

PSALM 2 THE LORD'S ANOINTED KING

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- **Psalm 2 has 12 verses.**
- **Theme:** The Lord's Anointed (subject) rules over the nations (complement).
- **Author:** David (Acts 4:25).
- **Historical Setting:** David's thoughts about the Lord's anointed, possibly when he became king in Zion/Jerusalem (2 Samuel 5:1-9). The other ten royal psalms are 18, 20-21, 45, 72, 89, 101, 110, 132, and 144.
- **Key Passage:** verse 7

Structure: The major division is between verses 3 and 4. The main question/point of the psalm is verse 1—*Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing?*

Verses 1-3 tell us that the (Goyim, i.e., nations or Gentiles or unbelievers) are in an uproar. But why would they care about a king in Israel? **Because If Israel's God is the only God, then Israel's king is the only king. And the religions of all the other nations are false religions.**

The *rulers take counsel together* (v. 2) against His Anointed One "Messiah," which in Greek is "Christ." *Today I have begotten You* (v. 7) is a metaphor for God's decree to install His king in Jerusalem. The New Testament also uses this phrase in reference to Christ's resurrection (Acts 13:33-34; Romans 1:4; Hebrews 1:5; 5:5). Actually, Hebrews 1 uses this phrase to say Jesus was Deity, begotten of God the Father.

Like many prophetic passages (Isaiah 14, Daniel 11), this begins with a historical figure (the coronation of David) and ends with a future person (Jesus Christ reigning during the Millennial Kingdom). **The final future outcome is what the nations dread. They will all worship the Lord with reverence (v. 11).**

Thoughts and Applications: This Psalm tells us that most unbelievers, most of today's secular, worldly entertainers, educators, journalists, politicians, social and religious leaders **will hate Jesus Christ and His followers. They will be in an uproar, devise vain things and counsel together against the Lord's anointed** (literally the Messiah or Christ). David asked: "Why do they do that?" And the answer is **because Christ is the only God, and they will all be forced one day to worship the Lord with reverence** (verse 11; Philippians 2:10-12). This is first of all a spiritual warfare from the rulers and cosmic authorities (Ephesians 3:10; 6:12) before it is a human one.

2:1 Why are the nations in an uproar
And the peoples devising a vain thing?
2:2 The kings of the earth take their stand
And **the rulers take counsel together**
Against the LORD and against His Anointed,
saying,
2:3 "Let us tear their fetters apart
And cast away their cords from us!" **(Remove the 10 commandments, no prayer in schools, can't teach creation in public schools. They must cast away the cords [of the Bible] from us.**
2:4 He who sits in the heavens laughs,
The Lord scoffs at them. **(Laughing is not about humor in the Bible, there is no humor in the Bible. Actually, laughing is about:)**
2:5 Then He will speak to them in His anger
And terrify them in His fury, saying,
2:6 "But as for Me, I have installed My King
Upon Zion, My holy mountain."
2:7 "I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD:
He said to Me, 'You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You."
2:8 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,
And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.
2:9 'You shall break them with a rod of iron,
You shall shatter them like earthenware.'" **(Revelation 19 at Armageddon)**
2:10 Now therefore, O kings, show discernment;
Take warning, O judges of the earth.
2:11 **Worship the LORD with reverence**
And rejoice with trembling.
2:12 Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry,
and you perish in the way, **(I understand the Jews explain this as David referring to himself, but that is really unlikely here. It seems like a second person of the godhead, and only begotten God.)**
For His wrath may soon be kindled.
How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!