

## **“King of Kings and Lord of Lords”**

*Scripture reading: Revelation 19:16*

Revelation 19:16 talks about the One who sat upon the white horse. He had “...on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, *KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*”

The first reference in the Scripture of “*king of kings*” is in Ezra 7:12. “*Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace, and at such a time.*” Artaxerxes was called “*king of kings*” because he had in his kingdom many kings whom he had conquered and were under him. His kingdom stretched from Babylon right through India and all those places. It covered almost the whole known world at that time. So he was called “*king of kings*” because many kings were under him and he was king of those kings.

Ezekiel 26:7, “*For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people.*” “*A king of kings*” means that there were many kings of kingdoms whom they had conquered. Nebuchadnezzar was “*a king of kings, from the north,*” and God was threatening to bring this “*king of kings*” “*upon Tyrus.*”

Daniel testified to this in Daniel 2:37 when he addressed Nebuchadnezzar, “*Thou, O king, art a KING OF KINGS: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.*” Verse 38, “*And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.*” God Himself called Nebuchadnezzar “*a king of kings: for...God...hath given*” him this kingdom.

Paul received the revelation of the true “*King of kings, and Lord of lords,*” as he spoke in the Spirit in 1 Timothy 6:13-16. “*I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.*”

Revelation 17:14, “*These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.*”

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*Thought for today:* To have the same revelation that Paul received of Jesus Christ: *Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords.*