

**"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?  
The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel  
together, against the LORD, and against His anointed"**

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> of many Messianic Psalms. Although it was written by David about his literal enemies, in the time of his reign in Israel, it is written prophetically of Christ, the Son of David, and of those who hated Him and His Kingdom and authority.

There is no doubt that David experienced the rage of kings and rulers in his day, but the spiritual substance and marrow of this Psalm points our faith NOT to David the son of Jesse and his kingdom, but to Jesus, the Son of God, and His Kingdom.

*This is where Psalm 2 opens, with the "rage" of kings, rulers, and the people of the earth against the LORD, and against His anointed.*

This rage was clearly seen in the chief priests, Pharisees, and religious leaders in Israel, who led the charge against their promised Messiah! In their rage, "they gathered themselves together" against the Lord, and against His Christ! Acts 4:23-29, 7:51-59

This rage against Christ in the world has not ceased; live Christ in the world, be a faithful gospel witness, tell sinners repent of their sins and trust Christ, and you will see the rage of sinners. God is still saving sinners, but until He does, they will rage on in their hatred of Him!

But be prepared, you will experience indignation and hatred, directed at you. You will hear things like; Who are you to TELL ME that I am a sinner? Don't judge me! That's your opinion!

*Translation: "We will not have THIS MAN to reign over us". I will NOT submit to God's authority or obey His commands or His gospel!*

This rage against Christ has permeated every facet of our society. Listen to the world's philosophy, it's standards, its culture, listen to professors at universities; and you will see everything in the world dead set against the authority and rightful Lordship of Christ!

*Psalm 2:3 is their motto: "Let (us) break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us"*

This is the language of the wicked, who refuse to be governed by God and live in obedience to Christ! In their rage, the wicked refuse the only Person that can free them from the god of this world and from dominion and power of their sins and give rest unto their souls.

Those of you who have been drawn savingly to Christ by loving cords and bands of God find yourselves no longer struggling, laboring, and weighed down by your sins in the world. Yes, there are trials, temptations, afflictions, and difficulties

in the Christian life, but under the government and authority of Christ, under His easy yoke, we find "rest unto our souls".

"Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows"

**The Psalmist declares in (V1): It is vain and futile to think or imagine that you can resist the authority of God or plot against Him. Acts 5:14-18, 33-39**

Proverbs 21:30: "There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD"

As futile as it is TO THINK that you could fight against God, I want you to see something else here in the text about ANGRY HUMANS, who, BTW ARE ALWAYS fighting against each other, but when it comes to Christ, the wicked unite and stand together in their rebellion against God!

Psalm 2:2-3, Acts 4:26-27: When it comes to fighting God, enemies become friends! Luke 23:12-18

**God's reaction to angry humans who rage against His authority! Psalm 2:4-6**

God mocks and laughs at them! When the scripture says, "the LORD shall have them in derision", the meaning is, He despises them in their rage as contemptible. If you want to see a real-life example of God doing this:

2 Kings 19:16-22. Psalm 2:4: God declared; you are not worthy of me RISING from my throne! Psalm 2:5: "Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure"

God will destroy those that rage against Him "by simply speaking"! He will destroy them with His Word! Isaiah 11:4, Revelation 19:15, John- "I am"

It doesn't matter what the kings and rulers and people of the earth do, they can rage and plot against Christ and His church, but no matter:

Psalm 2:6: "Yet have I set my King upon my holy hill in Zion"

**We've heard the rage of the kings, rulers, and people of the earth, we've heard from God the Father, now, the Anointed King speaks: Psalm 2:7-9:**

The Messiah declared what God the Father had decreed of Him from eternity past: "Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee"

This is also quoted in the NT: Acts, Hebrews: Psalm 89:27-29  
Back to: "I will declare the decree": I will declare the truth which my Father has commanded me to declare: John 7:16-18, 8:26-28, 12:48-50

**Psalm 2:8: "Ask of me, (saith God the Father to the Son) and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession"**

This is gospel rich! The heathen RAGED against Christ, but here the Father declares to the Son, ASK OF ME, and I will give them to you; they will become your people, your inheritance, and your permanent possession!

But WHEN THEY DO become your inheritance, they will no longer be full of rage against your Kingdom and authority, but they will be faithful and devoted servants to you! How will this happen?

I will send you, saith the Father to live among them, (as one of them), YOU, their promised Messiah will become the subject of their rage and hatred, (and they will crucify and kill you).

This is my determinate counsel, saith the Father, you will give your life for them, suffer and die for their sins (IN THEIR PLACE) as an Innocent Victim of their rage, but you will also be the subject of my wrath against those sinners, that justice may be done to make atonement for their sins!

And because of YOUR death, my Son, for their sins, I will draw those sinners whom I have given to you into your Kingdom!

All of those who come to trust by faith in your sacrifice and death, THEM, will I consider forgiven, and their sins atoned.

Hebrews 2:9, 2 Corinthians 5:21

For those who rage on in their sins and rebellion against Christ, who refuse to believe the gospel and bow to your government and Kingdom:

**Psalm 2:9: "Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel": Daniel 2:44, John 3:36**

This is a description of the irreparable ruin of impenitent sinners!

**Psalm 2:10-12: The LORD directs His rebuke NOT TO commoners but to kings, rulers, and judges of the earth:**

Turn from your wicked ways, ye kings of the earth, for you shall give an account of yourself before the KING of kings! BE INSTRUCTED, ye judges of the earth for you shall be judged by the Lord Jesus Christ, the Judge of all the earth!

Acts 17:31: "Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead"

Repent of your sins against God and serve the Jesus, the Anointed King with fear!

"Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little"

We know from the Song of Solomon that a kiss is an expression of love, here of love and obedience.

Matthew 11:28-30