

BATTLEGROUND & PARTICIPANTS

ROMANS 6:12-14

- 1** **THERE IS A REIGN** There is a “reign” (verb form for king) that is being contested **THRONE**
V.12 “Do not let sin reign in your mortal body.”
- 2** **THERE IS A CHALLENGER TO THE THRONE** **SIN**
V.12 “Do not let sin reign in your mortal body.” Sin is a rebel who wants to take over the kingdom
- 3** **THERE IS A CASTLE WHERE SIN THREATENS TO REIGN** **THE WHOLE PERSON or SOUL**
V.12 “Do not let sin reign in your mortal body.”
- 4** **THERE ARE LOYAL SERVANTS WHO MAY BETRAY PARTS OF THE CASTLE** **DESIRES**
V.12 “Do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its [i.e., the body's] lusts [desires]”
- 5** **THERE IS POSSIBLE INCREMENTAL SURRENDER TO BETRAY** **DISLOYAL DESIRES**
V.12 “Do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts [desires]”
- 6** **THERE IS A TRUE KING ON THE THRONE WHO HAS THE REIGN IN THE CASTLE** **GOD**
V.13 Stay loyal to the true King with all your members and all your desires (servants).
“Present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God”
- 7** **THERE ARE WEAPONS IN THE CASTLE THAT MAY BE USED BY THE ENEMY FOR HIS UNRIGHTEOUS PURPOSES** **MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN BODY**
V.13 Don't let the rebel, sin, capture the members of your body and turn them into weapons against the true King. The word instruments is used 6 times in the NT, and means ‘armor’ or ‘weapons’.
“Present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God”
- 8** **THERE IS A CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY IN THE KINGDOM** **GRACE, NOT LAW**
V.14 “For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”