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WHAT DOES PSALM 2 TELL US ABOUT THE MILLENNIUM?

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Years ago ... I assumed that the Millennium would be complete Utopia. No Satan. No Hollywood. No politicians.

Jesus will be back as King. Plus the Saints. A new Divine Council.

As we've seen already ... the reality will be a bit different.

No satan ... no worldly TV ... no worldly education systems. Poverty ... sickness ... crime eradicated (at least in the main).

But there will still be human nature. And in the early years ... hundreds of millions of people whose minds have been completely influenced in today's world.

There will be lots of very difficult people — with lots of “unwanted baggage”! And hostile nations.

I thought it might be worthwhile to review Psalm 2. It appears to be prophetic — largely about the World To Come.

We will read it all of the way through.

Psalms 2:1-12

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, (*The Messiah ... Christ*)

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.**

**One of 15 Messianic Psalms quoted frequently in the New
Testament (2nd most quoted) — talking about Jesus.**

When we read the next few verses ... we will see that **it was written by
David — and it is inspired.**

Acts 4:23-28

23 And being let go, (*the Apostles*) they went to their own companions
and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.

24 So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one
accord and said: "**Lord, You are God**, who made heaven and earth
and the sea, and all that is in them,

25 **who by the mouth of Your servant David YOU have said:
Why did the nations rage,**

And the people plot vain things?

26 **The kings of the earth took their stand,
And the rulers were gathered together**

Against the Lord and against His Christ.'

27 **"For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed**, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles (*non Jews*) and the people of Israel, were gathered together
28 to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done.

Originally David may have written about himself ... but clearly prophetic and messianic — but — **IT WAS INSPIRED BY GOD.**

Psalm 2 is the second most quoted Psalm in the Bible — after Psalm 10.

Psalm 2 composed of 4 sections ... each of 3 verses.

SECTION 1

Psalms 2:1-3

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, (*the spirit leaders of the nations don't like what they see*)

Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying,

3 **"Let us break Their bonds in pieces**

And cast away Their cords from us." (*These are Jesus' ways — which they hate!*)

Why are the nations raging themselves against the Lord and His Anointed?

When? Not now. **This is a time when nations are under direct rule of God and Jesus — early o in The Millennium.** God and The Messiah are not ruling the nations then or today.

They (presidents ... political leaders (puppets) — even some of the wicked spirit beings who are behind these leaders) are starting to experience God's "restrictions" —

His moral law and rebukes — the Holy Days ... the Sabbath ... food restrictions etc. They don't like it!

They see God's ways as "bonds and cords" to be thrown off. They don't like being restrained.

Yet in reality — God's ways are not bonds and cords — they are good. They have got their facts mixed up — fake news. Their minds are not seeing things the way they should be.

Is that right? See the next few verses.

Matthew 11:28-30

28 **Come to Me**, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and **I will give you rest**.

29 **Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.**

30 **For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.**"

Jesus says His yoke is easy and His burden light.

There will undoubtedly be some "tests" in the World tomorrow. God will probe people's hearts. But the tests will probably be easy ... light ... comfortable — not particularly difficult. Think of the fruit tree in the Garden of Eden! There was only 1 tree in the Garden of Eden that they couldn't eat. They could eat all of the rest. A simple test — not a hard test.

Of course ... **the idea that the leaders and rulers of nations could throw off God's rule is laughable!**

SECTION 2

Psalms 2:4-6

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."

God's King is going to rule!

Psalms 59:3-9

3 For look, they lie in wait for my life;

The mighty gather against me,

Not for my transgression nor for my sin, O Lord.

4 They run and prepare themselves through no fault of mine.

Awake to help me, and behold!

5 **You therefore, O Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel,**

Awake to punish all the nations;

Do not be merciful to any wicked transgressors.

Selah

6 At evening they return,

They growl like a dog,

And go all around the city.

7 Indeed, they belch with their mouth;

Swords are in their lips;

For they say, "Who hears?"

