

Psalm 2

[Perspective on the nations/kings/rulers]

**Why do the nations conspire,
and the peoples plot in vain?**

**The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against YHWH and his anointed,**

saying,

"Let us burst their bonds asunder,
and cast their cords from us."

[Perspective of YHWH]

He who sits in the heavens laughs;
YHWH has them in derision.

Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

"I have set my king on Zion,
my holy hill."

[Narrator's perspective]

I will tell of the decree of YHWH:

[YHWH's anointed's perspective]

**He said to me,
"You are my son;
today I have begotten you.**

**Ask of me,
and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.**

You shall break them with a rod of iron,
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

[Perspective on the kings/rulers]

**Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

Serve YHWH with fear,
with trembling
kiss his feet,
or he will be angry,
and you will perish in the way;
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are all who take refuge in him.