

The Rule of God's Anointed

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Prophetic Proclamation to the Nations

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Scene 1: Man's Rebellion (1-3)

- People will not overthrow God's purposes, so the faithful trust in the Lord.

Psalms 2:1-3, "Why do the nations rage, and the peoples meditate a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against Jehovah, and against his anointed, (saying), Let us break their bonds asunder, and cast away their cords from us."

- The Psalmist clearly indicates in these opening rhetorical questions that their plotting and scheming are a vain thing (*riq – reek*). A single word that means a worthless thing; to no purpose; empty.
- Psalms 94:16-19
 - The gospel versus the wisdom of men.
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
 - False doctrines versus truth. John 8:31-32

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- READ: Psalms 94:20-23

- Calls to repent and return.
- Judgment.
 - Jerusalem. Isaiah 1:21-26; Matthew 23:38
 - Rome. Revelation 19:15-21
 - America? Romans 2:1-3 (1:18-32)

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- God is sovereign – His will and purposes cannot be thwarted – (Psalms 11:4; 37:13; 68:33; 115:3; Isaiah 40:22; 57:15; 66:1; Acts 5:38-39; Galatians 6:7-9; Jude 18; 2 Peter 3:3-10).
- Historically – all who have rejected God's will have perished – (Genesis 6-7; Exodus 14:27-31; 2 Peter 2:4-8; 3:6-8; Matthew 24)

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- The atheist / humanist. Psalms 14:1; 53:1; Romans 1:28
- The immoral / ungodly. Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21; Revelation 21:8
- False teachers / deceived. 2 Peter 2:18-20; 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12
- Those rejecting His authority. Matthew 7:21-23; 2 John 9; Jude 8

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Scene 2: God's Reply (4-6)

- **Jesus Christ rules as King over friend and foe.**

Psalms 2:6, "Yet I have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."

- Psalms 110:1-3
- Despite man's attempt to withstand God's purpose, He would "set" (coronate / crown / install) His King in Zion. (Daniel 2:44-45; Matthew 16:18; Matthew 28:18; Joel 2:32; Galatians 4:26; Hebrews 12:22; Philipians 3:20; Revelation 3:12; 21:2, 10)

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- **Acts 4:23-31**

- "Thou art my Son!" (Matthew 3:17; 8:29; 16:16; 17:5; Acts 8:37; 13:33; Romans 1:4. Hebrews 1:5; 3:6; 5:5, 8)
- His complete authority demands our allegiance. Luke 6:46
- Bible authority is Christ's authority. Colossians 3:17

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- "This day I have begotten thee" (Refers to the resurrection of Christ in the NT). Hebrews 1:5
- Raised to sit on David's throne. Acts 2:30-36; 13:33-37
- Declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection. Romans 1:4
- Raised to be our High Priest. Hebrews 5:5; 6:20; Ps. 110:4

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- Jesus Is, NOW, Lord of lords and King of kings. Matthew 28:18; Acts 10:36; 1 Timothy 6:15; Ephesians 1:20-23; Colossians 1:18

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- **Jesus is also judge** ... all who reject His authority will be completely and irreparably destroyed.
- All judgment committed to the Son. John 5:22-23; 12:48
- Jesus will judge the living and dead. Acts 10:42; 17:30-31
- All must stand before Him. 2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Peter 3:7; Jude 14-15

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- Atheism / False religion / teachers – (Eastern cults / Islam / Judaism / Catholicism / Denominationalism)
- Rejection of Christ's authority – (over emphasis on grace / ridiculing "precision obedience" / charge of legalism)

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Scene 4: Admonition (10-12)

Behold the goodness and the severity of God.

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- cf. Romans. 11:22
- Salvation and judgment.
- Life and condemnation. John 5:26-27, 30

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Scene 4: Admonition (10-12)

Let us serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling. (Invitation)

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- Hebrews 12:28-29
- Transform our mind. "be wise, be instructed." Hosea 14:9; Romans 12:1-2
- Yield our will. "Serve Jehovah with fear." Philippians 2:12; Hebrews 4:1; 12:28-29
- Govern our attitude. "rejoice with trembling." Acts 5:41; 16:25; Philippians 4:4; James 1:2; Romans 5:2-3; 1 Peter 4:13
- Devoted service from hearts of reverent faith. 2 Corinthians 5:7
- Humble worship in spirit and truth. John 4:24

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Our trust in the Lord's rule is greater than our trust in man's rule.

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- Jeremiah 17:5; Proverbs 3:5-6
- Remember which King has our first allegiance! Matthew 6:33

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Scene 4: Admonition (10-12)

God's Son Rules Today!

Psalms 2:12, "*Kiss the son, lest he be angry, and ye perish in the way, for his wrath will soon be kindled. **Blessed are all they that take refuge in him.***"

- Nations rise and fall on righteousness.
- **Proverbs 14:34, "Righteousness exalteth a nation; But sin is a reproach to any people."**
- Judgment begins in the house of God. 1 Peter 4:16-19
- God's Son reigns!
 - Blesses the faithful.
 - Punishes the rebellious.

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Lessons to learn:

1. God cannot be defeated! God is sovereign. (cf. Acts 4:33ff)
2. World leaders on notice! God will answer with His wrath.
3. There is a final judgment!
4. Pagan traits exposed! (cf. Romans 1:18ff)

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