

Why Do The Heathen Rage

Ps 2:1 ¶ "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. 4 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 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. 7 ¶ I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. 10 ¶ 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."

This Psalm was written by King David. Historians tell us that it was written after King David had taken the city of Jerusalem. After this occurred the Philistines, and all the surrounding enemies of King David, arose to fight against King David, in hopes of overthrowing his kingdom reign. David inquired of God if he should fight them, and God told him to fight and that he would be victorious. King David's enemies should have known better than to try and overcome King David, because even they knew that God had long before promised David kingship over Israel, and reign in the land of promise. Since none are stronger than God, their efforts were vain, and fruitless, as is manifested in the words of this Psalm.

This Psalm is a Messianic Psalm, which simply means it is a prophetic Psalm that teaches us of Jesus Christ. We know this to be true because of the reference to it in: **Ac 4:24-33; 24 "And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: 25 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? 26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. 27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, 28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. 29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, 30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. 31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. 32 ¶ And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. 33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all."** Peter and John had healed the impotent man that lay at the gate, called Beautiful, of the temple. They were then arrested by the rulers of the temple, tried by the high priest, and all his kinship, and set free, because none could deny the miracle that had been performed through them in healing the impotent man. However, the rulers charged them to speak no more in the name of Jesus, because they saw that their rule and authority was being overturned, and the people were turning to the gospel message of salvation by the grace of God.

Returning to our text: **"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?"** Since it was universally known that David was to be king over Israel and rule over the land of promise, why did the enemies of King David rise up and try to overthrow him? The answer is simple: they did not believe God. Why did the Jews and Gentiles try to overthrow the reign of Jesus Christ? The answer is simple: they did not believe God.

Just as God had prophesied of David his kingship, and kingdom, nothing that any could do was going to stop it from happening. Just as God had prophesied of the coming of Jesus and the establishment of his kingdom on earth, there was nothing that could stop it from happening. Just as God has prophesied of an eternal kingdom, under the reign of King Jesus, there is nothing that can keep it from happening. Wherefore, it is useless for people to fight against God and expect that they will be victorious.

Why then is there all this warfare going on? It started in the garden of Eden when the serpent rose in defiance of God and tempted man to sin. Satan has been in rebellion against God from the beginning and will

continue to do so as long as time exist. To understand this, we must understand the inherited sin nature of mankind. The unsaved person's self-will will not believe what God has said, and therefore that fleshly sin nature is always waring against the rulership and authority of God.

Only those, who: God has given the new birth, through which they inherited the new nature of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, are willing subjects to God and the kingship of Jesus Christ. This is what is manifested in the daily warfare of the Child of God, the battle between the old nature of the flesh and the new nature of Christ.

Since we know how this all ends, we can see that it is useless for Satan, and those who follow him, to continue the battle against the word and will of God. As King David was saying to them, so God says to us today of the coming of Christ and the establishment of his kingdom: ***Ps 2:4 "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."*** God had his way when Christ came the first time, and God will have his way when Christ shall come the second time.

Ps 2:6 "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. 7 ¶ I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." God declared; when the kingdom of Christ was established, the church of God on earth; God has given this kingdom to Jesus Christ, and God gave Christ people from all over the earth to inhabit this land of promise. This is why Christ told his disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel. Jesus also told them some would believe, and some would not believe. God is telling us that those who believe, the Word of Jesus Christ will break their stony hearts as a rod of iron, and Jesus, as the potter, will fashion them to be conformed to his own image. It is the guarantee, that the new nature of Christ will overcome the old flesh nature, and Jesus will be victorious in the eternal life of each Child of God.

Ps 2:10 ¶ 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." King David is declaring to the world, use wisdom, because you know what God has said, and do not fight against God, but rather serve him with fear and trembling, because God is worthy of your fear and worship.

"***Kiss the Son***" means ***to fasten upon, to cling to, or to join with***. King David is simply telling his enemies; embrace me and my God given kingship, and cease to fight against me, for you will fail in all your vain efforts. King David is telling them if you join up with me and submit to my kingship, you will be blessed thereby and not suffer the wrath of God Almighty.

"***Kiss the Son***" says to each believer, give up the will of your inherit flesh nature, and embrace the God given kingship of Jesus Christ in your life. Yield your whole being, mind, body, and soul, to Jesus Christ as directed in: ***Ro 12:1 ¶ "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."***

As King David was telling all the world, God has a plan and it will come to pass; so, Jesus is telling us, God has an eternal plan, and it will come to pass. This is the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ, when we are born again, we are given eternal life in Christ. Wherefore, we know that just as the evil men continued to fight against king David, the devil will continue to fight against the Christ in us, but Jesus will overcome. We know by the promise of God, When Jesus returns the second time, time will be ended, we will be resurrected from the dead or be changed if we are alive at his return, and we will be carried to the eternal land of promise, where we will spend eternity under the rule and reign of King Jesus. There, the heathen shall no longer rage, nor the people imagine vain things, and we shall "***Kiss the Son***" forever. Hallelujah! Amen!