**PSALM 2**

Quare fremuerunt.

*The vain efforts of persecutors against Christ and his church.*

**1** Why have the Gentiles raged, and the people devised vain things?

**2** The kings of the earth stood up, and the princes met together, against the Lord, and against his Christ.

**3** Let us break their bonds asunder: and let us cast away their yoke from us.

**4** He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh at them: and the Lord shall deride them.

**5** Then shall he speak to them in his anger, and trouble them in his rage.

**6** But I am appointed king by him over Sion his holy mountain, preaching his commandment.

**7** The Lord hath said to me: Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee.

**8** Ask of me, and I will give thee the Gentiles for thy inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

**9** Thou shalt rule them with a rod of iron, and shalt break them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.

**10** And now, O ye kings, understand: receive instruction, you that judge the earth.

**11** Serve ye the Lord with fear: and rejoice unto him with trembling.

**12** Embrace discipline, lest at any time the Lord be angry, and you perish from the just way.

**13** When his wrath shall be kindled in a short time, blessed are all they that trust in him.