

PSALM 2

The Reign of the Lord's Anointed

INTRODUCTION.

- A. From Roy Enoch (9-29-93).
- B. There is no superscription for this psalm but it describes the reign of Jehovah's "Anointed" or "Messiah" or "X."
- C. The first three verses describe the rebellion and opposition of the world to the reign of X.

THE TEXT.

- 2:1** Why are the nations in an uproar
And the peoples devising a vain thing?
- 2** The kings of the earth take their stand
And the rulers take counsel together
Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,
- 3** "Let us tear their fetters apart
And cast away their cords from us!"
- 4** He who sits in the heavens laughs,
The Lord scoffs at them.
- 5** Then He will speak to them in His anger
And terrify them in His fury, saying,
- 6** "But as for Me, I have installed My King
Upon Zion, My holy mountain."
- 7** "I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD:
He said to Me, 'You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You.
- 8** 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,
And the *very* ends of the earth as Your possession.
- 9** 'You shall break them with a rod of iron,
You shall shatter them like earthenware.'"
- 10** Now therefore, O kings, show discernment;
Take warning, O judges of the earth.
- 11** Worship the LORD with reverence
And rejoice with trembling.
- 12** Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish *in* the way,
For His wrath may soon be kindled.
How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

COMMENTS.

- A. **[v1-3]** This does not fit the erroneous descriptions of the reign of X as a period of prosperity and righteousness. In fact, some who teach this picture of the Millennium, (the reign of X) deny that this psalm even refers to the Messiah. But this is exactly the picture the NT gives for His reign (1Cor. 15:24-26).
- B. The Xian dispensation is the Millennium, or the reign of X, the Kingdom (Col. 1:13). Not only does Peter and John quote this passage and apply it to the X, but they identify the author as David (Ac. 4:25-28).
- C. **[v4,5]** shows God's reaction to the opposition of the world.
- D. **[v6-9]** gives the reason God laughs at their rebellion and He speaks to the Son who is king to describe His reign. God's "holy hill of Zion" refers to Jerusalem, but it is not the physical city, but the "heavenly Jerusalem" described in: Rev. 21:2.

- E. Jeremiah had prophesied that no descendant of Coniah (Jehoiachin) would reign on David's throne ruling in Judah (Jer. 22:28-30). He is called Jeconiah in Mt. 1:12 and listed in the lineage of Jesus. Therefore, Jesus could never reign on earth in physical Jerusalem.
- F. **[v10-12]** give God's admonition to rulers and judges of the earth. "Kiss the Son" refers to an accepted act of reverence of adoration, and homage paid to ancient rulers. Few pictures of idol worship are found in the scriptures as Hosea describes (Hos. 13:2).