

ROADMAP FOR LIFE

Psalms 1-41: The Genesis Psalms

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PSALM 2: WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?

As we watch the news and see the world we are living in, it is easy to wonder “Who on earth is in charge of all this?” We see presidents, politicians, dictators, and the people who are supposed to be in charge failing to maintain control.

Do not fear. God is still on the throne. The Lord is where He has always been. He is ruling the good and overruling the evil. He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Do not forget that Philippians 2:10-11 declares that someday *“every knee should bow...and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father.”*

One day, every president, every prime minister, every potentate, every dictator will bow the knee before the nail-pierced feet of Jesus. All will confess that He is Lord.

With this in mind, meditate on the words of Psalm 2.

“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their

bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore

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displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt	dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him."
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Here is the answer to the question: The Lord is in charge! He is the True King.

Our Lord is referred to as "*begotten...Son*." John 3:16 will reveal Christ as God's "*only begotten Son*." The word "*Son*" is capitalized because this is not just referring to David. This is the Son of God. **This prophetic psalm** reminds us that, in the end, the throne belongs to the Divine Son; the Lord Jesus Christ will rule and reign forever.

Most Bible teachers believe that Psalm 2 was written by David, just after Nathan brought word to him that the Lord would bless and prosper his kingdom. That historical record is found in I Chronicles 17. At the end of the account we find the prayer of David, in I Chronicles 17:26-27.

"And now, LORD, thou art God, and hast promised this goodness unto thy servant: Now therefore let it please thee to bless the house of	thy servant, that it may be before thee for ever: for thou blessest, O LORD, and it shall be blessed for ever."
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Psalm 1 began with an opening blessing, and in Psalm 2 the blessing continues. In fact, Psalm 2 ends with, "*Blessed are all they that put their trust in him*." David acknowledged that if there is any blessing in life, it must come from God; if there is any good thing in this world, it must be the work of God and not man.

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No one on earth — not even a king or some other powerful ruler — can stop what God is doing in this world. David understood when he wrote Psalm 2 that this was not about him. This was about the greater King, the only begotten Son that was to come. This was not just David's throne. This concerned an eternal kingdom.

This is a much needed, spiritual perspective on all the details of our lives. It is bigger than us. It is bigger than one country. It is bigger than one issue. God is fulfilling His purpose in this world, and He will be glorified in the end.

Psalm 2 is the first of what is referred to as a Messianic Psalm - It is about the Messiah, the coming Savior. It is worth noting that He is revealed here not as a king, but as THE King. This is the same prophecy that will be found in the book of Revelation. He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

This psalm contains several vivid pictures of our King:

He is the **Anointed One** (Christ means anointed one or Messiah). He is the **Son**. He is also the **God who laughs**. Did you ever picture God as a God who laughs? Certainly, He is a God of justice and holiness, and He also has a sense of humor. He made man in His own image and was the Creator who gave human beings the capacity to laugh.

In this particular psalm, His laughter is the laughter of scorn. God laughs at those who think they can stand against Him. In Psalm 14:1 we learn that whoever says there is no God is a fool. This is why Psalm 2:4 says when people stand up against God, *"He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision."* We live in a world today that laughs at God, at Christians, at the Bible, at holiness, and at the church. God is going to have the last laugh. He is the King.

He is **the One Who distributes the final inheritance**. As the One who rules and reigns, He will distribute the reward to those who

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have been faithful.

Rulers hold positions of power and have people who must submit to their authority, yet even rulers are subject to a higher Authority: they must submit to God. They will either submit now or submit later. But everyone will submit at some point, and if you wait until later you will have waited too long. So what should be our response? We must submit to him now. Put your trust in him now. The bottom line of this psalm is summarized in the closing words: *"Blessed are all they that put their trust in him."*

Have you put your trust in the Lord? Is your faith in Christ and Him alone? Turn away from yourself and others and look to the Lord. If you have never believed on Him as your personal Savior, call on Him: "LORD Jesus, I want you to be my Savior. I want you to come into my life and rule and reign in my heart." Submit yourself to King Jesus now.

If you are a believer, meditate on Psalm 2 and remind yourself that this is not the end of the story. What you are watching on the news and seeing all around you — the political mess, the strife, and contention — is not the end. Soon our Lord Jesus is coming again.

Maybe your soul is in turmoil because the world is in turmoil. Rest in the righteous rule of the true King. He is now, He has always been, and forever will be on His throne. Someday you will see Him on that throne and He will rule and reign on this earth.

Who's in charge here? The Lord is. Sinners may rebel and Satan may sow chaos and confusion, but the future is in the hands of an all-wise, all-loving, all-powerful God. People have often asked, "What is this world coming to?" It is coming to Jesus. *"...every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father."*