

The Grave of Five Kings

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Joshua 10:16-19, 22-24 — **16** During the battle the five kings escaped and hid in a cave at Makkedah. **17** When Joshua heard that they had been found, **18** he issued this command: "Cover the opening of the cave with large rocks, and place guards at the entrance to keep the kings inside. **19** The rest of you continue chasing the enemy and cut them down from the rear. Don't give them a chance to get back to their towns, for the LORD your God has given you victory over them." **22** Then Joshua said, "Remove the rocks covering the opening of the cave, and bring the five kings to me." **23** So they brought the five kings out of the cave—the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, and Eglon. **24** When they brought them out, Joshua told the commanders of his army, "Come and put your feet on the kings' necks." And they did as they were told.

Romans 16:20 (NLT) — **20** The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

Exposing Kings

1. King SATAN: The deceiver

a. "I'll tempt them and defile them."

b. **Revelation 12:9 (NLT)** — **9** This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, **the one deceiving the whole world**—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels.

2. King SIN: The enslaver

a. "I'll bind them in chains, and they'll always be slaves."

b. **Genesis 4:7 (NLT)** — **7** "You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! **Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you.** But you must subdue it and be its master."

3. King PAST: The accuser

a. "I'll make sure they never forget their failures."

b. **Revelation 12:10 (NLT)** — **10** ...For the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth— **the one who accuses them before our God day and night.**

4. King DEATH: The executioner

a. "I'll make sure they pay for all their sins with death."

b. **Romans 6:23 (NLT)** — **23** For the **wages of sin is death**, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

5. King HELL: The separator

a. "I'll keep them forever separated from God."

b. **Revelation 20:14 (NLT)** — **14** **Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.** The lake of fire is the second death.

Defeating Kings

Colossians 2:13-15 (NLT) — **13** You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. **14** He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. **15** In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. **He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.**

God leads us to put our feet on these kings' necks and DECLARE:

1. I am not **deceived**; I know the **truth**.
2. I am not a **slave**; I am **free**.
3. I am not **guilty**; I am **righteous**.
4. I am not **dead**; I am **alive**.
5. I am not **separated**; I am **close**.

Future Kings

Joshua 10:24-25 (NLT) — **24** When they brought them out, Joshua told the commanders of his army, "Come and put your feet on the kings' necks." And they did as they were told. **25** "**Don't ever be afraid or discouraged,**" Joshua told his men. "**Be strong and courageous,** for the Lord is going to do this to all of your enemies."