

Raging, Rebelling & Resurrection

Scripture Reading: Psalm 2:1-12

Since the beginning, there has been one long war against God. It started with Satan and immediately spread throughout the human race (Genesis 3:1-15; Isaiah 14:12-17; Romans 1:18-32; John 8:30-45; I John 3:7-15).

Psalm Two gives us a summation of this warfare as it relates to humanity. “The heathen / nations” are seen as defiantly raging against “the LORD” (i.e. Jehovah God / God the Father) and “His Anointed” (i.e. the Messiah / Christ / Son of God). “The people” (i.e. Israel) are seen as rebelliously plotting or imagining vain things. The resurrection of Christ is the basis of overthrowing all of man’s raging and rebellion. This Psalm has particular relevance to the first and second coming of Christ, along with the Gospel Age that takes place in between those two events. Further relevance of this psalm will be explained.

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| Psalm 2:1-3 | Human authority rebels at the authority of the God of the Bible (i.e. the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ). See Psalm 9:17, 19, 20. |
| Psalm 2:4-9 | The LORD laughs / mocks at the threats of man (Psalm 46:6-10). He promises to establish His Son in power by raising Him from the dead. Jesus Christ is the first begotten from the dead (Romans 1:1-4; Revelation 1:5-7, 17-18). He shall judge the nations and rule all the earth (Psalm 110:1-2; Acts 17:30-31). |
| Psalm 2:10-12 | The Gospel call is made from the time of Christ’s first coming until His second coming (Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 1:5; 16:25-26). This Gospel call also extends through the Great Tribulation and the earthly, millennial reign of Christ (Matthew 24:14 [read vs.1-22]; 25:31-46). |

We need to identify the world for what it is (i.e. at war with God and His Son Jesus Christ). We need to make sure that we do not identify with this world, but rather be on the Lord’s side (I John 2:15-17; Ephesians 2:1-7; Galatians 1:3-5; I John 5:18-21).