

[Psalm 2: The Coming King](#)

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In the [previous part](#) of this study on Psalm 2, we looked at the first promise of Psalm 2 concerning the future reign of Christ. Today I'll look at the second promise of Psalm 2 concerning the future reign of Christ.

A Worldwide Reign

The second promise that the Father makes to His Son in Psalm 2 is a natural corollary of the first. Not only will Jesus inherit the earth, but He will also reign over it: *"I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance... You shall break them with a rod of iron"* ([Psalm 2:8-9](#)).

Jesus is coming to reign. That is one of the most persistent themes of the Scriptures from beginning to end. And again, the redeemed will be joint heirs of this promise. We will reign with Jesus.

These truths were graphically portrayed to Daniel in a series of night visions. In one he saw the *"Son of Man"* appear before the *"Ancient of Days"* and receive dominion and a kingdom that included *"all the peoples, nations, and men of every language"* ([Daniel 7:13-14](#)). Then Daniel was told that *"the saints of the Highest One"* would receive the kingdom and would exercise "the sovereignty, the dominion, and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven" ([Daniel 7:18,27](#)).

In the book of Revelation Jesus promises that He will give overcomers *"authority over the nations"* and they will rule over the nations *"with a rod of iron"* ([Revelation 2:26,27](#)).

In Revelation 4, when John is raptured to Heaven and finds himself in the throne room of God, he hears the heavenly host singing a song of praise to Jesus. In the song the statement is made that those who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb have been made a kingdom, and *"they will reign upon the earth"* ([Revelation 5:9-10](#)).

The Glory of the Lord

And what will be the purpose of all this? There are many reasons for the Millennial reign of Jesus. God is going to use that period of time to fulfill promises He has made to the nations, to nature, to a remnant of the Jews, and to the Saints. But the fundamental purpose is to fulfill His promise to His Son that He will one day be glorified in history, just as He was humiliated in history.

This promise is a persistent theme of the Scriptures. It is the essence of the Father's promise in Psalm 2, and it is echoed throughout the Bible, in both the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament.

The prophet Isaiah says that when the Lord returns in *"terror"* and in the *"splendor of His majesty,"* all proud men will be humbled, and *"the Lord alone will be exalted in that day"* ([Isaiah 2:10-11](#)). The Lord's name will be honored, and He will be called *"Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace"* ([Isaiah 9:6](#)). He will return to manifest His glory before His Saints ([Isaiah 24:23](#)) and before the nations of the world ([Isaiah 66:18](#)).

Paul affirms this purpose of the Lord's return in [2 Thessalonians 1:10](#) where he states that Jesus is returning *"to be glorified in His saints"* and *"to be marveled at among all who have believed."*

In the next part of this study on Psalm 2, I'll look at the warnings of the Holy Spirit in verses 10-12.

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