

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs: The Master Musician's Melodies

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Psalm 2 — Song of the Son



1.0 Psalms 1 and 2

- 1.1 Psalm 1 begins with a beatitude (1:1); Psalm 2 ends with a beatitude (2:12).
- 1.2 Psalm 1 contrasts the righteous and the sinner; Psalm 2 contrasts a rebellious world and the righteous Son.
- 1.3 “Meditates” in Psalm 1:2 and “plot” in Psalm 2:1 are from the same Hebrew word (*hagah*).
- 1.4 In Psalm 1 the wicked are blown away like chaff; in Psalm 2 the wicked are broken in pieces like pottery.
- 1.5 In Psalm 1 the righteous one is like a tree planted beside streams of water; in Psalm 2 the Righteous One is set on the holy Mount Zion.
- 1.6 Piety in Psalm 1 is measured by one's meditation on the written Word of God; piety in Psalm 2 is measured by one's adoration of the Son, the living Word of God.
- 1.7 In Psalm 1 “**the way** of the ungodly shall perish” (1:6); in Psalm 2 the ungodly are to “kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in **the way**” (2:12).

2.0 Reading Psalm 2 (NKJV)

- 2:1 Why do the nations rage,
And the people plot a vain thing?
- 2:2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against the LORD and against His Anointed, *saying*,
- 2:3 “Let us break Their bonds in pieces
And cast away Their cords from us.”
- 2:4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;
The LORD shall hold them in derision.
- 2:5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath,
And distress them in His deep displeasure:
- 2:6 “Yet I have set My King
On My holy hill of Zion.”
- 2:7 “I will declare the decree:
The LORD has said to Me,
‘You *are* My Son,
Today I have begotten You.
- 2:8 Ask of Me, and I will give *You*
The nations *for* Your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession.
- 2:9 You shall break them with a rod of iron;
You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.”
- 2:10 Now therefore, be wise, O kings;
Be instructed, you judges of the earth.
- 2:11 Serve the LORD with fear,
And rejoice with trembling.
- 2:12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry,
And you perish *in* the way,
When His wrath is kindled but a little.
- Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in Him.

3.0 Outline of Psalm 2

- I. The World Conspires against Their King (2:1-3)
- II. The Father Confirms His King (2:4-6)
- III. The Father Confirms the Son (2:7-9)
- IV. The World Contemplates the Son (2:10-12)

4.0 Psalm 2 and the New Testament

- 4.1 Psalm 2:1 – Revelation 11:18
- 4.2 Psalm 2:1-2 – Acts 4:25-26
- 4.3 Psalm 2:2 – Revelation 19:19
- 4.4 Psalm 2:7 – Matthew 3:17; 17:5; Mark 1:11; 9:7; Luke 3:22; 9:35
John 1:49
Acts 13:33
Hebrews 1:5; 5:5
- 4.5 Psalm 2:8 – Hebrews 1:2
- 4.6 Psalm 2:8, 9 – Revelation 2:26-27
- 4.7 Psalm 2:9 – Revelation 12:5; 19:15
- 4.8 Psalm 2:11 – Philippians 2:12

5.0 The King of Psalm 2

- 5.1 Is he David?
 - 2 Samuel 7:14
 - 2 Samuel 10
- 5.2 Is he Solomon?
 - 1 Chronicles 17:13-14; 22:10
- 5.3 Is he Ahaz?
 - Isaiah 7; 2 Chronicles 28
- 5.4 Is he Messiah?
 - A universal spiritual and political insubordination: As subjugated vassals, the nations and their kings rebel against and conspire against the LORD and His “anointed” (= *messiah*) – Psalm 2:1-3.
 - The wrath of God is associated with the enthronement of the king – 2:4-6.
 - Universal dominion and judgment is associated with the Son – 2:7-9.

- Spiritual service and fear of the LORD together with submission to the Son are demanded of the world's leaders – 2:10-12.
- Spiritual blessing is granted to all who “put their trust” in the Son – 2:12.

Is any of the above possible with regard to any historical king of Israel who reigned in Jerusalem?

6.0 Application

6.1 Singing Psalm 2

*He is Lord, He is Lord,
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.*

6.2 Praying Psalm 2

- Lord, put down rebellion—even in my own heart (vv. 1-3).
- Thank You for providing a King for Your people (v. 4).
- God, we praise You for sending Your Son to be Messiah (v. 7).
- Help me serve You, Lord, with reverential awe and with rejoicing (v. 11).
- Father, thank You for giving refuge to those who trust in You (v. 12).
- “Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!” – Revelation 22:20