

The LORD set His King on Zion

Psa 2:1-3 ESV Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, **against** the LORD and **against** his Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us **burst their bonds** apart and **cast away their cords** from us."

Vs1 Rage (turmoil), and plotting - are in vain (**worthless**) **WHY?**

Vs 2 **WHY?** Because They are taking counsel AGAINST the LORD and AGAINST the Messiah

- Pro 21:30 ESV No wisdom, no understanding, no counsel can avail against the LORD.

Vs 3 The basis of the rage? --- **Bonds and Cords**

What is the basis of this rage and plotting? -- Bonds and Cords

First clue an historical event - A lame man was healed...the religious leaders called Peter and John in

- Act 4:17-18 ESV But in order that it **may spread no further** among the people, let us warn them to **speak no more to anyone in this name.**" 18 So they called them and charged them **not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus**.....Acts 4:24-26 And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, 25 who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, **"Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? 26 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed"**--

Second clue - definitions

- BONDS From H3256; properly chastisement, that is, (by implication) a halter; figuratively restraint: - band, bond.
- H3256 A primitive root; to **chastise**, literally (with blows) or figuratively (with **words**); hence to **instruct**: - bind, chasten, chastise, correct, instruct, punish, reform, reprove, sore, teach.
- **They say, "We don't want to be bound to his instruction, correction, teaching or reproof"**
- The same word H3256 is used again in the psalm in verse 10---
 - Psa 2:10 ESV Now therefore, O kings, be wise; **be warned [KJV be instructed] [H3256]**, O rulers of the earth.
- **How foolish it is to cast off the teaching/correction of the LORD...be WISE instead**

His cords are cords of kindness and bands of love

Hos 11:1-5 ESV When Israel was a child, **I loved him**, and out of Egypt **I called my son**. 2 **The more they were called, the more they went away**; they **kept sacrificing to the Baals** and burning offerings to idols. 3 Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; **I took them up** by their arms, but **they did not know that I healed them**. 4 I led them with **cords of kindness**, with the **bands of love**, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them. 5 They shall not return to the land of Egypt, but Assyria shall be their king, **because they have refused to return to me**.

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. *[mocking]*

- All men's efforts to stand against the LORD are foolish - he laughs
- Psa 37:12-13 ESV The wicked plots against the righteous and gnashes his teeth at him, 13 but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he sees that his day is coming.

5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, **The Father speaking:** 6 "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

- His tone changes from laughing to wrath and fury...
- RECOGNIZING and ACKNOWLEDGING this is the ONLY THING THAT WILL SAVE YOU!
- I have set MY KING ON ZION (nations, peoples, kings, rulers)
- Yaweh "HE IS MY KING" - I don't know what you have going on, but this is my program

He did amazing things to SET HIS KING ON ZION

Jesus says: 7 I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

Though the people and rulers of that day tried to get rid of Him - God raised Him from the dead

- Act 13:28-33 ESV *[they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed] [they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. 30 But God raised him from the dead].....32* And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, 33 this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm, **"You are my Son, today I have begotten you."**

He sat at the right hand of the Father - the throne is FOREVER -- His King is established

- Heb 1:1-8 ESV3b After making purification for sins, **he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty** on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. 5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, **"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"**? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? 6 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." 7 Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire." 8 But of the Son he says, **"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom."**

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

Jesus has asked for the nations (those nations that plot in vain and take counsel against the LORD) - He has asked for them as an inheritance (Israel's inheritance was the promised land, the inheritance of Jesus is the ends of the earth - the nations and all peoples) -

- **now we are engaged in that work -**
- **Proclaiming the kingdom of God to all nations and calling people to obedience**
- **Calling people to take on his yoke, his cords his bonds**

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

- 1Co 15:24-26 ESV Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign **until he has put all his enemies under his feet**. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Nebuchadnezzar vision (gold head, silver breast, bronze thigh, iron legs, iron and clay feet

Dan 2:35.....But **the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole**

earth.....Dan 2:44 And in the days of those kings **the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever,** 45 just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this.

- Make no mistake every enemy will be put under His feet ---
- I was once an enemy of God - casting off the cords - casting off the bands -
- I am no longer the king of my life - He is MY KING - He has conquered me

The Holy Spirit calls us to be in submission to the King and tells us how

10 Now therefore, O kings, **be wise; be warned**, O rulers 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**, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who **take refuge in him**.

1. **Be wise** - true wisdom is found in yielding to the King - Resistance is futile in the end
2. **Be instructed** - Let the word of God find a place in your heart - his cords and bands are love and kindness
3. **Serve the Lord with fear**
4. **Rejoice with trembling** - the king is a Good King
5. **Kiss the Son - to honor and submit to him as Lord and as king**
 - Samuel kissed Saul and said, 'Has not the LORD anointed you leader over his inheritance?'"
 - God tells Elijah, "Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all **whose mouths have not kissed him.**"
6. Blessed are all who **Put their Trust in Him**

Lest you perish in the way

- Isa 35:2b-10 ESVThey shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. 3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. 4 Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 6 then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; 7 the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. **8 And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.** 9 No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, **but the redeemed shall walk there.** 10 And **the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;** they shall **obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**