



CHRIST

In the Old Testament



Messiah's Reign and Invitation

Psalm 2



FAITH BUILDERS



Background on Psalm 2

- Called a *royal* psalm
- Considered a *Messianic* psalm
- Written by David (Acts 4:24)
- Reflects on David and the throne of David, but has its ultimate fulfillment in Messiah, Jesus Christ, who is the Greater David and final king

Background on Psalm 2

Theme:

While sinful man and nations attempt to dethrone and be free of God and His Anointed, God has decreed His Son, Jesus Christ, to be King and Lord over all. With a strong warning that the Son will one day crush all His enemies, He invites sinners to humble and submit themselves to Him before it is too late.

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- A. *The human rebellion of the nations against God and His Anointed (1-3)*
- *Heathen nations and peoples are in a rage and plotting what is vain (1)*
 - *Rulers rise up and band together against the Lord and His Anointed (2)*

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A. The human rebellion of

- Heathen nations are
- Rulers rise up and

Anointed

- Hebrew *mashiah* means “anointed one”
- Used of someone chosen and consecrated by God for a special function
- Used in the OT in reference to the high priest, kings, patriarchs, and prophets
- Used here to refer to David and the Davidic dynasty near-term, but ultimately to the promised Messiah, Jesus Christ
- English word *Messiah* comes from this Hebrew word
- English word *Christ* (Greek *Christos*) is Greek equivalent of this Hebrew word

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Acts 4:25–26 ²⁵“who by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Your servant, said, ‘WHY DID THE GENTILES RAGE, AND THE PEOPLES DEVISE FUTILE THINGS? ²⁶‘THE KINGS OF THE EARTH TOOK THEIR STAND, AND THE RULERS WERE GATHERED TOGETHER AGAINST THE LORD AND AGAINST HIS CHRIST.’ ²⁷For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel”

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 - *They want to be free of any restraints or obligations of God and His Anointed (3)*

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A. *The human rebellion of the nations*

- *Heathen nations and peoples are*
- *Rulers rise up and band together*
- *They want to be free of any restraint*

Psalm 14:1–3 ¹The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; There is no one who does good. ²The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men To see if there are any who understand, Who seek after God. ³They have all turned aside, together they have become corrupt; There is no one who does good, not even one.

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- A. The human rebellion of the nations against God and His Anointed (1-3)
- B. The divine reaction of God toward the human rebels (4-6)
 - God laughs and mocks at their weak attempts to stand against Him (4)

Psalm 37:12–13 ¹²The wicked plots against the righteous And gnashes at him with his teeth. ¹³The Lord laughs at him, For He sees his day is coming.

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 - *God will ultimately express His anger and terrifying wrath (5)*
 - *God declares that He has installed His King on Zion (6)*

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A. The human rebellion of the nations

B. The divine reaction of God to the rebellion

- God laughs and mocks at the nations
- God will ultimately express His wrath against the nations
- God declares that He has anointed His Son as King

John 18:36–37³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.”

³⁷Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say *correctly* that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

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B. The divine reaction of God toward the rebellion

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Revelation 14:1 ¹Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.

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 - *The Son recites the decree that God is His Father and He is His Son (7)*

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- B. The divine reaction of God toward the nations
- C. The divine declarations regarding the Messiah
 - The Son recites the decree that God has made

2 Samuel 7:12–14 ¹²“When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men,”

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- A. The human rebellion
- B. The divine reaction
- C. The divine declaration
- The Son receives the Father's approval
- (at Jesus' baptism) **Matthew 3:17**¹⁷ and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."
- (at Jesus' Transfiguration) **Matthew 17:5**⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!"

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Begotten

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- Lexicon states “It’s usage here has the sense of formally installing a king into theocratic rights”
- Cannot refer to being physically created since Christ is eternal (John 10:30; Col 1:15-16; 2:9; John 1:1-14)
- Verse quoted in NT in relation to His birth (Heb 1:5) and resurrection (Acts 13:33)

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A. The

Hebrews 1:5 ⁵For to which of the angels did He ever say, “You are My Son, Today I have begotten (Greek *gennaō*) You”? And

B. The

again, “I will be a Father to Him And He shall be a Son to Me”? (14)

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Acts 13:32–33³² "And we preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers, ³³that God has fulfilled this promise to our children in that

He raised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, 'You are My Son; today I have begotten (Greek *gennaō*) You.'

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- NT uses the Greek *gennaō* to translate this Hebrew word
- Clear examples of Greek *gennaō* used in non-physical sense seen in John 3:3, 1 Cor 4:15, Philemon 10

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Begotten

- Hebrew *yld* means “to father, to bring into the world”

A. **John 3:3**³ Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born (*gennaō*) again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

B. since Christ is eternal

C. **1 Corinthians 4:15**¹⁵ For if you were to have countless tutors in Christ, yet you would not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father (*gennaō*) through the gospel.

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Philemon 10¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child Onesimus, whom I have begotten (*gennaō*) in my imprisonment

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Revelation 7:9–10 ⁹After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; ¹⁰and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

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Revelation 11:15 ¹⁵Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."

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- The Son will be given authority
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Revelation 19:13–15 ¹³He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were following Him on white horses. ¹⁵From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

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D. The divine warning and invitation of God (10-12)

- The invitation in 5 commands

1. Show discernment – turn from your foolishness and instead act wisely (10a)
2. Take warning – correct your course (10b)
3. Worship the Lord with reverence – submit/serve Him from the heart (11a)
4. Rejoice with trembling – find your greatest joy in serving the Lord (11b)
5. Do homage to the Son – humble yourself and submit to Him (12a)

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D. *The divine warning and invitation of God (10-12)*

- *The invitation in 5 commands*
- *The outcomes if obeyed*
 1. *The Son will not become angry with you (12a)*
 2. *You will not perish in the way of your current course of conduct (12a)*
 3. *You will be blessed in taking refuge in Him (12c)*

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D. *The divine warning and invitation of God (10-12)*

- *The invitation in 5 commands*
- *The outcomes if obeyed*
- *The warning as key motivation*

1. *Do this before it is too late, because His wrath may soon be kindled (12b)*

Closing Reflections

- Jesus Christ is the One who completes the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of Psalm 2 at His Second Coming and in the millennial kingdom

Revelation 19:16 ¹⁶And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

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- *If your life honestly is marked by rebellion against God and Christ:*
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Romans 5:1 ¹Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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- *Christian, rejoice that you have peace with God through Christ, and consider if there are any lingering areas of life that needs to submit to God's ways*