

'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain.' (2:1)

'The **kings** of the earth set themselves, and the **rulers** take counsel together, **against** the **Lord** and **against** his **Anointed**.'

What is it about Jesus that enrages people?

People tolerate Jesus meek and mild -- but revile Jesus the Lord who commands people to repent.

The nations aren't happy with how God governs the world and with whom he chooses as King.

'Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might **kill Jesus**' (Mk 3:64).

Jewish rulers *planned to kill Jesus*. (John 11:53).

Psalm 2 is the most quoted psalm in the New Testament (18X)
The Apostles used Psalm 2 to understand opposition to the church.
God's Word is thought of as a **chain** and His kingdom as a **prison**.
'Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us. 'the peoples plot'. A meeting of minds hostile to God (Romans 8).

What is God's response to this global rage?

⁴He who sits in the heavens **laughs**; the **Lord** holds them in **derision**.

God laughs at humanity's plots to overthrow him – to ungod God and remake man.

'Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.'

God is settled in his opposition against all evil.

4:7-9 The Anointed King Triumphs. Now we hear a different Voice. The Son speaks.

I will tell of the decree: **The Lord said to me, "You are my Son today I have become your Father.** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall **break them** with a rod of iron and **dash them** in pieces like a potter's vessel."

The Father's gift to the Son is universal dominion. All the nations.

4:10-12 Now therefore, **O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers** of the earth **Serve** the Lord with fear, and **rejoice** with trembling. ¹² **Kiss the Son**, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,

The last voice in the psalm is an appeal.

Be wise beginning from the top down – kings. And all who think they are in charge!
Be warned. Serve the Lord with fear. Rejoice with trembling 'he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.' (Luke 1:51-52) **Kiss the Son** – reconciliation.

'Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.' Ps 85:10

Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.