

KING OF KINGS

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Revelation 19:16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: **KING OF KINGS** AND LORD OF LORDS.

We've been going through our English alphabet to identify some of the 700 titles and names of Jesus Christ. We're going, as it were, from A-to-Z. So far we've looked at these biblical names, from A through J:

1. The Last **A**dam
2. The **B**ridegroom
3. The **C**omforter
4. The **D**oor
5. The **E**xpress Image of God.
6. The **F**irstborn from the dead
7. **G**od
8. The **H**ead of the Body
9. **I**ntercessor
10. **J**udge

King of kings is our meditation for this evening. He is **King of kings** in the past; in the present; and in the future.

In the past our Lord has shown Himself the true power and authority superintending the universe as a whole; and, on earth, the affairs of men. Think back with me on God's dealings with some of the earth's most mighty and magnificent kings:

1. Egypt's Pharaoh knows that Jesus is **King of kings**. In one of his confrontations with Moses, Pharaoh would remark, "Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go." What became of Pharaoh? His firstborn was killed; his army was destroyed; his kingdom faltered. Moses' sister, Miriam, would later sing about it, saying, "Sing ye to the Lord! For He hath triumphed gloriously!"
2. King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon knows that Jesus is **King of kings**. One day, as he was strolling along the impressive walls of his magnificent city, he took credit for his power and authority. Immediately Nebuchadnezzar was struck with a condition that made him like a wild beast, grazing out in his hanging gardens! For seven years Daniel covered for him, until God granted him healing from the affliction. In the end, Nebuchadnezzar would say, "Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honor the King of heaven..."
3. King Herod found out that Jesus was and is **King of kings**. One day, while giving a speech, his subjects cried out that Herod's voice was like that of a god. Because Herod did not give glory to God, Herod was smitten by an angel, and eaten by worms, and died.

Whether they be the other kings mentioned in Scripture, e.g., Darius of Persia; or whether they be the kings of further history; Jesus Christ was over all of them.

Jesus is the future **King of kings**. Our passage in The Revelation of Jesus Christ presents Him returning to earth to exercise full authority and dominion over all mankind. The scene occurs at the end of that awful period of time the Bible calls the Tribulation. It is seven-years of God's judgment being poured-out upon the earth, calling upon men to repent just before the Second Coming of Jesus to make all things right.

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Your King is “faithful...” He is “true...” He is “righteous,” meaning everything He does is right and flows from the best motives... One thing He must do is “judge and make war” with all those who refuse to have their sins judged instead at the Cross.

Revelation 19:12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

His appearing and appearance will be terrifying to those who have refused His offer of salvation. I won't speculate on His secret name - *- you're told only He knows it!*

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The word “dipped” means *sprinkled*. This is not His own blood; it is the blood of His enemies, sprinkled or splattered on Him in battle.

Jesus is the “Word of God” in that He fulfills every word in the Bible, and every page speaks of Him in some way.

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We return with Jesus and are called His “army.” We're not really dressed for battle, though, and we have no real participation in the battle except as observers of His glory and power.

Jesus will strike the nations gathered against Him. His weapon is the Word He speaks. His Word will overcome His enemies.

Then Jesus shepherds the nations. The “rod” is the shepherd's staff. The Gospel of Matthew records the separation of the sheep and the goats at His coming. The goats are sent to outer darkness to await final judgment.

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He sets up a reign of righteousness upon the earth that lasts one thousand years. All the nations of the world acknowledge Him. Every knee will bow; and every tongue will confess; that Jesus Christ is Lord!

It is perhaps most difficult to perceive Jesus' present rule as **King of kings**. This time before His Second Coming, as we await His imminent return to Rapture the Church, seems fraught with difficulties... dangers... discouragements... We talk of Jesus as King of hearts, ruling on the throne of the hearts of His people, as if He might not be **King of kings** yet.

He is certainly the King of hearts. He exercised His authority as King of your heart when He saved you:

2 Corinthians 4:6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

He exercises His authority as King of your heart as He sanctifies you day-by-day:

Ephesians 3:17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

As far as being **King of kings**... He is. The fact He has not returned yet to fully establish His rule does not cancel it out. It does not diminish it.

We struggle with the delay. People suffer... They die... They perpetrate unbelievable cruelty upon one another. Why doesn't Jesus do something?

He has. He's died on the Cross to provide eternal life for everyone who will come to Him in faith. In the mean time, though the world groans and suffers, it is nothing compared to the eternal suffering of souls. God is thus longsuffering, not willing that any should perish, but that all would come to eternal life.

It struck me that Christians are sometimes like the Jews of the First Century. Jesus had come to offer spiritual salvation; but the Jews

were disappointed because they wanted a conquering Savior. They wanted someone who would overthrow Rome and set-up a political kingdom on earth. They wanted a better life right now, free from physical suffering and political injustices.

When we are disappointed Jesus isn't acting more like King of kings, we are echoing similar sentiments, are we not? The truth is, the salvation our King has provided is already far beyond and better than the things we concern ourselves with. We have every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in order to learn to be content in every circumstance on earth as we await His return.

Let Jesus rule as King of hearts and you will recognize Him more as [King of kings](#).



