

Adult Impact Study Sheet

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Read **Psalm 2:1-12**; if possible from several translations.
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NOTE: Keep in mind that this is a messianic psalm—alluded to at least 18 times in the New Testament (more than any other psalm)—referring to Jesus.

Let's consider the Psalm 2 using four headings put forth by Warren Wiersbe:

1. **Conspiracy—The Voice of the Nations** (vv. 1-3)

Read v. 1. *David didn't expect a reply when he asked this question, because there really is no reply. It was an expression of astonishment.*¹ Why would David be astonished at the attitude of the nations? Do you see this attitude in today's world? If so, how is it expressed?

Read vv. 2-3. *People often think they will be free if they can get away from God. Yet, inevitably, everyone serves somebody or something, whether a human king, an organization, or even one's own selfish desires.*² This was true in David's time. Discuss how it is true in today's world.

2. **Mockery—The Voice of God the Father** (vv. 4-6)

Contrast the uproar of the nations on earth toward God as opposed to the God of the universe who sits on His throne in heaven. Why the difference?

Read Psalm 37:12-17 in relation to this passage. (Actually, the entirety of Psalm 37 relates well.)

3. **Victory—The Voice of God the Son** (vv. 7-9)

The phrase “You will dash them to pieces like pottery” draws a contrast between the Son of God and His enemies. What is that?

Consider the Pharaoh in Egypt when Moses was leading the children of Israel out. Why did he think he could withstand God? Why do people today—unsaved and saved—think they can withstand God?

4. **Opportunity—The Voice of the Holy Spirit** (vv. 10-12)

Those opposing God are urged to put their trust in Him. How should that guide our praying for those in positions of power over us, e.g., political leadership?

¹ *The Wiersbe Bible Commentary OT*, 873

² *Life Application Study Bible NIV*, 823