



# BEHOLD THE KING

MATTHEW



# *Israel Trip*

November 25 - December 4





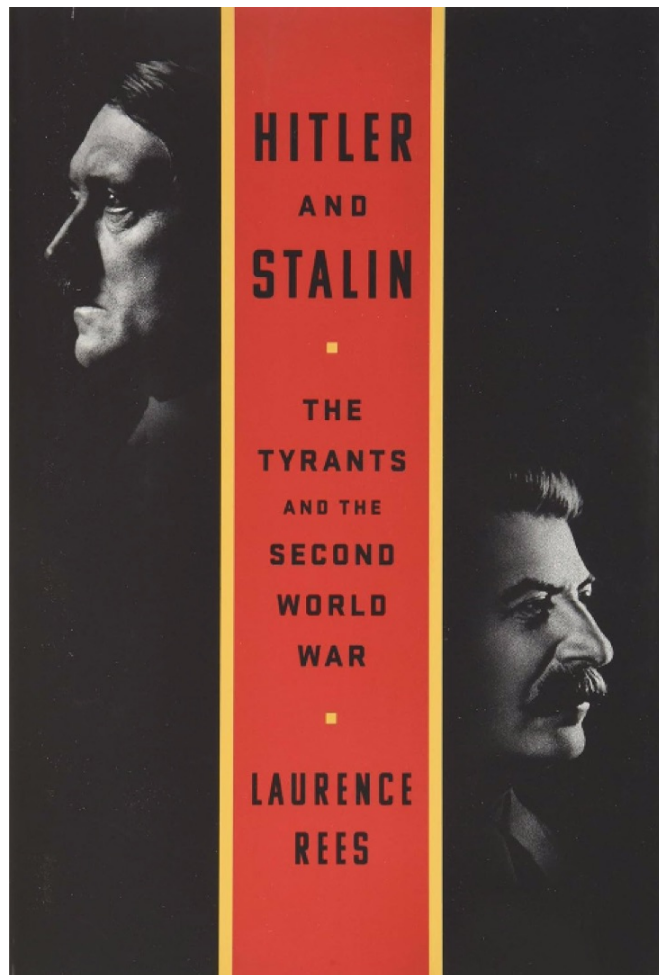




“Hitler surely doesn’t  
know about it.”

Joseph Stalin





“The fundamental reason why the Soviets faced calamity as the Germans attacked, was that the Red Army was sclerotic.”

Laurence Rees

THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER

'Gripping ...  
extraordinary'  
*GUARDIAN*

'Masterful  
and terrifying'  
*THE TIMES*



# STALIN

THE COURT OF THE RED TSAR

'An extraordinary  
book – for anyone  
fascinated by the  
nature of evil'  
ANNE APPLEBAUM

'Horrific,  
revelatory and  
sobering ...  
a triumph'  
JOHN LE CARRÉ

SIMON SEBAG  
MONTEFIORE

Stalin's "grand delusion"

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so much as to be blind to the largest invasion  
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“We have to reduce [those] secret agents ... to the dust of concentration camps, as aids to international provocateurs wishing to bring us into conflict with Germany.”

Levrenti Beria

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Andrew Roberts

“Because his ideology declared wars between the capitalist powers to be endemic and something to be encouraged,

“he assumed that the pact would allow the Soviet Union to become what he called ‘the laughing third man in a fight,’ while the capitalist-imperialist powers destroyed each other.”

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an expectation =  
a feeling or belief that something will  
or should happen

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3. Expectations of **John and Jesus** (16-19)

- the **question** (16a)

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“But to what shall I compare this generation?”

- the question (16a)
- the **answer** (16b-17)

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“It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,” (16b)

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“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.”

Matthew 11:17

- the question (16a)
- the answer (16b-17)
- the **explanation** (18-19)

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“The Son of Man came eating and drinking,” (19a)

“Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!” (19b)

Conclusion (19c)

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Wisdom is justified by her actions,  
not your expectations!

# Signs of Childish Expectations

Jesus's teaching seems **outdated** to me.

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“And behold, you are to them like one who sings lustful songs with a beautiful voice and plays well on an instrument, for they hear what you say, but they will not do it.”

Ezekiel 33:32

I tend to talk more about the **style** of a worship service than the **Savior** we are worshiping.

I hold onto **hurts** and **ruminates on wrongs**.

I **complain** a lot.

“Do all things without grumbling or disputing,  
that you may be blameless and innocent,  
children of God without blemish in the midst  
of a crooked and twisted generation, among  
whom you shine as lights in the world,”

Philippians 2:14-15

I expected ...

When this didn't happen, I felt like ...

But I believe God is calling me to ...