# PSALM 002-04 CHRIST BEGOTTEN SON CHRIST LORD OF CREATION

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**PSALMS 2:7-9** 

# PROLOGUE: CHRIST IS GOD'S KING – BUILDING HIS CITADEL

- GOD IS NOT OFFENSIVE; THE ABSOLUTE WEAK, SINNERS, CANNOT PREVAIL AGAINST HIS ABSOLUTE POWER SO IN THEIR DELUSION, SINNERS SEEK CONTROL OF HIM VIA HIS SON
- HIS SON IS GIVEN KINGSHIP OVER ALL KINGDOMS FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS TO DEATH (IS 9:6-9; 53)
  - CHRIST'S CITADEL IS BUILT WITHOUT HANDS; NOT OF THIS MATERIAL CREATION (DA 2:34-35)
  - CHRIST'S CITADEL CAN NEVER BE DEFEATED BY SATAN OR MAN; BUILT ON INFINITE FATHER (DA 2:44-45)
- CHRIST HAS BEEN PREPARING HIS SPIRITUAL CITADEL SINCE CREATION; THUS, CHRIST TOLD

  FALSE JEWS THAT WHEN THEY DESTROY HIS TEMPLE, FLESHLY BODY, HE WILL REBUILD IT (JIN 2:18-22)
  - TRUE JEWS AND <u>ALL</u> BELIEVERS BUILD ON CHRIST'S NEW BODY {NEW COVENANT} (JE 31:31-34; 2CO 5:17; HE 10:19-25)
  - FALSE JEWS AND SINNERS BUILD ON THE REBELLIOUS FLESH {DESTINED TO DIE} (MT 7:24-27; RO 7:5; 8:5-8; HE 9:27)

# PROLOGUE: CHRIST THE CORNERSTONE – REJECTED BY THE BUILDERS

- CHRIST IS THE CORNERSTONE ON WHICH GOD ESTABLISHES HIS KINGDOM; HOWEVER,
   SATAN AND MAN HAVE A DIFFERENT PLAN (EP 2:19-22)
  - FATHER ALREADY LAID **HIS** STONE IN **ZION**, BUILDING HIS SPIRITUAL CITADEL TO PROTECT BELIEVERS (PS 62:2; IS 51:1-3; MT 21:43-45; RO 9:32-33; EP 1:3-14; 1PE 2:7-8)
  - JEWS WERE TO BE MESSENGERS {PRIESTS-WITNESSES} TO THE GENTILES, FAITHFULLY **MANAGING** ESTABLISHMENT OF GOD'S KINGDOM ON THE COMING MESSIAH {CHRIST} CORNERSTONE (EX 19:5)
  - THE PROPHETS AND FAITHFUL JEWS <u>SUBMITTED</u> TO GOD BUT MAJORITY OF JEWS REJECTED FATHER AND HIS HUMBLE MESSIAH {SON}: THEY WANTED TO ENSLAVE MAN; HENCE THEY REJECTED THE FATHER'S CORNERSTONE TO BUILD <u>THEIR</u> FORTRESS ON THE FLESH {SELF-ENSLAVEMENT} (AC 4:11-12)
  - SATAN AND MAN CONSPIRED TO MURDER THE CORNERSTONE TO RULE THEMSELVES {SATAN} (PS 118:22-23; IS 8:12-15; MIC 3:9-12; MK 12:7-12)

