

Psalm 2 — "God Reigns While the Nations Rebel!"*Background & Structure of Psalms 1-2*

in Psalm 1 = adherence to the WORD

in Psalm 2 = adoration to the SON

➔ **BIG POINT OF PSALM 2: As the Nations Rebel, God Sovereignly Reigns & Calls All to Find Refuge in His Son!**

THESIS — Psalm 2 calls us to behold the Son & Honor the Son:

1. Rebellion of the Nations (1-3)
2. Rebuke of the Lord (4-6)
3. Rulership of the Christ (7-9)
4. Reconciliation to the Son (10-12)

I. THE REBELLION OF THE NATIONS (1-3)**II. THE REBUKE OF THE LORD (4-6)**

- A. the **sovereignty** of God
- B. the **strictness** of God
- C. the **Son** of God

III. THE RULERSHIP OF THE CHRIST (7-9)

- A. It is **formal** (7a)
- B. It is **relational** (7b)
- C. It is **global** (8)
- D. It is **absolute** (9)

IV. THE RECONCILIATION TO THE SON (10-12)**Psalm 2 and the New Testament**Psalm 2 New Testament Usage of Ps 2

Psalm 2:1 – Revelation 11:18

Psalm 2:1-2 – Acts 4:25-26

Psalm 2:2 – Revelation 19:19

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

Psalm 2:8 – Hebrews 1:2

Psalm 2:8, 9 – Revelation 2:26-27

Psalm 2:9 – Revelation 12:5; 19:15

Psalm 2:11 – Philippians 2:12

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Those who occupy earth's highest seats are fiercest to oppose Jesus. The Herods and Pilates take determined stand. The council of the priests and elders meet in secret assembly. In the beginning it was so. The same hatred has defiled succeeding thrones and courts. Against whom is this rage? Tremble, O earth, turn pale, you heavens. This fury assails the Lord Jehovah and His beloved Son. The Father sends the Son anointed by the Spirit to be the promised Savior, to execute the all-saving offices of Prophet, Priest, and King, to bless the Church with every blessing. And earth's chiefs combine to tread Him beneath insulting feet. Give ear! (William Law)

Matthew Henry put it, "Those that will not bow shall break."

FAIREST LORD JESUS

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels Heav'n can boast.

All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,
Wondrously, Jesus, is found in Thee;
None can be nearer, fairer or dearer,
Than Thou, my Savior, art to me.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be Thine.

PSALM 2: *The Isaac Watts Psalter*

Tune: How Sweet & Aweful Is the Place

Why did the nations join to slay
The Lord's anointed Son?
Why did they cast His laws away
And tread His gospel down?

The Lord, that sits above the skies,
Derides their rage below;
He speaks with vengeance in His eyes
And strikes their spirits through.

"I call Him My Eternal Son,
And raise Him from the dead;
I make My holy hill His throne,
And wide His Kingdom spread."

"Ask me, My Son, and then enjoy
The utmost heathen lands:
Thy rod of iron shall destroy
The rebel that withstands."

Be wise, ye rulers of the earth,
Obey the anointed Lord,
Adore the King of Heav'nly birth,
And tremble at His word.

With humble love address his throne;
For if He frown, you die:
Those are secure, and those alone,
Who on His grace rely.