

Survey of Psalms 1 & 2

Today is a brief quick survey of the first two Psalms

Subsequent studies will give a closer examination to their contents.

The Psalms were of Prime importance to the Lord Jesus Christ

³⁸ And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

³⁹ Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for **a spirit hath not flesh and bones**, as ye see me have.

⁴⁰ And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them *his* hands and *his* feet.

⁴¹ And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?

⁴² And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, **and of an honeycomb**.

⁴³ And he took *it*, and did eat before them.

⁴⁴ And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, **that all things must be fulfilled**, **which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.**

⁴⁵ Then **opened he their understanding**, that they might understand the scriptures,

⁴⁶ And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: (Luke 24:38-46 KJV)

General Hermeneutical Principles:

The Psalms complete our portrait of the Lord Jesus Christ

The Psalms are rich in Christology

Do not let your Dispensationalism keep you from reading the entirety of the scriptures.

And that from a child thou hast **known the holy scriptures**, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ **All scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and **is profitable** for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷ That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Tim. 3:15-17 KJV)

You need the entire Bible.

Often our Reformed brethren are kept from Scripture reading for fear that they will not know how to properly “**allegorize**” them.

So both groups could be kept from the words of God.

Job speaking: “Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; **I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food**. (Job 23:12 KJV)

General Themes

Psalm 1 How to Be Happy and Blessed in Life As a Jew, 1:1–6

Psalm 2 The Lord’s Plan for the Israel’s Kingdom: The Rule of God’s Son, the Messiah of Israel, 2:1–12

The Psalm is a contrast of the BLESSED MAN and THE CURSED MAN

Psalm 2 Contrasts the Opposite: Cursed man first then the Blessed

These two Psalms sum up the entirety of the Hebrew Scriptures.

Psalm 1 How to Be Happy and Blessed in Life As a Jew, 1:1–6

This is describing the Jewish believer under the Law. The question, “Is he fit for the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Kingdom of God is gone. It is not offered until the Messiah appears.

(Matt. 8:11-12 KJV) ¹¹ And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

¹² But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Blessed *is* the man that **walketh not** in the counsel of the ungodly, **nor standeth** in the way of sinners, **nor sitteth** in the seat of the scornful. (Ps. 1:1 KJV)

1. Separate from wicked JEWS
 - a. Their UNGODLY counsel
 - b. The Apostate Jew's SINFUL Pathway
 - c. The mockery and scorn of wicked Jews
2. Be devoted to the Law of Moses
 - a. Take great delight and believe it
 - b. Meditate on it day & night

But his **delight** *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he **meditate** day and night. (Ps. 1:2 KJV)

- c. The result
 - 1) The Jews will be given life—a fruitful life: Just like a well-watered tree

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither... (Ps. 1:3 KJV)

- 2) The Jewish people will prosper

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; **and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.** (Ps. 1:3 KJV)

3. Understand the CURSED MAN

The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away. (Ps. 1:4 KJV)

- a. The UNGODLY- Jews who reject the Law, are like chaff: Driven away by the winds of judgment

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. (Ps. 1:5 KJV)

- b. They are doomed
 - 1) They will face God's judgment
 - 2) They will be condemned: Excluded from the righteous

For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish. (Ps. 1:6 KJV)

- 4. Trust the LORD & be righteous
 - a. He knows the righteous
 - b. He does not know the wicked: As a result, they perish

Psalm 2: The Coming Kingdom and the End Times

The Voice of the Heathen

Why do the **heathen** rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? (Ps. 2:1 KJV)

- 1. The Mankind's Rage against God
 - a. The HEATHEN'S rage against God

In the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3)

- We will examine the cataclysmic event in the Garden of Eden later.

The Gospel in a Nutshell????

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and **her seed**; IT shall **bruise thy head**, and **thou shalt bruise his heel**. (Gen. 3:15 KJV)

And the God of peace shall **bruise Satan under your feet shortly**. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen. (Rom. 16:20 KJV)

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*, (Ps. 2:2 KJV)

- b. **The people plot against God**
- c. **Their recourse: counsel together**

Historically they joined willfully with Fallen Angels (Genesis 6)

- c. **The rulers oppose Him & His Anointed One: The Coming Messiah**

Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. (Ps. 2:3 KJV)

- **They tried this at the Tower of Babel**
- **The Final Rebellion is the Tribulation**

The Voice of the Father

⁴ He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in **derision**.

⁵ Then shall he speak unto them in his **wrath**, and **vex them in his sore displeasure.**

⁶ **Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.** (Ps. 2:4-6 KJV)

DERISION-WRATH-VEXATION-DISPLEASURE OF GOD

These are descriptions of the Tribulation

Note: the end of the Tribulation occurs when God sets His Son on the Throne of the Kingdom

The Voice of the Son

I [***the Son***] will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee. (Ps. 2:7 KJV)

The Messiah will be the Warrior-King

He will be the ONLY BEGOTTEN Son of God

Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the **heathen** *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession. (Ps. 2:8 KJV)

<A Psalm of David.> The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. (Ps. 110:1 KJV)

We need to identify who is at Jehovah's right hand

Until: the enemies are subdued- not when the whole earth is converted

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. (Ps. 2:9 KJV)

It will be a military dictatorship IN RIGHTEOUSNESS and HOLINESS

Verse 9 destroys Amillennialism and Post-Millennialism

Here is an example of **the Rod of Iron**:

But I say unto you, That whosoever is **angry** with his brother **without a cause** shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in **danger of hell fire**. (Matt. 5:22 KJV)

The Voice of the Holy Spirit

¹⁰ Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

¹² **Kiss the Son**, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. **Blessed** are all they that put their trust in him. (Ps. 2:10-12 KJV)

This is undoubtedly the voice of the Holy Spirit warning men to fear God.

Similar Message to the Everlasting Gospel

⁶ And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

⁷ Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God, and give glory to him**; **for the hour of his judgment is come**: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. (Rev. 14:6-7 KJV)

Hermeneutic Principle: What you are not hearing in these texts is the Gospel of the Grace of God.

We also see why the Jews did not expect a suffering Messiah. They expected a conquering Messiah.

They failed to believe Psalm 22 which is about the Suffering Messiah.