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"And we bring you good of the promise made unto the fathers…" (Acts 13:32)

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Victorious With The King of Kings

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The phrase, *"King of Kings"* conveys the thought of one being superior to the many. In the upper echelon of "kings" a king stands out who is greater than all. The New Testament clearly points to Jesus, the lamb, as the superior *"King of kings."* John, by inspiration, declares *"These shall war against the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, for He is the Lord of lords, and King of kings..." (Revelation 17:14).*

Being on the side of the King of kings, we should never have to suffer at the hands of evil rulers, right? Victory is ours! We will never have to bear any permanent physical setback, right? In our euphoria for our King, we need to take a moment and anchor ourselves in the truth of God's Word, and reflect on the nature of our victory with Him who is over the kings of the earth.

THE SPIRITUAL VICTORY

We followers of the Lamb have certain victory with Jesus. While He will certainly *"overcome "the kings," ...they also shall overcome that are with Him, called and chosen and faithful" (Revelation 17:14).* Is this victory won without any suffering? Is there no permanent physical loss of the one life we have on earth? John helps the physically persecuted saints in the first century to know deep down in their souls that their victory with Jesus was intact though it might mean the loss of their life on earth. *"And they overcame him because of the blood of the lamb, and because of the word of their testimony; and they loved not their life even unto death" (Revelation 12:11).* The victory of overcoming Satan and the kings of the earth is ours even at the terrifying moment the sword is about to sever our head from our body. Why? Because "spiritual victory" transcends physical life. We the "called," "chosen," and "faithful" enjoy the spiritual victory alongside the suffering sacrificial lamb, Jesus Christ.

THE TEMPORAL VICTORY

Earthly kings rise and fall in time. This is certainly true of the persecuting kings who ruled in the times of first century Christians. While announcing the Lamb shall overcome in Revelation 17, the battle bringing down the persecuting power is not fought until Revelation 19. The battle array is set. There is the One who is called, "faithful and true" and "the word of God" with this writing on His thigh: KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. Warring with Him is the persecuting beast with all his supporters. Then, without detail of the ensuing battle, the outcome is announced: they *"were cast alive into the lake of firs that burneth with fire and brimstone" (Revelation 19:20).* The persecuting power is brought to an end, but Satan will inspire other persecutors before the final end *(cf. Revelation 20:7-15).* Therefore, some victories with the King of kings are temporal.

THE ETERNAL VICTORY

When Jesus appears at the end of time, He will show *"who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in light unapproachable; whom no man hath seen, nor can see; to whom be honor and power eternal, Amen" (I Timothy 6:15).* When kings' powers fall for the final time, they will have to acknowledge He who is the "only Potentate." While death spreads to bring an end to the kingdom of men forever, they will have to acknowledge Him "who only hath immortality." The appearing of the Lord will usher in eternal victory. Will you be standing faithfully with the King of kings?