### Psalms

## Chapter 2

A Psalm by David.  
  
  
  
[Editor note: Superscriptions, such as the one above, are all translated from the original source manuscripts. They’re notes that show things like: who wrote the song, to whom it was written, what tune it should be sung to, what inspired its writing, and when it should be sung.]  
  
  
  
1Why do the nations and all of the peoples  
 Think about things that are worthless?  
 2For, the rulers of their lands and their kings  
 Are against Jehovah and His anointed.  
  
3They say:  
  
 ‘We should strip off their bonds,  
 And we should throw off their yokes.’  
  
4But, the One in the heavens is laughing…  
 At them, Jehovah is laughing.  
  
5So, in His anger, He will speak,  
 And in His rage, He will disturb them and say:  
  
 6‘I’ve placed My king on Mount Zion  
 To be the ruler over My Holy Place.’  
  
7Then the Lord spoke to me about His decree.  
 [He said]:  
  
 ‘You are My son,  
 And today, I’ve become your own Father.  
 8So, just ask and I’ll give you the nations  
 All the way to the ends of the earth,  
 As those whom you’ll inherit.  
 9With a rod of iron, you’ll lead them,  
 And break them like pots made of clay.’  
  
10O kings of the earth, pay attention;  
 And those judging the lands should now learn  
 11To serve Jehovah in fear…  
 Yes, all should tremble and praise Him.  
  
12Give ear to all these instructions,  
 So you don’t provoke Him to rage.  
 For, if you should kindle His anger,  
 Away from the righteous, you’ll perish,  
 While those yielding to Him will be blest.