not tyrannical
- His authority heals, restores, and frees

“For the Lord disciplines the one He loves.” (Hebrews 12:6)

Love does not cancel authority—it purifies it.

5. Practical meaning in real life

In leadership:

Authority + love → loyalty and growth

Authority – love → rebellion or fear

In family:

Correction with love → character formation

Correction without love → resentment

summary

Authority demands submission; love invites transformation.

When authority is wrapped in love, obedience becomes change.

CONCLUSION

Total dominion is your inheritance in Christ.

You were not created to survive — you were created to overcome.

Say this aloud:

“Through Christ, I walk in total dominion.”

Walk boldly.

Live obediently.

Rule responsibly