



**Strong's #1849:** Exousia (pronounced ex-oo-see'-ah)

from 1832 (in the sense of ability); privilege, i.e. (subjectively) force, capacity, competency, freedom, or (objectively) mastery (concretely, magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control), delegated influence:--authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.

**Thayer's Greek Lexicon:** Exousia

- 1) power of choice, liberty of doing as one pleases
- 1a) leave or permission
- 2) physical and mental power
- 2a) the ability or strength with which one is endued, which he either possesses or exercises
- 3) the power of authority (influence) and of right (privilege)
- 4) the power of rule or government (the power of him whose will and commands must be submitted to by others and obeyed)
  - 4a) universally
  - 4a1) authority over mankind
  - 4b) specifically
    - 4b1) the power of judicial decisions
    - 4b2) of authority to manage domestic affairs
  - 4c) metonymically
  - 4c1) a thing subject to authority or rule
    - 4c1a) jurisdiction
  - 4c2) one who possesses authority
    - 4c2a) a ruler, a human magistrate
  - 4c2b) the leading and more powerful among created beings superior to man, spiritual potentates
  - 4d) a sign of the husband' s authority over his wife
    - 4d1) the veil with which propriety required a women to cover herself
  - 4e) the sign of regal authority, a crown

**Part of Speech:** noun feminine

**Relation:** from G1832 (in the sense of ability)

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[Matthew 7:29](#)

**29** for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

[Matthew 8:9](#)

**9** For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

[Matthew 9:6](#)

**6** But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"--then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

[Matthew 9:8](#)

**8** Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

[Matthew 10:1](#)

**1** And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

[Matthew 21:23-24](#)

**23** Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?" **24** But Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things:

[Matthew 21:27](#)

**27** So they answered Jesus and said, "We do not know." And He said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

[Matthew 28:18](#)

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

[Mark 1:22](#)

**22** And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

[Mark 1:27](#)

**27** Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."

[Mark 2:10](#)

**10** But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"--He said to the paralytic,

[Mark 3:15](#)

**15** and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons:

[Mark 6:7](#)

**7** And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits.

[Mark 11:28-29](#)

**28** And they said to Him, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?" **29** But Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one question; then answer Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things:

[Mark 11:33](#)

**33** So they answered and said to Jesus, "We do not know." And Jesus answered and said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

[Mark 13:34](#)

**34** It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch.

[Luke 4:6](#)

**6** And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish."

[Luke 4:36](#)

**36** Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out."

[Luke 5:24](#)

**24** But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" --He said to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

[Luke 7:8](#)

**8** For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

[Luke 9:1](#)

**1** Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.

[Luke 10:19](#)

**19** 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 12:5](#)

**5** But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!

[Luke 12:11](#)

**11** Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say.

[Luke 19:17](#)

**17** And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.'

[Luke 20:2](#)

**2** and spoke to Him, saying, "Tell us, by what authority are You doing these things? Or who is he who gave You this authority?"

[Luke 20:8](#)

**8** And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

[Luke 20:20](#)

**20** So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, that they might seize on His words, in order to deliver Him to the power and the authority of the governor.

[Luke 22:53](#)

**53** When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

[Luke 23:7](#)

**7** And as soon as he knew that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

[John 5:27](#)

**27** and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.

[John 10:18](#)

**18** No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

[John 17:2](#)

**2** as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

### [John 19:10-11](#)

**10** Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" **11** Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."

### [Acts 5:4](#)

**4** While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

### [Acts 8:19](#)

**19** saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

### [Acts 9:14](#)

**14** And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."

### [Acts 26:10](#)

**10** This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them.

### [Acts 26:12](#)

**12** "While thus occupied, as I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

### [Acts 26:18](#)

**18** to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'

### [Romans 9:21](#)

**21** Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

### [Romans 13:1-3](#)

**1** Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. **2** Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. **3** For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.

### [1 Corinthians 7:37](#)

**37** Nevertheless he who stands steadfast in his heart, having no necessity, but has power over his own will, and has so determined in his heart that he will keep his virgin, does well.

### [1 Corinthians 9:4-6](#)

**4** Do we have no right to eat and drink? **5** Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? **6** Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working?

### [1 Corinthians 9:12](#)

**12** If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

### [1 Corinthians 9:18](#)

**18** What is my reward then? That when I preach the gospel, I may present the gospel of Christ without charge, that I may not abuse my authority in the gospel.

### [1 Corinthians 15:24](#)

**24** Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

### [2 Corinthians 10:8](#)

**8** For even if I should boast somewhat more about our authority, which the Lord gave us for edification and not for your destruction, I shall not be ashamed—

### [2 Corinthians 13:10](#)

**10** Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the authority which the Lord has given me for edification and not for destruction.

### [Ephesians 1:21](#)

**21** Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

[Ephesians 2:2](#)

**2** Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

[Ephesians 3:10](#)

**10** To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

[Ephesians 6:12](#)

**12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

[Colossians 1:13](#)

**13** He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

[Colossians 1:16](#)

**16** For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

[Colossians 2:15](#)

**15** Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

[2 Thessalonians 3:9](#)

**9** not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us.

[Titus 3:1](#)

**1** Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work,

[Hebrews 13:10](#)

**10** We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.

[1 Peter 3:22](#)

**22** who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

[Jude 1:25](#)

**25** To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

[Revelation 2:26](#)

**26** And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—

[Revelation 6:8](#)

**8** So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

### [Revelation 9:3](#)

**3** Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

### [Revelation 9:10](#)

**10** They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months.

### [Revelation 9:19](#)

**19** For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.

### [Revelation 11:6](#)

**6** These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

### [Revelation 12:10](#)

**10** Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down."

### [Revelation 13:4-5](#)

**4** So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" **5** And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

### [Revelation 13:7](#)

**7** It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

### [Revelation 13:12](#)

**12** And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

### [Revelation 14:18](#)

**18** And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe."

### [Revelation 16:9](#)

**9** And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

### [Revelation 17:12-13](#)

**12** The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. **13** These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.

### [Revelation 18:1](#)

**1** After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory.

### [Revelation 20:6](#)

**6** Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

[Revelation 22:14](#)

**14** Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.