

Psalm 2

**“The best laid plans of mice and men
often go awry”—Robert Burns, Scottish Poet**

Observation

- Kings/rulers/nations who oppose the Lord and His people—recurs throughout Bible history.
- **Pharaoh** and the nation of Egypt (Exodus); **Balak**, the king of Moab (Numbers 22); the **various nations** around them (Ezekiel); **Daniel 8** prophecy.
- Were any of these successful in keeping God from fulfilling His purpose? “the peoples plot in **vain**” (1)
- And when He sends “His Anointed”...

Outline

- These are the words of David (Acts 4:25), words given to him by the Holy Spirit (Mark 12:36; Acts 1:16).
- His words, though, include words spoken by three different persons or groups of people.

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- The end of the first section (1–3): the words of those opposed to the LORD and His Anointed.
- The end of the second section (4–6): the words of the Father regarding His Son.
- The third section (7–9): the words of the Son spoken to Him by His Father.
- Finally, the application of this message is made in verses 10–12 (“therefore” in v. 10).

N.T. References to Psalm 2

- “Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD and against His Anointed” (Psalms 2:1–2).
 - Acts 4:23–31

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- “I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten You” (Psalms 2:7).
 - Any particular event to which this declaration was related?
 - Acts 13:28–33; Hebrews 1:1–5; 5:4–5.

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- “Ask of Me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel” (Psalms 2:8–9).
 - Revelation 2:25–27; 12:4–5; 19:15.
 - Revelation 11:7, 15.

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- “Kiss the Son” or “do homage to the Son” (v. 12).
 - Revelation 5:8–13.
 - But we must do more than just honor Him with our lips (Matthew 15:8).

Conclusion

- “Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken (key point in Psalms 2), let us show **gratitude**, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with **reverence and awe** (“serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling”—v. 11); for our God is a consuming fire” (“lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little”—v. 12) (Hebrews 12:28–29, NAS).