

Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage against the LORD?
Why are their plots and scheming so absurd
Against the LORD, and His anointed King?
[Why do they not obey His holy Word?]

They say: "Let us break all their chains in two:
Let us throw off their ropes that bind us too!"
The LORD enthroned in heav'n will laugh at them:
He will deride the foolish things they do!

Then He will speak to them in wrathful tones:
He will be angry, and distress each one!
"I have enthroned My King on Zion's hill,
My holy place, which I have made My own!"

I will recount the Lord's decree for Me:
The LORD Himself has plainly said to Me:
"You are My Son, I have begotten You
[And given to You all authority!]

So ask of Me, and I will give to You
The nations as My heritage for You:
The ends of all the earth too will be yours:
[All of the lands will then belong to You!]

You will destroy them with an iron mace,
And shatter them, just like a potter's vase:
[Their opposition You will bring to naught:
No enemy will stand before Your face!]"

Be wise, O kings, and listen to His Word:
You rulers of the earth, obey the LORD:
Serve Him will fear: rejoice with reverence:
And kiss His Son: respect Him as your Lord!

When He is angry, sin He will repay,
And you will quickly perish in the way:
Happy are all who put their trust in Him.
[Be wise, and put your trust in Him today!]

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