

Episode #440 The Revolt Against the Kingdom 2 – The Rulers Revolt

I. The long and glorious kingdom of God on earth in the future will end with a test of all Adamkind to reveal if we have learned to love and serve God from the heart. Many will pass this test, but some will fail. The result of their failure will be that they will revolt against the kingdom. We are examining this strange period of time and seeing what the Bible says about it.

II. Psalm 2:1-3. The Rulers Revolt.

- A. Verse 1. Opens with a question (verse 1) regarding the nations. After centuries of peace and stability, something has changed. Now they are viewed as a turbulent sea. The sea is a common figure for the nations. Isaiah 57:20.
- B. The psalmist wonders why this is so? This question only makes sense if they were quiet first, then became turbulent.
- C. The peaceful conditions of the kingdom are set forth in Psalm 1. For long ages, the blessed man has been planted like a tree by calm waters. Psalm 2 does not take place at the height of that government, but at the harvest that comes at its consummation.
- D. Verses 2-3 set forth the conditions that brought about this tumult. The kings of the earth have taken a stand and gathered together to overthrow God's government.
- E. Rotherham credits Delitzsch with pointing out that these kings here choosing to rebel had previously sworn allegiance to the LORD and His Anointed.
 1. Isaiah 60:3-4. Shows this truth.
 2. Psalm 18:44. The anointed of Jehovah is speaking.
 3. Psalm 66:3. Even His enemies will have submitted.
- F. Now these kings will have taken a stand against Jehovah, and his anointed. Is this referring to Jesus Christ?
 1. Jesus Christ IS Jehovah.
 2. The anointed here could be David himself.
 - a. II Samuel 23:1. David is called "anointed of God."
 - b. Psalm 103:19-20. The Lord Jesus will be ruling over the earth from His throne in heaven at this time. David will be one of His "angel" messengers sitting on Israel's throne on earth.
 - c. Jeremiah 30:9. This is not calling Jesus Christ "David," as some claim. David will be raised from the dead. Do you believe in resurrection?
 - d. Ezekiel 34:23. David will be shepherd over Israel in the future, just as he was in the past, II Samuel 5:2.
 - e. Ezekiel 37:24. David will be king over Israel.
 - f. Hosea 3:4-5. Our third witness. Jehovah their God IS Jesus Christ. David their king will be raised from the dead for them to seek him. God's mercies towards him are sure, Acts 13:34.
- G. Acts 14:16. All nations were walking after their own ways when David wrote Psalm 2. This is still true today. Thus, this Psalm follows a future time when the nations were under God's control and now are rebelling.

IV. Psalm 2:4-12. The rebellion dealt with.

- A. Verse 4. The LORD laughs at them. What a pitiful, small, pathetic thing for a nation to rebel against the Mighty God Who made heaven and earth!
- B. Verse 5. As silly as it is, He does not find their revolt amusing. He is very displeased.
- C. Verse 6. His king, David, is well established on His holy hill of Zion.

- D. Verse 7. Jehovah goes back in time to when His king was first set up on his throne over His government. This is the proclamation that set him up.
1. Acts 13:33. Paul refers this to Jesus Christ.
 2. Hebrews 1:5. Author of Hebrews refers this to Jesus Christ.
 3. Hebrews 5:5. Again author of Hebrews refers this to Jesus Christ.
 4. Yet many things that are true of Christ can also become true of His people.
 - a. For example, II Samuel 7:14 first had to do with Solomon. Yet in Hebrews 1:5 verse 14 is quoted of Christ.
 - b. In Revelation 21:7 verse 14 is quoted of the overcomers!
 - c. Clearly, a quotation originally of a man can later be applied to Christ without negating its original meaning.
- E. Verse 8. David will be given the nations around him as his inheritance (portion). The same truth as Psalm 18:44: as soon as these nations hear of David they will submit themselves to him. All David has to do is ask and he shall receive them.
- F. Verse 9. This sounds grim, but refers to the complete subjection of these nations to God and His representatives. Certainly rebellious people like those in this psalm will need harsh treatment to bring them to submission!
1. This speaks again of David. But Revelation 2:26-27 quotes this of the overcomers.
 2. Revelation 19:15 references it, but applies it to Christ. What is true of His people must also be true of Him. How can His people be ruling with a rod of iron if He is not ruling that way as well?
 3. Psalm 89:20-27 has great things to say of David and God's future plans for him. He will be the highest of earth's kings. Do we believe this, or doubt it?
- G. Verse 10. The kings and judges are called on to be wise.
- H. Verse 11. They should serve the LORD with fear, rejoicing, and trembling. A much better and wiser thing to do than revolt!
- I. Verse 12. These kings are mercifully invited to resubmit to God. He wants them to do so. If they fail, they will perish. If they trust in Him, they will be blessed.
- J. II Thessalonians 1:7-9 tells us of the terrible destruction that will fall on those who have rebelled against the King of kings at the second advent of Jesus Christ. This is the sad fate Psalm 2:12 warns these kings to avoid. Yet notice the mercy held out to even these bold rebels if they will reconsider and turn back in obedience to Him. God is always eager to show His grace!
- V. Conclusion: The long and glorious kingdom of God on earth in the future will end with a test of all Adamkind on earth that results in a rebellion against God's authority. The kings of the earth, who will have long been subservient to the LORD and His anointed, will set themselves to rebel against Him. Psalm 2 tells us of this time. Yet this revolt is doomed to ultimate failure, and all who fail to turn from their rebellion and resubmit will be destroyed.