

## **“What in the World is Going On?”**

Psalm 2:1-12  
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We often hear statements like, “This world is in a mess,” or “I don’t know where this world is headed,” or “Where is God and why don’t he do something?”

I want to assure you that...

1. God is not dead and you don't need a movie to tell you that.
2. God has not vacated his throne.
3. God has everything under control.
4. Evil will not win.

**TT-** This Psalm answers the question, “What in the world is Going on,” and speaks of mankind’s rebellion to God. The twelve verses may be divided into four divisions.

### **1. The Anarchy of the Nations (Ps. 2:1-3). (earth)**

vs. 1-2: A Voice of Rebellion-

The word “rage” [v. 1] means “to assemble tumultuously.” It is the Gentiles that are in view and they are rebelling against God and His rule.

v. 2: Mankind devises, conspires, and schemes, but it gets him nowhere. The nations are led in rebellion by their kings, and all are resisting God and Christ. Of course, this voice has been heard down through the centuries, but it is being heard in a greater way in these last days.

v. 3: What do they want?

Freedom from God’s rule! “Let us break their bands asunder!” According to Gen. 10:5, God divided the Gentile peoples into their lands and nations and they want a one world government and no national sovereignty.

The nations do not want to submit to God’s rule. They want their own way, and they refuse to admit that God rules in the affairs of men.

But in the last days, it will have its complete fulfillment as the “kings of the earth” [v. 2] unite to fight against God at Armageddon.

### **1. The Anarchy of the Nations (Ps. 2:1-3).**

### **2. The Anger of the Lord (Ps. 2:4-6). (Heaven)**

1. Derision (Ps. 2:4).

How does God respond to the threats of men? He laughs! God is greater than man and need not fear the proud attacks of puny kings.

God does not speak today in judgment; He speaks in grace from the cross. But the day is coming when God will have “the last laugh.” God laughs and man is in derision.

## 2. Displeasure (Ps. 2:5).

Today God is not speaking in wrath; He is speaking through His Son in grace [**Heb. 1:1-2**]. One day, however, He will send His wrath upon the nations of the world.

The word “displeasure” here means “fiery anger.” This is the tribulation, described in detail in **Rev. 6-19**.

During the tribulation period, the nation of Israel will be “purged” to prepare a believing remnant for the return of Christ to establish His kingdom from Jerusalem. Multitudes will be saved during this time, but many of them will seal their decision with their own lives.

## 3. Declaration (Ps. 2:6).

God has set (“anointed”) His King upon His holy hill. This is Christ.

Though He is not yet seated on His own throne of glory, or upon the throne of David, He is seated at the Father’s right hand; and His throne is as certain as the Father’s word!

One day He will return in glory and sit upon the throne to judge and rule the nations. So whatever laws they pass or ignore, whatever they take off the money or institutions, God will set Christ on his throne in Jerusalem!

### 1. **The Anarchy of the Nations (Ps. 2:1-3).**

### 2. **The Anger of the Lord (Ps. 2:4-6).**

### 3. **The Anointed Son (Ps. 2:7-9).** (Future)

## v. 7: The Decree.

Christ speaks in these verses and tells us what the Father said to Him in His eternal decree. How good to know that God has decreed the fulfillment of His plan, and that man will not hinder God’s working.

“You are My Son, today I have begotten You.” When did the Father say this to the Son? Not when He was born into the world, but when He came out of the tomb [**Acts 13:28-33**]. This verse is quoted again in **Heb. 1:5** and **Heb. 5:5**.

## vs. 8-9: The Promise.

v. 8: Because of His victory over sin and death at the cross, Christ is given an inheritance of all the nations.

Satan will offer these kingdoms to Antichrist, and he will rule the nations for a brief season [**Rev. 13:1-10**].

When will Christ receive “the uttermost parts of the earth” for His possession? When He returns to the earth in power and glory; and we are told that Christians will reign with Him.

What’s this world coming to? It’s coming to Jesus.

#### **4. The Adoration of the Son (Ps. 2:10-12).** (earth)

The closing three verses are an appeal from the Spirit to the sons of men to submit now to Jesus Christ.

v. 10: Wisdom. “Be wise”

Our world boasts of its knowledge, and it seems that there is more knowledge than ever before, but there also seems to be less wisdom. God’s wisdom is found in God’s Word, yet the kings and rulers do not want the Word of God.

v. 11: Service. “Serve the Lord”

Instead of rebelling and resisting, people should bow down to Christ and serve Him. Joy is what will result from yielding to Christ.

v. 12: Submission. “Kiss the Son”

“Kiss the Son” implies paying homage, allegiance, and submission. God has reconciled the world to him by the Cross of Christ (**2 Cor. 5:14-21**); Righteousness and peace kissed each other on the cross (**Ps. 85:10**).

Now God is able to save lost sinners and still uphold His holy law. It is tragic that most of the people of the world are saying, “We will not have this Man to reign over us!”

When Jesus returns, they will be forced to bow before Him but then it will be too late. Grace is still available now, “Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (**Acts 2:21**).

#### **Application:**

1. The rebellion of the nations will get worse.
2. God is in control.
3. The world is coming to the feet of Jesus.
4. Wise people submit to Jesus and serve him fully.