

PSALM 2 -- THE ANOINTED OF GOD

INTRO: This is the first of the Messianic psalms. It pictures, in four scenes, things pertaining to the ministry of Jesus Christ.

I. THE FIRST SCENE: REBELLION ON EARTH, vs. 1-3.

So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, 25who by the mouth of Your servant David have said:

'Why did the nations rage, And the people plot vain things? The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the LORD and against His Christ.'

"For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done.

(Acts 4:24-28)

NOTE: In one of His parables, Jesus had taken note of their attitude: "But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.' (Luke 19:14)

II. SECOND SCENE: GOD'S RESPONSE FROM HEAVEN, 4-6

A. The Jewish leaders had hired false witnesses against Jesus. Herod had mocked Him, the Roman soldiers had mocked Him. Many others also passed by Him as He was being crucified and "blasphemed Him, wagging their heads & saying, 'Aha! You who destroy the temple & build it in 3 days, save Yourself & come down from the cross!'" (Mark 15:29-30).

B. But God was to have the **last** laugh -- over the Jewish nation & the city of Jerusalem; over the Caesars & the Roman Empire; over all in that age or ours who continue to rebel against Him & His anointed King Jesus.

C. Like it or not, God has set His King upon the Holy Hill Zion But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living

God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, (Heb. 12:22-25).

III. THE THIRD SCENE: CHRIST'S HEAVENLY RULE, vs. 7-9

A. Verse 7 explained:

And we declare to you glad tidings--that promise which was made to the fathers. God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm:

'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.'

34" And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus:

'I will give you the sure mercies of David.'

"Therefore He also says in another Psalm:

'You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.'

"For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption; 37but He whom God raised up saw no corruption. (Acts 13:32-37).

B. Verse 8, Christ's willing subjects.

"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word...

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; (John 17:6, 20).

C. Those who will not **bend themselves** to the rule of Christ will be **broken** with His scepter of iron, vs. 9

ILLUSTRATE: Concrete ships at Galveston

And she brought forth a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up

to God & to His throne. (Rev. 12:5).

IV. THE FOURTH SCENE: Earth's inhabitants are invited to benefit from Christ's rule by faithful, obedient service to Him, 10-12.

- A. Remember, Christ is **going** to rule whether we like it or not.
- B. It is to our advantage to willingly submit to His righteous rule & be saved.

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling (Phil. 2:9-12).

- C. Further Scriptures tell us that we can participate in Christ's heavenly rule & share in His victory by continuing in faithful obedience to His will.

And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations-- 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels'-- as I also have received from My Father (Rev. 2:26-27).

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