## King of Kings & Lord of Lords

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ebuchadnezzar, mighty king of Babylon, and Artaxerxes, mighty king of Persia are designated "king of kings" (Ezra 7:12; Ezek. 26:7; Dan. 2:37) because of their world-wide empires over which they ruled. But the Lord Jesus Christ is designated as "King of kings and Lord of lords" (1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 17:14; 19:16) because He rules from heaven over the kingdoms of men today! Naturally the people of the world do not believe it because they cannot "see" it, but it is true nonetheless.

Nebuchadnezzar himself learned the lesson the hard way when God changed his heart from that of a man's to that of an animal's because he thought it was by his own great might and ingenuity that he was king over Babylon! The king had said, *"Is not this great Babylon, that <u>I</u> have built for a royal dwelling by <u>my</u> mighty power and for the honor of <u>my</u> majesty?" (Daniel 4:30). After "seven times" passed over him (seven years?), Nebuchadnezzar received his mind back again and learned that <i>"the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses"* (Daniel 4:25).

Pride, arrogance, selfishness, and self-willed intentions are the ruin of any person or nation. Man has tried a thousand ways to deny God's existence so that he wouldn't have to submit to Him and obey, but it is all futile. Man does not have the power to thwart God. It would be so much better if man would read God's Word, submit to it, and be a blessing to God and to all mankind for as long as he lived. But human history is full of man's rebellion. How sad this is, but dear reader, **YOU** can make a difference in your own life. You can trust and obey God and have a great life now and eternal life in the future. The choice is yours!

"I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, ... that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords," (1 Timothy 6:13-15).

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