

# CHRIST

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Passage: Psalm 2

Lesson: The Messiah Enthroned

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# **Thematic Coherence Psalm 1 & Psalm 2**

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**Psalm 1: The way of the righteous vs. the way of the wicked  
(individual focus).**

**Psalm 2: The rebellion of the nations vs. the Lord's anointed  
(national/royal focus).**

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Psalm 1 begins with *“How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked...”*

Psalm 2 ends with, *“How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!”*

# **The Messiah Enthroned King – Psalm 2**

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**Theme: God's sovereign rule over the nations through His chosen King, Jesus Christ, and the call for all people to submit and find refuge in Him.**



# **I. Exposing Human Rebellion. (1-3)**

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## **Psalm 14:1-3**

**<sup>1</sup> The 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. <sup>2</sup> The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men To see if there are any who understand, Who seek after God. <sup>3</sup> They have all turned aside, together they have become corrupt; There is no one who does good, not even one.**

# **I. Exposing Human Rebellion. (1-3)**

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**A. Humanity's Anarchy (1)**

**B. Humanity's Arrogance (2)**

*It is not temporary rage, but deep-seated hate, for they set themselves resolutely to withstand the Prince of Peace.*

**Charles H. Spurgeon**

# **I. Exposing Human Rebellion. (1-3)**

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**A. Humanity's Anarchy (1)**

**B. Humanity's Arrogance (2)**

**C. Humanity's Announcement (3)**

## **Romans 8:7-8**

**<sup>7</sup> ...the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.**

# **1 John 5:1-3**

**<sup>1</sup> Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him.**

**<sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.**

## **II. Expressing Divine Reaction (4-6)**

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**A. God's Amusement. (4)**

**B. God's Anger. (5)**

## **Isaiah 11:4**

**But with righteousness He will judge the poor,  
And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth;  
And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,  
And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.**

**Hebrews 10:31**

**It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

## **II. Expressing Divine Reaction (4-6)**

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- A. God's Amusement. (4)**
- B. God's Anger. (5)**
- C. God's Announcement. (6)**

*Despite your malice, despite your tumultuous gatherings,  
despite the wisdom of your counsels, despite the craft of your  
lawgivers, 'yet I have set My King upon My holy hill of Zion.'  
Is not that grand exclamation!*

**Charles H. Spurgeon**

*Their puny challenge is answered by this powerful pronouncement. It's as good as done: His king will be enthroned on Jerusalem's most prominent hill.*

**John MacArthur**

# **III. Establishing Divine Rule. (7-9)**

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## **A. God's Public Declaration. (7)**

*This passage presents to its Jewish readers the awesome truth of Christ as God's incarnate Son... [The Title] 'Son' is an incarnational title of Christ. Though His sonship was anticipated in the Old Testament, He did not receive the title of Son until He was begotten into time. Prior to time and His incarnation He was eternal God with God. The term 'Son' has only to do with Jesus Christ in His incarnation. It is only an analogy to say that God is Father and Jesus is Son – God's way of helping us understand the essential relationship between the first and second Persons of the Trinity..*

***...The Bible nowhere speaks of the eternal sonship of Christ. When His eternity is spoken of in Hebrews 1:8, God says to the Son, ‘Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever.’ When talking about Christ’s eternity, the title “God” is used; only when talking about His incarnation is He called “Son.”***

**John MacArthur**

# **III. Establishing Divine Rule. (7-9)**

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**A. His Public Declaration. (7)**

**B. His Possessions (8)**

## **Matthew 28:19-20**

**19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”**

## **Matthew 28:18**

**18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**

**19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”**

## **Daniel 7:13-14**

**13 “I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him. 14 “And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and men of every language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed.**

# **III. Establishing Divine Rule. (7-9)**

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**A. His Public Declaration. (7)**

**B. His Possessions (8)**

**C. His Power. (9)**

## **Revelation 19:11-16**

**<sup>11</sup> And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. <sup>13</sup> He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.**

## **Revelation 19:11-16**

**<sup>14</sup> And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. <sup>15</sup>**

**From 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. <sup>16</sup> And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”**

# **IV. Exhorting Human Responsibility (10-12)**

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## **A. The demands stated (10-12c)**

**1. Wise Up! (10)**

**2. Worship! (11-12c)**

## **B. The dependency solicited (12d)**

# **Implications for the Unbeliever:**

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- 1. Human Rebellion is ultimately futile.**
- 2. Judgment is real and unavoidable.**
- 3. The door of mercy is wide open.**

# **Implications for the Believer:**

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- 1. We are to have confidence in God's ultimate victory.**
- 2. Psalm 2 is a call to reverent obedience.**
- 3. We have a mission shaped by hope.**