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# KING OF KINGS

Painted by Charles E. Butler.

2<sup>d</sup> Birthday, writing to you  
I shall always remember with  
joy & gratitude the part you  
played, in introducing me to  
Theo.

John  
1957

Charles E. Butler 1916

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# "THE KING OF KINGS"

## THE LATE CHAS. E. BUTLER'S REVELATION

This divinely inspired work is intended to convey the idea that Kings and Rulers of all times are seen acknowledging the sovereignty of Christ. This wonderful work was commenced in 1912 and completed in 3 years, it then appeared the following year in the Royal Academy 1916. There are 158 actual portraits of past monarchs and rulers in the picture, but no living monarch is included.

The outstanding feature is, that whilst the artist was, by profession, a portrait painter, his hobby was the Church organ, he having been an organist and choirmaster in a London Church for nearly half a century, up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1933. So with that knowledge, we are better able to appreciate the fact that when painting this work no model was used by him for the Central Figure, which is acknowledged to be, not only wonderful, but very beautiful. Observe the halo, so radiant, and so realistic, as to cause enquiries during our travels, as to whether a light is used behind; quite reasonable to imagine, but there is no lighting there, not only no light but no luminous paint used, but simply the outcome of a Divine inspiration. Again observe the Robe, its purity and transparency and the light seen coming from within, The Light of the World, shedding its rays over these monarchs, who are seen doing homage and offering their crowns, and acknowledging our Lord to be "The King of Kings."

Those who served Our Lord best on earth are represented in attitudes of adoration, some kneeling before Him, others offering their crowns, and the figure kissing the hand of Christ is that of St. Edward the Confessor.

There are still others, particularly Napoleon, Barbarossa and Nero, who are standing aloof and who seem to give the impression of disputing the sovereignty of Christ.

Behind the Cross, and in terror of it is Lucifer, the Prince of Darkness, forming a sharp contrast to the figure of Our Lord, the dark wings serving as a background to the head of the "King of Kings."

The white robe representing the power of the Spirit upon Him.

Now when Christ enters any human heart, He bears with Him a two-fold light; first, the light of conscience, which displays part sin, and afterwards the light of peace, the hope of salvation.

The light which proceeds from the head of the figure, is that of the hope of salvation; which shows the most exquisite mystery of colour; becoming reality at its true distance, and giving it mysterious value and lustre.

BENHAM S  
COLCHESTER

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By C. E. Butler.

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Key Plate to Monarchs Portrayed.