8 **But You, O Lord, shall laugh at them;**

You shall have all the nations in derision.

9 I will wait for You, O You his Strength;

For God is my defence.

**David know that the Lord laughs at people's foolishness!
He judges powerfully! He is in charge.**

Micah 4:1-3

1 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days (*Millennial*)

That the mountain of the Lord's house

Shall be established on the top of the mountains,

And shall be exalted above the hills;

And peoples shall flow to it.

2 Many nations shall come and say,

"Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

To the house of the God of Jacob;

He will teach us His ways,

And we shall walk in His paths."

For out of Zion the law shall go forth,

And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

3 **He shall judge between many peoples,
And rebuke strong nations afar off;** *(this is early in the Millennium)*

They shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning hooks;

**Nation shall not lift up sword against nation.
Neither shall they learn war anymore.**

**This is the Millennium. God will be judging and rebuking!
Jesus will be King in Jerusalem and rule from there!**

Joel 3:16-18

16 **The Lord also will roar from Zion,
And utter His voice from Jerusalem;**

The heavens and earth will shake;
But the Lord will be a shelter for His people,
And the strength of the children of Israel.

17 **“So you shall know that I am the Lord your God,
Dwelling in Zion My holy mountain.
Then Jerusalem shall be holy,
And no aliens shall ever pass through her again.”**

18 And it will come to pass in that day
That the mountains shall drip with new wine,
The hills shall flow with milk,
And all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water;
A fountain shall flow from the house of the Lord
And water the Valley of Acacias.

God gets His way. Jesus will rule from Mount Zion.

SECTION 3

Psalms 2:7-9

7 **“I will declare the decree:**

The Lord has said to Me,

You are My Son,

Today I have begotten You. *(“Today” = The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead)*

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.' "

The Words of Jesus!

He will break them with a rod of iron and dash them to pieces. Why? Because they are rebellious. (A metaphor about taking action to sort these people out).

Verse 17: Which day did the Father “beget” Jesus? Not at His original incarnation.

Acts 13:28-35

28 And though they found no cause for death in Him, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death.

29 Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb.

30 **But God raised Him from the dead.**

31 He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people.

32 And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers.

33 **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.’ (*“Today” = The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead*)

34 **And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption,** He has spoken thus:

I will give you the sure mercies of David.’

35 Therefore He also says in another Psalm:

You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.’

GOD RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD. A lot of people saw Jesus after he was resurrected.

God said “You are My Son today” — the day of Jesus resurrection.

Romans 1:3-4

3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh,

4 and **declared to be the Son of God** with power according to the Spirit of holiness, **by the resurrection from the dead.**

Jesus was declared/manifested/proved ... to be the Son of God ... by His resurrection from the dead.

Look at verse **Psalm 2:8** “Ask of me and I’ll give You the nations” — Satan tempted Jesus with this! **It was the Father’s place to give Jesus the nations** — not satan!

Psalm 2:9 — compare:

Revelation 19:11-16

11 **Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.**

12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and **His name is called The Word of God.**

14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

15 **Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. (At His return) And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron.** He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

**KING OF KINGS AND
LORD OF LORDS.**

“And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron” — quoting Psalm 2. Telling us how Jesus will govern in the Millennium.

Revelation 2:25-28

25 But hold fast what you have till I come.

26 **And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations —**

27 **‘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;

28 and I will give him the morning star.

Jesus says that the saints will also rule with a rod of iron — quoting Psalm 2. Jesus got this from His Father and we will get it from Him (Jesus). Symbolic of strong leadership.

Psalms 149:5-9

5 **Let the saints be joyful in glory;**

Let them sing aloud on their beds.

6 **Let the high praises of God be in their mouth,**

And a two-edged sword in their hand,

7 **To execute vengeance on the nations,**

And punishments on the peoples;

8 **To bind their kings with chains,**

And their nobles with fetters of iron;

9 **To execute on them the written judgment —**

This honor have all His saints.

