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- **From the tower of Babel to the crucifixion and through the book of Revelation, humanity has Rebelled against their Creator.**

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- **1 Samuel 8:6** But when they said, ‘Give us a king to lead us,’ this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. <sup>7</sup>And the Lord told him: ‘Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. <sup>8</sup>As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. <sup>9</sup>Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights.’

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- **1 Samuel 8:19** But the people refused to listen to Samuel. ‘No!’ they said. ‘We want a king over us.  
**<sup>20</sup> Then we shall be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles.’**
- **<sup>21</sup> When Samuel heard all that the people said, he repeated it before the Lord. <sup>22</sup> The Lord answered, ‘Listen to them and give them a king.’**

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- **2** The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,
- **3** “Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles.”
- *“We have, in these first three verses, a description of the hatred of human nature against the Christ of God.”* (Spurgeon)
- The *“way of sinners”* described in Psalm 1 is becomes a cosmic revolt of the nations and against God and His anointed in Psalm 2.

# God's Response To The Nations

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



- **Psalm 2:4** The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.
- **Psalm 37:10** A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. 11 But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity. 12 The wicked plot against the righteous and gnash their teeth at them; 13 but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he knows their day is coming. 14 The wicked draw the sword and bend the bow to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose ways are upright. 15 But their swords will pierce their own hearts and their bows will be broken.

- **Psalm 2:5** He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, 6 “I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.”
- **Ephesians 1:19** That power is the same as the mighty strength
  - <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,
  - <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.
  - <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,
  - <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

# God's Promise to the Son

- **Psalm 1:7** I will proclaim the Lord's decree: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father.
- 8 Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.
- 9 You will break them with a rod of iron<sup>[b]</sup>; you will dash them to pieces like pottery."

- **Psalm 1:7** I will proclaim the Lord's decree: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father.
- **Acts 13:32** 'We tell you the good news: what God promised our ancestors <sup>33</sup> 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."<sup>[b]</sup>
- <sup>34</sup> God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said, "I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David."

- **Psalm 1:8** Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.
- **Philippians 2:8** And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!
- 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,
- 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- **Psalm 1:9** You will break them with a rod of iron<sup>[b]</sup>; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”
- **Christ has attained the role of “King of Kings” through His life, death, burial and resurrection, and all who oppose Him will be dashed, smashed, and destroyed!**

- **Revelation 19:11** I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war.
- 12 His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.
- 13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.
- 14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.
- 15 Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. 'He will rule them with an iron sceptre.'<sup>[a]</sup> He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.
- 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

# The Blessing of the Righteous

- **Psalm 1:10** “Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- **11** Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling.
- **12** 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 1:10** “Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- **Daniel 4:32** You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.’

- **Psalm 1:10** “Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling.
- **Daniel 4:34** At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes towards heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honoured and glorified him who lives for ever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation.
- 35 All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: ‘What have you done?’

- **Psalm 2:12** 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.”
- **The only way for the wicked to find shelter from God’s wrath is to “kiss”, or pay homage to the Son, by grace through faith.**
- **1 Thessalonians 1:9** “They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.”

# Conclusion

- **Psalm 1:1** “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; 2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.”
- **Psalm 2:12** “Blessed are all who take refuge in him.”
- **Psalm 3:7** “ Arise, Lord! Deliver me, my God! Strike all my enemies on the jaw; break the teeth of the wicked.
- 8 From the Lord comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your people.”