

The New Testament Church
Why do the Nations Rage?
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I Introduction

A. Psalm 2 is a Messianic Psalm

1. It references a discussion by the eternal Godhead prior to Christ's incarnation
2. It is a look at the conflicts on earth from the vantage point of Heaven

B. If you have had the following questions, this prophetic message is for you!

1. *Why is there so much turmoil among the peoples and nations of the world?*
2. *Why does it always seem there is a movement toward a one world government?*
3. *How come there has been so much turmoil since March of this year?*

II WHY DO THE NATIONS RAGE? (Psalm 2:1-3)

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

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

Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us

A. God **CREATED** individuals and nations, but...

1. There is **SIN** in people, a result of the **FALL** – *we are in a fallen world*
2. What is the **vain thing** people imagine? That they can solve the problems on earth by creating a substitute (most often “government”) for the God they reject!

B. The kings and rulers of the world continually take ***counsel against the Lord***

1. There is always a tendency for conspiracies to attempt to rule the world; representing the sin in people's hearts against God (and Christ – 1st John 4:3)
2. Any hierarchy above the nations is an affront to God – He rules the Nations!
3. There is also a movement ***against the Lord's Anointed*** – His people (Ps. 28:8)
 - a. To break ***their bonds*** – divide believers from one another – power of ***unity***
 - b. To ***cast away their cords from us*** – to divide them from their communities
 1. God has ordained a cause and effect connection with His people and their culture – Ps. 33:12 – blessing/cursing based on condition of *God's people*
 2. The **SPIRIT** unites us to each other and to influence the culture (avoiding isolation or making our irrelevancy (ignorant on how to relate to culture)
 3. Ex. – ***voting for policy (not personality), investment in relationships***

III I HAVE SET MY KING ON MY HOLY HILL OF ZION (Psalm 2:4-9)

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

Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure

'Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.' I will declare the decree;

The Lord has said to Me, 'You are my Son, Today I have begotten You.

*Ask of Me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth for Your possession.
You shall break them with a rod of iron;
You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.*

- A. God laughs at any attempt to overthrow Him!
 1. Are you kidding? No one will ever take God and Christ off of the **THRONE!**
 2. Ex. *Nimrod, Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Alexander the Great...*
- B. God decrees eternal Justice among the Nations from Heaven – eternity past
 1. In His wrath, His displeasure and their distress... He rehearses Heaven's decree
 2. A Heavenly Conversation between Father and Son
 - a. The **decree** has already been set, there is no deliberation on who rules!
 - b. The decree in eternity past – a discussion between **FATHER** and **SON**
 - c. *The Lord (Father) said to me (Son)... You are my son, today (eternity past) I have begotten you – and you shall inherit the nations*
 3. The **GOSPEL** – death, resurrection of the Savior – He inherits the nations!

IV KISS THE SON (Psalm 2:10-12)

*Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth.
Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
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.*

- A. God only chose one nation, though He chooses individuals...
 1. Ancient Israel was chosen by God to represent His people
 2. There He established a standard of justice and judgment for all time
 3. Now, **all nations can choose Him by the influence of His people!**
- B. Be wise, O kings, judges, leaders – *serve the Lord with fear...*
 1. The fear of God (and His consequences) are at an all time low it would appear
 2. Kiss the Son – respect/honor Him... consequences are great if you ignore Him!
 - a. Since Christ has come, there have been tyrants who desired to rule the world
 - b. Ex. *Caesars of Rome, Illuminati, Napoleon, and today the globalist alliances that are bringing an organized chaos to our streets that we might cry out for anyone, like a dictator, to rule us, transforming our nation (and other nations)*

But they shall not succeed for the same God and King rule today! (2nd Timothy 3:1-9)

3. Take your **place** in His Church – *don't try to get off the field of battle!*
4. Put your **TRUST** in Him that He is allowing evil for the purpose of exposing it!
 - c. His **KINGDOM** will be the only one left standing!
 - b. Regardless of what may appear to be – that darkness rules – He rules!