

JESUS REIGNS ABOVE THE RAGING

Psalm 2

Act 1: Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing?

²The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together,
Against the LORD and against His Anointed, *saying*
,³“Let us break Their bonds in pieces
And cast away Their cords from us.”

Act 2 ⁴He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision.

⁵Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure:

⁶“Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.”

Act 3 ⁷“I will declare the decree:

The LORD has said to Me, ‘You *are* My Son, Today I have begotten You.

⁸Ask of Me, and I will give *You* the nations *for* Your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession.

⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’ ”

Act 4 ¹⁰Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth.

¹¹Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling.

¹²Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish *in* the way,
When His wrath is kindled but a little.

Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in Him.

The message of Psalm 2 is that no king or ruler can stand against God’s chosen King. JESUS REIGNS! It gives a clear choice – the way of human rebellion or submission to God.

Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing?

- The word ‘plot’ in verse 1 is the same Hebrew word translated ‘meditate’ in Psalms 1:2. The meaning is “whispered treasons among the nations.” While the Godly meditate on God’s word, the wicked are plotting and scheming in vain.

The Apostles Pray Psalm 2

²⁴ And when they heard this, they raised their voices to God with one mind and said, “[e]Lord, it is You who MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND EVERYTHING THAT IS IN THEM, ²⁵ who by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Your servant, said,

‘WHY WERE THE NATIONS INSOLENT, AND THE PEOPLES PLOTTING IN VAIN?’

²⁶ THE KINGS OF THE EARTH TOOK THEIR STAND, AND THE RULERS WERE GATHERED TOGETHER AGAINST THE LORD AND AGAINST HIS CHRIST.’

²⁷ For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy [i]servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the [u]Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever Your hand and purpose predestined to occur. ²⁹ And [v]now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant it to Your bond-servants to speak Your word with all confidence, ³⁰ while You extend Your hand to heal, and [w]signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy [x]servant Jesus.” ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness. Acts 4:23-31 (NASB)

“let us break apart their [divine] bands [of restraint] and cast away their cords [of control] from us.”

- The wicked see God’s authority as oppressive, like bands and cords. They’re trying to throw off the restraint of His divine authority.

The kings of the earth set themselves, the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed

He who sits [enthroned] in the heavens laughs [at their rebellion]; The [Sovereign] Lord scoffs at them [and in supreme contempt He mocks them]. (AMP)

- *God laughs because He sits in the heavens. It isn’t an earthly throne He occupies; it is the throne of heaven with authority over all creation. What does heaven have to fear from earth?*

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⁸ Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for Your possession.

- . . . *at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.* *Philippians 2:9-11*
- *God is doing one thing in the earth; making Jesus famous and followed*

⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel. ¹⁰ Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed you judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

The psalmist calls the kings of the earth be wise and submit yourselves to God, giving Him proper reverence.

¹² Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

Those who defy God are broken, but those who trust on Him are blessed. The psalmist leaves the choice with everyone: broken or blessed?

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Conclusion:

Faith over Fear. We see at this 30,000 ft level that God is sovereign and in control. Jesus will receive the nations as His inheritance. He will triumph over the antichrist spirit and the rebellion of earthly kings.

“It’s hard to trust that God controls the affairs of your life if you do not believe that God controls the unfolding and working out of history. But it’s easy to believe that God has your little life in His hands if you believe that He’s got the whole world in His hands.” Rev HB Charles Jr.

Submission instead of Rebellion. Let’s submit ourselves again to God’s authority in our lives. We say “Your kingdom come, Your will be done in in my life as it is in heaven.

Let’s make Jesus famous and followed! We are His ambassadors and His voice in the earth!