

Welcome to

Journey through the Bible



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Bible study

Psalm 2
Psalm of the Rejected
but Reigning King

Psalm 8
God's Son, as Man,
Will Rule over Everything

Psalm 16
The Grave cannot hold
God's Son, the Holy One

Psalm 2
The international uproar
Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the Lord and against His anointed,
saying, "Let us break Their chains
and throw off Their shackles." (2:1-3)
The nations rebel against God

Devise (plot) = "Meditate" in Psalm 1:3
"Against the LORD and His Anointed"
Anointed = Hebrew - Messiah
Greek - Christ

Ascending scale of antagonism:
from inner rage = *in a an uproar*
to active plotting = *devising a vain thing*
to corporate conspiracy = *counsel together*
to settled opposition = *against the LORD*
to open rebellion = *cast away their cords*

But God has the last laugh!

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
the LORD scoffs at them.
He rebukes them in His anger
and terrifies them in His wrath, saying,
“I have installed my king
on Zion, my holy mountain.” (2:4-6)

God has decreed their judgment!

God’s Son will rule the nations!

I will proclaim the LORD’s decree:
He said to me, “You are my son;
today I have become your father.
Ask me, and
I will make the nations your inheritance,
the ends of the earth your possession.
You will break them with a rod of iron;
you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”
(Psalm 2:7-9)

God’s warning and invitation!

Therefore, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
Serve the Lord with fear
and celebrate his rule with trembling.
Kiss his son, or he will be angry and
your way will lead to your destruction,
for his wrath can flare up in a moment.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.
(Psalm 2:10-12)

The New Testament quotes Psalm 2 as fulfilled by Jesus, the Messiah!

Psalm 2 is quoted in Acts 4 as fulfilled by
the Jewish and Gentile opposition united
against Jesus, the Messiah.

Psalm 2 is quoted in Acts 13 as proof that
Jesus’ resurrection fulfills God’s promise.

Psalm 2:1-3 is cited in Hebrews 1:5 & 5:5
as proof that Jesus is superior to the
angels, and that He will rule over all.

Israel and the Nations against Jesus

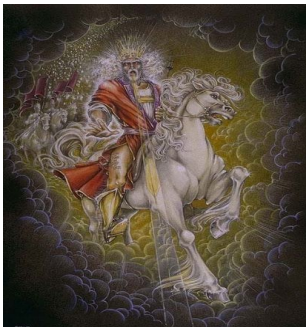
After quoting Psalm 2:1-3, Peter prayed,
“Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.” (NIV)
(Acts 4:27-28)

Jesus is the Son & Promised Savior

“We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:

“‘You are My Son; today I have become your father.’ God raised Him from the dead so that He will never be subject to decay.’ ... Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.” (Acts 13:32-33)

Psalm 8



The Son of Man will Rule Over All

God’s Majesty Displayed, -in the wonder of creation, -in the weakest of humanity

O LORD, our LORD, how majestic is Your name in all the earth, You have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!

From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have established strength because of Your adversaries, to make the enemy and the revengeful cease. (8:1-2)

Man is a micro dot by comparison!

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that You care for them? (8:3-4)

**Yet man is loved, cared for by God!
Why?**

God made man ruler over creation!

You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of Your hands; You put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. LORD, our LORD, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! (Psalm 8:5-9)

Man in God's Majestic Plan

1. God is exalted in and by all the earth!
2. God's glory is established in the earth!
3. God's glory is expressed in/through man!
 - a. He is the recipient of God's grace!
 - b. He is the reflection of God's glory!
 - c. He is ruler over all God's creation!
4. God is exalted in and by all the earth!

Only Jesus, as God/man, is qualified!

Psalm 8 in the New Testament- Jesus is God's Ultimate Authority!

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. ... then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and authority. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death. For He has put all things in subjection under His feet. (1 Cor. 15:22-28)

Hebrews 2 quotes Psalm 8 as fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus

“You have put all things in subjection under His feet.” For in subjecting all things to Him, He left nothing that is not subject to Him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to Him. But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone. (Hebrews 2:8-9)

Psalm 16

The Resurrection of Messiah



**The LORD is my refuge now
and my hope of resurrection to come**

“Preserve me, O God, for I take refuge in You.
I said to the LORD, ‘You are my LORD;
I have no good besides You.’
As for the saints who are in the earth,
they are the majestic ones in whom is all
my delight.
The sorrows of those who have bartered for
another god will be multiplied;
I shall not pour out their drink offerings of
blood, nor will I take their names upon my lips.
Psalm 16:1-4

The LORD is the portion of my inheritance
and my cup; You support my lot.
The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;
Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.
I will bless the LORD who has counseled me;
Indeed, my mind instructs me in the night.
I have set the LORD continually before me;
Because He is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:5-8 (NASB)

Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices;
My flesh also will dwell securely.
For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol;
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.
You will make known to me the path of life;
In Your presence is fullness of joy;
In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

Peter quoted Psalm 16:8-11 on the
Day of Pentecost in Acts 2:22-28!

Paul quotes Psalm 16:10 in his
message at Antioch in Acts 13:35!

The grave is not the end of the story!!

“As for the fact that He raised Him up from the dead, no longer to return to decay, He has spoken in this way: ‘I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.’ (Psalm 16:10)

“Therefore He also says in another Psalm, ‘You will not allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.’ “For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers and underwent decay; but He whom God raised did not undergo decay. (Acts 13:34-37)

- ★ Man is only an infinitesimal dot in the vast universe, yet we are the object of God’s love and the reason He sent His Son.
- ★ One day all people will bow before Jesus, today is the day for us to bow before Him!
- ★ Because Jesus left heaven, came to earth, endured death on the cross, and rose from the dead, we too have life and the promise of being raised from death!

See you next week!
Read Psalms 22, 23, 24
The “Shepherd Psalms”