

Raging Nations and the Righteous King

- 1 Why do the nations rage,
And the people plot 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 bonds in pieces
And cast away Their cords from us.”
- 4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;
The Lord shall hold them in derision.
- 5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath,
And distress them in His deep displeasure:
- 6 “Yet I have set My King
On My holy hill of Zion.”
- 7 “I will declare the decree:
The Lord has said to Me,
‘You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You.
- 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You
The nations for Your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth for Your possession.
- 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron;
You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.”
- 10 Now therefore, be wise, O kings;
Be instructed, you judges of the earth.
- 11 Serve the Lord with fear,
And rejoice with trembling.
- 12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry,
And you perish in the way,
When His wrath is kindled but a little.
Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

► Psalm 1 and 2 serve as the _____ to the psalter.

► Deuteronomy 17:14-20 lays out the laws concerning Israel’s future kings. Verses 14-17 explain the 3 things a king shall not do:

1. He shall not acquire many _____, especially from Egypt.
2. He shall not acquire many _____ for himself.
3. He shall not acquire for himself _____ silver and gold.

*Deuteronomy 17:18-20 - Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that **he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book**, from the one before the priests, the Levites. **And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life**, that he may learn to **fear the LORD his God** and be careful to **observe all the words of this law** and these statutes, **that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren**, that **he may not turn aside from the commandment** to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.*

► The raging kings and plotting people want to be their own _____. Their idol is _____ and unfettered freedom. They want to do what they want to do.

*Proverbs 21:1 - **The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD**, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.*

*Daniel 4:31-32 - “King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you! And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. **They shall make you eat grass like oxen**; and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that **the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses**. And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever: For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom is from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, “What have You done?”*

► YHWH doesn’t just laugh at raging kings. His laughter turns into _____.

Daniel 4:33 - That very hour the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar; he was driven from men and ate grass like oxen; his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair had grown like eagles’ feathers and his nails like birds’ claws.

► The righteous King’s proclamation is not centered on Himself, but on what YHWH has _____ about Him and promised to Him. His message is to tell of a _____, which means it is sure and unchangeable. The Anointed King has God as His Father.

*2 Sam 7:12-14 - “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. **I will be his Father, and he shall be My son**.*

► 1 Kings 10 and 11 record Solomon explicitly doing the 3 things that kings were forbidden to do: acquire _____, acquire women, and import _____ from Egypt.

► There is a legal principle given in the torah called lex talionis. It’s the principle of _____ retribution.

Leviticus 24:19-20 - If anyone injures his neighbor, **as he has done it shall be done to him**, fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; whatever injury he has given a person shall be given to him.

- The words _____ and “rejoice” are explicitly associated with worship.

Numbers 4:41 These are the ones who were numbered of the families of the sons of Gershon, of all who might **serve in the tabernacle of meeting**, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD.

- Rejoicing in Scripture is always associated to the proper _____ of knowing the Lord and delighting in His works.

Ps 32:11 - Be glad in the LORD and **rejoice**, you righteous; and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

- Their rebellion is rooted in the fact that they _____ and serve things that are not God as gods. They're raging and plotting can only be changed if their _____ are changed first.

- Example of Psalm 2 playing out in Scripture is the story of the King of Assyria raging against King Hezekiah. (2 Kings 18-19)

2 Kings 19:27 - “I know where you live and everything you do.” (NET)

- It's revealed repeatedly in the NT that this psalm is about _____, the long-promised Messiah. And it is God Himself who testifies multiple times that Jesus is the true Son of Psalm 2.

Mark 1:9-11 It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. Then a voice came from heaven, “**You are My beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased.”

Mark 9:7 - And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “**This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!**”

Acts 13:32-33 “And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers. God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm:

**‘You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You.’**

Romans 1:1-5 - Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to **the gospel of God** which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning **His Son** Jesus Christ our Lord, **who was born of the seed of David** according to the flesh, and declared to be the **Son of God with power** according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. Through Him we have received grace and apostleship **for obedience to the faith among all nations** for His name...

- The gospel is directly related to Psalm 2 - the Father promised the Son the _____ as His inheritance and the ends of the earth for His possession. And He's going to make _____ on that promise.

Revelation 2:26-27 - And **he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations**—“**He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels**”—as I also have received from My Father.

- Jesus doesn't hoard his inheritance, he shares it with his people. We are in _____ with Him, so what is true of Him is true of us. But there's an interesting twist here. Jesus changes the word “break” from psalm 2 into “rule”, literally, _____. Which means Jesus is now shepherding the nations, and He is doing so through His people. We now have the tremendous privilege of _____ in Christ's shepherding of the nations.

► APPLICATIONS

1. _____ your God and His Anointed King.
2. Beware of the _____ of autonomy and freedom.
3. Kingship begins with _____ - _____.
4. Be a _____ 1 person.