

PSALM 2

- Intro. Psalm is Messianic. It points to the Lord Jesus Christ; fulfillment of the promise brought to David by Nathan the prophet (2 Sam. 7:12-16).
- A. It is divided into 4 strophes - a musical poem divided into parts.
 - 1. Each strophe (part) repeating a specific thought over several lines or stanzas.
 - 2. Verses 1-3 (the nations' intent), 4-6 (God controls all), 7-9 (the rule of Christ Jesus), 10-12 (consequences).
 - B. Keeping in mind the promise brought to David by Nathan the prophet in 2 Sam. 7:12-16, note that David foreshadowed Christ. See Jer. 23:5,6; Ez. 34:23,24; Mat. 1:1.
 - C. As we will see, this Psalm points us to such as Mt. 25:31,32; I Cor. 15:24; Eph. 1:20-23; Rev. 11:15.
- Verses 1-3 First strophe (the nations' intent) - "Why do the nations rage...?" is not asked because the questioner is anxious about the outcome of the raging and plotting, but because of the absurdity of it. The raging and plotting are in vain. They will not succeed! Consider Acts 4:23-26.
- A. "Nations...kings...rulers" - any and all.
 - B. "Anointed" - "A translation of a Hebrew word transliterated 'Messiah,' its equivalent, derived from the Greek, is 'Christ' (Jn 1:41; 4:25). In Old Testament times ceremonial oil was applied to the head of a person to symbolize his consecration to the sacred office of a priest or a prophet or a king (Ex. 28:41; I K. 19:16; I Sam. 10:1)." - Walter R. Roehrs.
- Verses 4-6 Second strophe (God controls) - "laughs" - see Psalms 37:13 & 59:8.
- A. "Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them..." - "then" referring to a specific time that might cause laughter because it is a long time, and it appears that it will never happen. See 2 Pt. 3:3-4.
 - B. "Zion" - A hill on which Jerusalem already existed at the time of David 2 Sam. 5:6-7. See also, Ps. 48:1; Heb. 12:22; Rev. 21:10.
- Verses 7-9 Third strophe - Rule of Christ, the Son - "My son" - Mat. 17:5; Acts 13:32,33; Rom 1:3,4; Heb. 1:5.
- Verses 10-12 Fourth strophe (consequences) - Kiss the son" - pay homage.
- A. This is the King of kings!
 - B. For verses 10 -12a consider Ps. 33:13-15; Prov. 15:3; Heb. 4:13.
 - C. "Blessed are all who take refuge in him." - Ps. 51:17; 139:1ff; Is. 41:10; 43:1-3.