# ACT THREE: CHRIST — BEGOTTEN SON — LORD OF CREATION

- PSALM TWO, ACT THREE, REVEALS ONE OF THE MOST MISUNDERSTOOD ACTS PRECEDING CREATION: MONOGENESIS **(ONLY** BEGOTTEN) OF CHRIST (IS 55:8-9)
  - PSALMIST REPEATS GOD'S DECLARATION TO CHRIST: INSPIRED, BEYOND MAN'S CONCEPTION
  - CHRIST AS PART OF TRINITY PRE-EXISTED WITH THE FATHER IN ETERNITY PAST (PR 8:22-31; JN 8:58; 17:5)
  - GOD μονογενής, MONOGENES, SON <u>BEFORE</u> CREATION TO BE AGENT <u>AND</u> HEIR OF CREATION AND SALVATION {SON *PERSONIFIED* AS GOD'S WISDOM PROVERBS} (GE 1:3-4; PR 8:32-36; JN 1:1-18; HE 1:5)
  - CHRIST BECAME THE **ONLY** INTERCESSOR BETWEEN HOLY FATHER AND SINFUL MAN BY TAKING ON SINFUL FLESH TO DIE FOR MAN; HE HAD NO SIN (GE 22:7-8; RO 8:3-4; 1CO 15:45-49; 1TI 2:5-6; PH 2:5-11; HE 2:14-18; 10:12-14)
  - WHEN GOD DECLARED CHRIST SON, HEIR {KING}, HE ALSO DECLARED HIM HIGH PRIEST AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK PRE-AARONIC {ACTUALLY PRE-CREATION OF HEAVEN} (GE 14:17-20; HE 5:5-10; 7:1-17)

# TODAY {THIS DAY}: MEANING FROM CONTEXT

- MEANING OF DAY { DI', YOM} MUST BE GLEANED FROM CONTEXT AND LITERARY GENRE
  - PSALM IS <u>POETRY</u> AND THIS PASSAGE IS ALSO <u>PROPHETIC</u>; DAY IS METAPHOR FOR A PERIOD
  - PROVERBS STATES GOD'S DECLARATION OCCURRED BEFORE CREATION; BEFORE TIME {WISDOM}
     (PR 8:22-23)
  - THEREFORE, THIS {הַ} DAY (יוֹם) REFERS TO ETERNITY PAST THROUGH THIS TIME INTO ETERNITY FUTURE {NEW HEAVENS AND EARTH} (ENTIRE PERIOD OF THE BIBLE) (HE 1:8-12)
  - ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF **THIS DAY** REFERRING TO A TIME PERIOD; I.E., ONE'S LIFE IN THE FLESHLY BODY: **THIS DAY** {σήμερον} **HEAR** CHRIST; DO <u>NOT</u> HARDEN YOUR HEARTS {STAY LOST} (HE 3:7-11; 4:6-11)
- HENCE, THIS DAY, THIS CREATION, GOD USES TO DEVELOP ADOPTED SONS IN CHRIST {US} (GA 4:4-7; EP 1:4-8)



#### HUMBLE CHRIST VS HOLY, ROYAL CHRIST

- CHRIST'S FIRST ADVENT <u>REQUIRED</u> HIM TO COME AS THE HUMBLE SLAVE OF GOD TO BE THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS; IN THE <u>FORM</u> OF SINFUL MAN (IS 53; RO 3:21-26; HE 2:14-18; 5;7-9)
- AFTER CHRIST ASCENDED TO HEAVEN, GOD SEATED HIM AT HIS RIGHT-HAND CLOTHED IN ROYAL-RIGHTEOUS-HOLINESS AS HE NOW APPEARS AND AT NEXT ADVENT (EP 1:17-23; RE 1:12-18; 19:11-16)
- PSALM DETAILS WHAT OCCURS WHEN A SOVEREIGN DECLARES ONE HIS HEIR: THE HEIR IS GIVEN THE RIGHTS AND SYMBOLS OF KINGSHIP: LAND AND PEOPLE (PR 14:28; RE 21:1-7, 22; 22:1-5)
  - CHRIST GIVEN THIS CREATION WHICH **HE** FASHIONED LAND; <u>AND</u> NEW JERUSALEM EARTH
  - CHRIST CREATED MAN THEN REDEEMED MAN FROM SIN BY HIS OWN BLOOD TO RECEIVE PEOPLE

