

## **Names of God from the Bible**

### **23 – King of kings**

*All God's Names are eternal names – so He is still King of kings for us today.*

#### **Reading: Revelation 19:11-21**

What a powerful, majestic and prophetic vision God gave John on the Island of Patmos, whilst he was a prisoner for his faith. John declares that he saw, in the vision, heaven opened and standing before him a white horse, and on the white horse was a rider called Faithful and True.

There are no prizes for guessing who the rider was because He was soon revealed as The Word of God. Whilst, in John's vision, the glory and splendour of the rider are brilliant, nevertheless John was able to see that His robes were dipped in blood, suggesting that He was the great Sacrifice. He can be no other than Jesus Christ – crucified, risen from the dead, ascended into Heaven and now glorified as the leader of Heaven's vast and all-conquering armies.

Yes, He endured the agony and fury of God's wrath so that we may go free. Now He has the supreme right to rule the nations, as the prophetic sceptre has been given to Him. His identity and ultimate authority are emblazoned on His robe – KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Wow! What a sight. Here is the true definition and expression of AWESOME. There is none other that can compare. When Jesus is finally revealed in all His glory, every other being will cower in deference.

Even as we read the passage, we can almost sense and feel the radiance of His glory and majesty. We can imagine the tremendous silence that heralds His entrance. That intense realisation that the greatest Being of all is coming into view, and we have the amazing privilege to glimpse and witness His Majesty for the very first time.

We need to read this passage frequently, since it is so easy for us to be squeezed into this world's thinking and paradigm. This world that considers Jesus no more than a religious Father Christmas, without the pleasure and toy gifts. This world that considers the Bible antiquated, morally restrictive and irrelevant. This world that mocks the Church and all it stands for, and this world that wants to pursue its own agenda, regardless of the consequences to others.

Christians need to do a thorough check-up regularly to ensure they are not sucked into the world's thinking and system. Christians do not belong to this world, they are just passing through and their destiny is with the KING OF ALL KINGS AND LORD OF ALL LORDS.

And yet, God has always been King of all kings. It is one of His eternal Names. God drove out the various kings of Canaan, the Promised Land, so that the Hebrews might live and settle in the land. Samuel reminded the people that when they demanded a king, they were not just rejecting him as their prophet and priest, they were rejecting God as their King.

God was Israel's King. He had been their Champion, their Leader, their Protector and their security. However, the People of Israel allowed themselves to get sucked into the social customs and values of the surrounding nations. They exchanged their life of faith and righteousness for wealth and happiness, a very dangerous cocktail.

They embraced idolatry and the horrendous lifestyle of the locals, thinking it would satisfy their

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desire for instant gratification. They loathed being different and misunderstood the premium they had as the People of God. Rather, they saw it as a hindrance and obstacle to acceptance and advancement. They demanded that they should be like everyone else and be led by a king, a human king.

God gave into their demands, and thus began the sad and slippery slope of a relationship, between the People of God and God Himself.

### **What does that name mean for us today**

A King has a Kingdom and subjects. Christ's Kingdom began at Bethlehem. We can become His subjects through faith and obedience. We then experience the Kingdom on earth. However, we also receive the guarantee of His Holy Spirit who ensures that we shall eventually see THE KING OF ALL KINGS when He comes into His Eternal Kingdom.

### **Prayer**

*Father, thank You so much for reminding us that You are the final Authority. Jesus Christ has become the King of Kings and that, one day, we shall see Him in all His glory. Please help me prepare and be ready for that day. Amen.*

### **Additional Readings**

- 1 Samuel 12:1-19
- Psalm 24:1-10
- Zechariah 9:9-17

### **Questions**

1. What does the Kingdom of God look like on earth today?
2. How would you feel if Jesus gave you a similar vision to John's so that you saw Jesus in His Majestic glory right now?
3. How does Jesus fulfil that name even today?