

Psalm 2

The text below color-codes speakers, breaks the psalm into sections, underlines references to the Messiah, and footnotes when the New Testament quotes or alludes to Psalm 2.

[**PSALMIST**] Why do the heathen rage,
and the people imagine a vain thing?¹

² The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*,

³ [**NATIONS**] *Let us break their bands asunder,
and cast away their cords from us.*

⁴ [**PSALMIST**] He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh:
the Lord shall have them in derision.

⁵ Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath,
and vex them in his sore displeasure.

⁶ [**God**] Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

⁷ [**MESSIAH**] I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me,²
[**GOD**] Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

⁸ Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen *for* thine inheritance,³
and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession.

⁹ Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron;⁴
thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

¹⁰ [**PSALMIST**] Be wise now therefore, O ye kings:
be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

¹² 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.

¹ Acts 4:25–26

² Acts 13:33; Heb. 1:5; 5:5

³ Rev. 2:26–27

⁴ Rev. 12:5; 19:15