### WITH KINGSHIP: COMES THE SCEPTER

- WITH KINGSHIP COMES AUTHORITY GIVEN TO CHRIST BY THE FATHER; I.E., THE SCEPTER
  - LXX READING, "HE {CHRIST} WILL RULE {SHEPARD} VICE CRUSH OR BREAK
  - SCEPTER {ROD} METAPHOR OF THE KING'S, GOD'S, AUTHORITY TO RULE {SATAN COVETED} (PS 23:4; IS 14:12-14; 32:1-8; HE 1:6-13)
  - IRON DENOTES IMMUTABILITY, UNCHANGEABLENESS, THE BASIS BY WHICH HE RULES
- CHRIST **RULES** BY THE GOD'S LAW {TEN WORDS} AS HE EXPLAINED IN THE MOUNT SERMON (EX 20:1-17; MT 5-7; RO 10:1-4)
  - BEATITUDES DESCRIBE THE NEW NATURE OF THE SAVED CLOTHED IN CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS (2CO 5:17; COL 3:1-11)
  - CHRIST EXPLAINED HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE TEN WORDS TO UNDERSTAND ONE'S SINFULNESS
  - CHRIST EXPLAINED THE TEN WORDS WILL **NEVER** PASS AWAY; THEY ARE THE IMMUTABLE BASIS OF FATHER'S NATURE AND HIS KINGDOM **FOR ETERNITY** (MT 5:17-20)

### WITH KINGSHIP: COMES ACCOUNTABILITY

- THOSE CLOTHED IN CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS EAGERLY SUBMIT TO HIS RIGHTEOUS RULE
  - THE LOST <u>NEVER</u> SUBMIT; THUS, THEY GRUMBLE, PLOT AND REBEL AGAINST THEIR KING (PS 2:1-3; HE 3:7-19)
  - THEY BELIEVE THEY ARE THE *IRON*; BUT THOUGH HARD {OF HEART} THEY ARE BRITTLE AS CLAY OF WHICH THEY ARE MADE BAKED IN SIN'S FIERY LUSTS: THEY WILL BE BROKEN IN JUDGMENT (GE 2:7; JE 16:12; 18:12; RO 2:5; RE 6:12-17; 16:8-11; 20:11-15)
- THIS IS THE WARNING, BUT IT IS NOT YET THAT DAY {JUDGMENT} (ZEP 1:14-18)
  - FALSE JEWS DID NOT MIX THE SCRIPTURES WITH FAITH AND DIED IN THEIR UNBELIEF (LK 16:19-31; RO 11:5-12)
  - TRUE JEWS WERE CALLED BY GOD; THEY HUMBLED THEMSELVES EVEN TO DEATH (HE 11:32-40)
- IT IS APPOINTED <u>ONCE</u> TO DIE THEN THE JUDGMENT; HEAR CHRIST <u>NOW</u>: HEAR HIM (MK 9:2-7; HE 4:1-7; 9:27)

# JESUS CALLS: ARE YOU LISTENING?

- CHRISTIANS MISTAKENLY BELIEVE CHRIST WILL FOREVER REMAIN THE HUMILIATED SLAVE OF GOD WHOSE ONLY THOUGHT IS TO BE <u>YOUR</u> FRIEND; THIS IS <u>BLASPHEMY</u>
  - CHRIST SITS ON THE THRONE AT THE FATHER'S RIGHT HAND WITH THE GLORY HE HAD BEFORE HIS
    FIRST ADVENT {TRANSFIGURATION} (MT 17:1-8; AC 7:54-60)
  - JESUS CALLS THE SAVED BUT NOT IN BLASPHEMOUS FAMILIARITY OF SIN: JOHN AT PATMOS (MT 11:28-30; RE 22:16-17)
  - JOHN, THE BELOVED APOSTLE, SAW HIM IN HIS HOLINESS SEEING CHRIST-PRIEST (RE 1:17-18)
  - THIS DAY, CHRIST SITS ON HIS THRONE IN HOLINESS UNTIL HE COMES AGAIN (RE 4)
- IN HIS LAST WORDS, JESUS REMINDS US THAT <u>HE</u> IS HOLY, WE COME TO HIM IN <u>HUMILITY</u> CLOTHED IN HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR WE ARE **NOTHING** WITHOUT HIM (15 64:6-8)