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| 1 The King of Kings                          | 54 King Gustavus Erikson, Norway        | 111 King Louis Philippe, France                            |
| 2 The Prince of Darkness                     | 55 Maria Thersa of Spain                | 112 King Philip II, Spain                                  |
| 3 King Arthur, England                       | 56 Maurice of Saxony                    | 113 King Ferdinand (the Catholic), Spain                   |
| 4 King Edward the Confessor, England         | 57 Emperor Napoleon III, France         | 114 Queen Anne, England                                    |
| 5 King Harold, England                       | 58 King Edward III, England             | 115 King Frederick V, Denmark                              |
| 6 King Louis IX (St. Louis), France          | 59 King Edward I, England               | 116 King Frederick VII, Denmark                            |
| 7 King George, Bohemia                       | 60 King Henry II, England               | 117 Emperor Shih-Huang-Tai, China                          |
| 8 King Athelstan, England                    | 61 King James I, England                | 118 Emperor Justinian, Rome                                |
| 9 King Canute, England                       | 62 King Charles I, England              | 119 Emperor Charles V, Germany                             |
| 10 Oliver Cromwell, England                  | 63 King of Wurttemberg                  | 120 Empress Theodora, Rome                                 |
| 11 Emperor Constantine the Great, Rome       | 64 King Christian I, Denmark            | 121 King Charles IX, France                                |
| 12 King Alfred the Great, England            | 65 Emperor (Early), Germany             | 122 King Sebastian, Portugal                               |
| 13 King Henry V, England                     | 66 King Henry II, France                | 123 Emperor Claudio, Rome                                  |
| 14 King Henry VI, England                    | 67 King Louis XIV, France               | 124 King Godfrey of Bouillon, Jerusalem                    |
| 15 George Washington, America                | 68 King Louis XIII, France              | 125 Lady Jane Grey, England                                |
| 16 King Philippe I, France                   | 69 King Henry VIII, England             | 126 Queen Henrietta Maria (Wife of Charles I), England     |
| 17 King Charles X, France                    | 70 King Gustavus Vasa, Sweden           | 127 King Charles (The Bald), France                        |
| 18 King David, Israel                        | 71 King Augustus I, Poland              | 128 King Louis VI, France                                  |
| 19 Queen Mary of Scots, Scotland             | 72 King Erik XIV, Sweden                | 129 King Henry I, England                                  |
| 20 King Christopher III, Sweden              | 73 King Charles II (The Feeble), Spain  | 130 Queen Cleopatra, Egypt                                 |
| 21 King Sweyn, Denmark                       | 74 King of Iceland (Early)              | 131 King Christian I, Denmark                              |
| 22 Emperor Otto II, Germany                  | 75 Emperor Leopold I, Germany           | 132 King Philip V, Spain                                   |
| 23 Emperor Frederick II, Germany             | 76 King John, England                   | 133 King Louis XI, France                                  |
| 24 Don Carlos, Portugal                      | 77 King Edward II, England              | 134 King Victor Emmanuel II, Italy                         |
| 25 King Lear                                 | 78 Emperor Frederick III, Germany       | 135 Emperor Ferdinand II, Germany                          |
| 26 King Philippe IV (Le Bel), France         | 79 Mikado, Japan                        | 136 King Umberto, Italy                                    |
| 27 King Richard I (Cœur de Lion), England    | 80 Queen Catherine de Medici, France    | 137 King Frederick V, Bohemia                              |
| 28 Emperor Frederick I (Barbarossa), Germany | 81 Emperor Tang-Dynasty, China          | 138 Czar Alexander I, Russia                               |
| 29 Emperor Alexander the Great, Rome         | 82 Emperor Hu-ta-Hai, China             | 139 Emperor William I, Germany                             |
| 30 Emperor Napoleon I, France                | 83 King George I, England               | 140 Queen Isabella (Wife of Ferdinand the Catholic), Spain |
| 31 Emperor Augustus Caesar, Rome             | 84 King George II, England              | 141 King Philip of Hesse                                   |
| 32 Lucius Verus, Rome                        | 85 King George III, England             | 142 King Frederick William (The Great Elector), Germany    |
| 33 Emperor Nero, Rome                        | 86 King George IV, England              | 143 King Gustavus Adolphus, Sweden                         |
| 34 King Edward V., England                   | 87 King John III, Portugal              | 144 Emperor of Brazil                                      |
| 35 Shah Abbas the Great, Persia              | 88 King Frederick IV, Denmark           | 145 King Christian VII, Denmark                            |
| 36 King Edward VI, England                   | 89 Queen Catherine de Medici, France    | 146 Emperor Frederick (the Great), Germany                 |
| 37 Czar Peter the Great, Russia              | 90 Queen Mary II, England               | 147 Queen Marie Antoinette, France                         |
| 38 King Philip IV, Spain                     | 91 King William III, England            | 148 King Louis XVI, France                                 |
| 39 Emperor Julius Caesar, Rome               | 92 King Charles II, England             | 149 Prince Maurice of Orange, Netherlands                  |
| 40 King Louis XVIII, France                  | 93 King James II, England               | 150 King William III, Netherlands                          |
| 41 King Louis XI, France                     | 94 Emperor Frederick William I, Germany | 151 Queen Elizabeth, England                               |
| 42 King Stephen, England                     | 95 Emperor Joseph II, Germany           | 152 King Philip William of Orange, Netherlands             |
| 43 Pharaoh Rameses I, Egypt                  | 96 Empress Maria Theresia, Austria      | 153 Mohammed III, Arabia                                   |
| 44 Pharaoh Tothmes III, Egypt                | 97 King William (the Silent), Holland   | 154 Queen Victoria, England                                |
| 45 King Oscar, Sweden                        | 98 King Henry III, France               | 155 King Cetewayo, Zululand                                |
| 46 King William I (The Conqueror), England   | 99 King Edward IV, England              | 156 King Charles VII, France                               |
| 47 King William II (Rufus), England          | 100 King Henry VII, England             | 157 King Charlemagne, France                               |
| 48 Queen Boadicea (Britain)                  | 101 King Henry IV, France               | 158 Emperor Maximilian I, Roman Empire                     |
| 49 Queen Catarina, Cyprus                    | 102 King Frederick I, Sweden            | 159 King Charles V, France                                 |
| 50 King Henry IV, England                    | 103 King Edward VII, England            |  |
| 51 King Henry III, England                   | 104 Queen Mary I, England               |  |
| 52 King Richard II, England                  | 105 King Richard III, England           |  |
| 53 King Francis I, France                    | 106 King Frederick (the Magnanimous)    |  |
|  | 107 King Olaf, Norway                   |  |
|  | 108 King Francis II, France             |  |
|  | 109 Emperor Saladin, Saracen            |  |
|  | 110 King William IV, England            |  |

