



THE BOOK OF
PSALMS

PSALM 2

The Reign of the Lord's Anointed

Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,
3 “Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
6 “As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”

7 I will tell of the decree:
The Lord said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
9 You shall break^[b] them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
11 Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
12 Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Questions on Psalm 2

1. Psalm 2 divides into four nearly equal parts, each uttered by a different speaker or speakers. Who is speaking each of the stanzas?

Verses 1-3

Verses 4-6

Verses 7-9

Verses 10-12

2. What is the ultimate desire of Man and how does it deprive the world of peace?
How have you witnessed this reality in your lifetime?

3. What are God's reactions to the plans and desires of Man?

4. What do we learn about the Lord's anointed King in verses 6-9?

5. Read Gen 12:1-2 and 2 Samuel 7:12-16. How do these two promises relate to Psalm 2?

6. Read Acts 13:33; Romans 1:4 and Heb 1:5. What is said of Jesus in relation to these promises?

7. What does the Psalmist say is Wisdom and why? What is your personal response to Jesus?
In what ways has your response or lack of response impact your life experience?