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TIMELESS AND TIMELY

“For at the right time Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only almighty God, the King of kings and Lord of lords” 1 Timothy 6:15 (NLT)

Paul says these words to Timothy, encouraging him to stay strong in the faith. The phrase “King of kings and Lord of lords” is used in various places in the scriptures, including Deuteronomy 10:17 and Revelation 19:16. Later, it would be set to music by Handel as the pivotal portion of “The Hallelujah Chorus”. In 1980, a contemporary Christian song, “King of Kings and Lord of Lords,” was written by a teenage girl, Nomi Yah, and has been recorded by several artists.

It is a timeless phrase used for thousands of years to describe the one true God, but what does it mean? To me, the answer is “The only one that matters”. There have been many kings and lords on earth throughout history, but this superlative phrase means **this** King and **this** Lord are the most important.

Growing up, when playing board games or ping pong with my father, he would use the title ‘Champion of Champions.’ We would decide to play one more game, and that person would be crowned The Champion. However, when the results did not swing his way, the new “Champion of Champions” title was suddenly employed. This was the true winner, the best of the best, and the final word. (I was sometimes crowned the Champion of Champions, but it wasn’t easy.)

The world does not see God as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, or the Champion of Champions, and we wonder if they ever will. Even though we do not always like God’s timing, the verse above tells us YES, Christ will be revealed at the right time for His ultimate plan. The King of kings and Lord of lords is timeless, and His return will be timely!

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, thank you for the concept of time that You gifted to Your children on earth. Empower us to believe Your timing is perfect and to praise You as the King of kings and Lord of lords! Amen.*

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