

# Study Guide 2023–2024

## King of kings



Heavenly King



human king

## **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS - REVELATION 19, VERSE 16**

In December 1939, the United Kingdom was at war with Nazi Germany. The future course of the conflict was unknown and the outcome uncertain. On Christmas Day, the then Monarch, King George VI addressed the Empire. He spoke of the dark times ahead – and then he continued:

“A new year is at hand. We cannot tell which it will bring. If it brings peace, how thankful we shall all be. If it brings continued struggle, we shall remain undaunted. In the meantime, I feel that we may all find a message of encouragement in the lines which, in my closing words, I would like to say to you:-

“I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: “Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.” And he replied: “Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.” May that Almighty hand guide and uphold us all.”

In a time of difficulty, danger and distress, the message from the King was: “Put your hand into the hand of God!”

**Centuries ago, another King, a greater King, the Supreme King, God Himself, spoke to His people: “For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you ‘Do not fear; I will help you’” (Isaiah 41 v 13).**

What is the message from this King? “Put your hand into the hand of God!”

As we now have a new earthly king, Charles III, let us reflect on the words of various hymns and praise songs which lead us to consider our Heavenly King, Jesus, who the Bible tells us is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Think of how these songs speak to our hearts as we worship God, who is our King

**King of kings**, Majesty, God of Heaven living in me,  
Gentle Saviour, closest friend, Strong Deliverer beginning and end  
All within me falls at your throne, Your Majesty, I can but bow  
I lay my all before you now, In royal robes I don't deserve  
I live to serve your Majesty,

**The Lord God is our King – Read 1 Timothy, 6, verses 11 - 16:**

Many songs and carols mention the new **King**, for example, “there's a new King born today” in the words of “Come and join the celebration, it's a very special day, come and share our jubilation, there's a new King born today.”

Also “Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the new-born **King**”.

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## **Bible verse: Micah 5, verse 2:**

**“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from old, from ancient times.”**

The **King** of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never, I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine for ever.

Praise my soul, the **King** of Heaven, to His feet thy tribute bring, ransomed, healed restored, forgiven, who like thee His praise should sing, Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise the everlasting **King**.

**King** of my life, I crown thee now, Thine shall the glory be, Lest I forget Thy thorn crowned brow, Lead me to Calvary. Chorus: Lest I forget Geth-se-ma-ne, Lest I forget Thine agony, Lest I forget Thy love for me, Lead me to Calvary.

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne; Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns, all music but its own: awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy chosen King, through all eternity.

Bible verses: Psalm 2 which ends: “Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.”

Jesus is **King** and I will extol Him, give Him the glory and honour His Name, He reigns on high, enthroned in the heavens, Word of the Father, exalted for us.

**Bible verses: John 18, verse 33, “Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him “Are you the king of the Jews?”, verse 34, “Is that your own idea, Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?! Verse 36, Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews, but now my kingdom is from another place.”**

**Verse 37, “You are a **King**, then! Said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a **King**. In fact for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”**

O worship the **King**, all glorious above; O gratefully sing His power and His love; our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

**Bible verse: Matthew 6, verse 10 – the Lord’s Prayer, “Your kingdom come”**

**Revelation 1, verses 4 and 5 “ ..... Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.”**

Lord of lords

You are the **King** of Glory, you are the Prince of Peace, You are the Lord of Heaven and earth, You're the Son of righteousness, Angels bow down before You, Worship and adore, for You have the words of eternal life, You are Jesus Christ the Lord – Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna to the **King** of kings! Glory in the highest heaven, for Jesus the Messiah reigns.

Note words: 'Hosanna to the **King** of kings' – **Luke 19, verse 38** – “**Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!**” **Psalm 24** asks – “**Who is this King of glory?**” and speaks of **overwhelming glory to those who believe.**

**Please read all of Psalm 93. Verses 1 and 2 in particular tell us that the Lord reigns and that His throne was established long ago; He is from all eternity.**

In contrast, the long reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II came to an end and we now have a new King, Charles III.

Praise my soul, the **King** of heaven, to His feet thy tribute bring – **Psalm 103, verse 19**, “**The Lord has established His throne in heaven and His kingdom rules over all**”.

The Apostle Paul writes in **1 Timothy, chapter 1, verse 17**: “**Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.**”

We are called to worship and adore the King of Kings – the King of Glory, the King eternal, who was and is and evermore shall be.

King George VI in his Christmas Broadcast was encouraging his vast audience to do what he himself had done. Trusting in God, his hand in God's hand, he faced the trials of life and then illness and death itself.

The message from the then King: “Put your hand into the hand of God!”

The challenge for us is to ask ourselves the question: “Is Jesus the King of my heart and life?” Have I placed my hand into God's hand?

Handel's Messiah – Hallelujah Chorus:

**King** of Kings – forever and ever, (Hallelujah!, Hallelujah!)

And Lord of Lords – forever and ever, (Hallelujah!, Hallelujah!)

**King** of Kings – forever and ever, (Hallelujah!, Hallelujah!)

**King** of Kings and Lord of Lords

Let us worship Jesus, our Heavenly King who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.