

# The World Is Marching Toward the Time When God Places His King on the Throne

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The Psalms offer much encouragement for believers and have done so for many centuries. They offer comfort for a variety of troubling situations and provide perspective to help us deal with troubling emotions.

Many saints recognize the prophetic value of the Psalms. Psalm 22, for example, provides vivid details of Jesus' crucifixion many centuries before that type of execution even existed. Who but God could have revealed such specifics almost a thousand years in advance?

While reading through Psalms several times in the past few years, I have observed anew their prophetic value. Many of them look forward to Jesus' return to earth and His reign over the nations of the earth.

The apostle John wrote about this time in **Revelation 20:1-10** where he provides the length of this intermediary kingdom before the eternal state. We refer to this time as the Millennium because John specifically tells us that it will last for one thousand years.

A multitude of verses in the Old Testament speak of this future rule of King Jesus. For this post, however, I will highlight what the Psalms tell us about God's King.

## GOD THE FATHER GIVES THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD TO HIS SON

I love Psalm 2 because it sets the stage for all other Messianic prophecies in the Psalms. Here we learn that it's the Father who gives the nations of the earth to His Son as His inheritance.

In **Psalm 2:7-8**, we read this: *"I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."* (KJV)

**Daniel 7:13-14** provides added context to these verses. There, "one like the son of man" approaches the "Ancient of Days" who gives Him a realm such "that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him." Similar to what we read in Psalm 2, the Father gives the Son dominion over the kingdoms of the world.

**Psalm 2:9** describes Jesus' future rule in a way that eliminates interpreting it as His headship over the church or the eternal state: *"Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."* (KJV)

Jesus most certainly doesn't rule in such a way over His bride. And such a reign can only apply to a time when sin and death still exist, which eliminates the eternal state. I wrote the following in my book, *The Triumph of the Redeemed*:

*The presence of rebellion and harsh judgment during this reign of Jesus, as we see in Psalm 2, differentiates it as well from the eternal state where sin and death will no longer exist (Revelation 21:4). No other time fits with the conditions of Jesus' rule as described in Psalm 2; it must be the Millennium where Scripture indicates that sin and rebellion will occur (Zechariah 14:16–19; Revelation 20:7–10). Only the millennial reign of Jesus aligns with the conditions described in Psalm 2.*

*Psalm 2 opens the door to glorious prophecies throughout the Psalms that tell of Jesus' triumphant Second Coming and the praise-worthy glories of his thousand-year reign over the nations.*

## JESUS WILL PUT AN END TO WARFARE

When I arrive at Psalm 46 on my trek through the Psalms, I stop and read it several times. During these chaotic times, it reassures me of God's sovereignty and future reign over the nations.

In a context that speaks to the coming Tribulation period as described in the book of Revelation, Psalm 46 tells us that Jesus will put an end to all the warfare in the world when He returns. *It will not happen until then. Indeed, it cannot.*

***Psalm 46:9 KJV*** – “*He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.*”

What does this all mean for us? It's a call to rest secure in God's sovereignty over all of history knowing that Jesus will someday rule over all the lands and peoples of the earth. Until then, violence will continue unchecked in our world. I love verse 10 of this Psalm; I often quote it to myself when current events trouble my soul.

***Psalm 46:10 KJV*** – “*Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.*”

We can quiet our hearts knowing that in the future, the Lord will fulfill the last two lines of **Psalm 46:10**. (**Please note:** *this verse does not find its fulfillment in missions, but only in the coming thousand-year rule of Jesus over the nations of the earth.*)

Doesn't that make you want to jump for joy and “sing praises” to the Lord? That's exactly the sentiment of Psalm 47 in which the Psalmist rejoices at the prospect of the Lord ruling “over all the earth.”

Psalms 47-48 are also Messianic Psalms that tell of the rejoicing and praise that will erupt on the earth once God's King, Jesus, reigns for a thousand years over the peoples of the earth from Zion. Does this not give us a new perspective on...

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