Praise the Lord!

Talking about the Millennium. The saints will be taking firm action — judging and punishing the nations — sharing this with Jesus.

It seems evident there will be a fair amount of resistance to Jesus in the Millennium. It is not clear how long it might last .. though I assume the worst will be in the early years. **But it is clear that THE KING WILL REIGN!**

SECTION 4

Psalms 2:10-12

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.

“Be wise, O kings” — good advice! Serve the lord with fear and reverence. The invitation is there to come into the Family of God — choose God’s ways. **You are not going to be forced against your will.**

We can read in the scriptures of how Kings/Magi/Wise Men from the East ... brought gifts to the infant Jesus. A type of the respect that nations will need to learn in the World Tomorrow.

Psalms 72:4-11

4 **He will bring justice to the poor of the people;**
He will save the children of the needy,
And will break in pieces the oppressor.
5 **They shall fear You**
As long as the sun and moon endure,
Throughout all generations.
6 He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing,
Like showers that water the earth.
7 In His days the righteous shall flourish,
And abundance of peace,
Until the moon is no more. *(a beautiful word picture of the World to come and Jesus Christ)*
8 **He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,**
And from the River to the ends of the earth.
9 **Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him,**
And His enemies will lick the dust. *(This is Jesus)*
10 **The kings of Tarshish and of the isles**

Will bring presents;

The kings of Sheba and Seba

Will offer gifts. *(Like they did to the Baby Jesus)*

11 **Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him;**

All nations shall serve Him.

Solomon was a type of the Anointed. **These verses are fundamentally talking about Jesus Christ — the Anointed King.**

Isaiah 60:1-6

1 **Arise, shine;**

For your light has come!

And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,
And deep darkness the people;

But the Lord will arise over you,

And His glory will be seen upon you.

3 The Gentiles shall come to your light,
And kings to the brightness of your rising.

4 **“Lift up your eyes all around, and see:**

They all gather together, they come to you;

Your sons shall come from afar,

And your daughters shall be nursed at your side.

5 **Then you shall see and become radiant,**

And your heart shall swell with joy;

Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,

The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.

6 The multitude of camels shall cover your land,

The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;

All those from Sheba shall come;

They shall bring gold and incense,

And they shall proclaim the praises of the Lord.

The nations will bring wealth to God’s nation ... as they seek to “embrace” the Great King — or else! Kiss the Son. Reverently respect the chosen One.

So — quite a short Psalm. Familiar to us from Handel’s messiah.

But it reinforces for us at the Feast time that the World tomorrow will not be perfect Utopia from day one.

Certainly early on there will be considerable resistance from some nations. Hopefully ... it won't be too long before they learn their lessons — and choose to “kiss the Son” — submit to Him and His righteous rule.

We've been looking recently at the Divine Council — the “gods” or divine guardians over the nations. They will be deposed at Jesus' return.

All nations in the World Tomorrow will return to Jehovah — as His inheritance.

The Most High will inherit all the nations at that time and lead them to the Truth and great prosperity!!

Psalms 82:1-7

1 God stands in the congregation of the mighty; *(The Divine Council)*

He judges among the gods.

2 How long will you judge unjustly,

And show partiality to the wicked?

Selah

3 Defend the poor and fatherless;

Do justice to the afflicted and needy.

4 Deliver the poor and needy;

Free them from the hand of the wicked.

5 They do not know, nor do they understand;

They walk about in darkness;

All the foundations of the earth are unstable.

6 I said, “You are gods,

And all of you are children of the Most High.

7 But you shall die like men,

And fall like one of the princes.”

Psalms 82:8

8 Arise, O God, YOU judge the earth;

For You shall inherit all nations.

A cry to Jehovah — arise ... take over all of the nations for yourself!
Fulfilled in the Millennium.

**And the New Divine Council at that time — the resurrected
... righteous Sons of God (you and me!).**

There's a lot in Psalm 2.