



**Reasons to  
Believe in  
Jesus Christ**

## Reason 24: Psalm 22, Psalm 2, King Messiah, Suffering Messiah



One thousand years before the birth of Jesus, the book of Psalm described the portraits of the Messiah in Psalm 2, and Psalm 22. King David, the writer of these Psalms, through the Holy Spirit, described the conflict between the Messiah (the Christ) and the Kings of the Earth (The World). He also described the crucifixion of the Messiah as he is rejected, mocked and pierced. The same one rejected will one day lead Israel in praise.



### Psalms 2:1-12

(1) Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

(2) The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against

the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,



(3) "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

(4) He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

(5) Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

(6) "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.

(7) I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son"; today I have begotten you.

The conflict is between the nations and the Lord.

(1) The nations rage and people plot against who? Against the God of Israel, the God of the Bible.

(2) The Kings of the Earth are the nations of the world, they are in opposition to LORD and his (Messiah)(Christ) **Anointed** משיח

In verse 2, it speaks of the future opposition of the nations against the Messiah, God's King and kingdom, This foreshadows the world's opposition to Jesus Christ (The Messiah). Despite the opposition, the Kingdom of God, Christianity will be established to the frustration of the nations.

(3) **Let us:** This verse portrays the opposition of the nations, not wanting to be constrained by God's mandates

(4) God laughs: Despite what the nations want God's will be accomplished

(6) God's King the Messiah will reign from Jerusalem and the Kings of the Earth will be in submission.

(7) Who is God's King? The Son of God, he is the only begotten Son of God as foretold 1000-years before the birth of Jesus. The doctrine of the Messiah being the only begotten Son of God was first proclaimed by King David in the Psalms 1000-years before Christ, its not just a New Testament Doctrine, its Old Testament.

(8) Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.  
 (9) You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."  
 (10) Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.  
 (11) Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.  
 (12) **Kiss the Son**, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

#### John 3:16

(16) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

#### (8-11) The Nations and the ends of the earth:

The whole world be subject of the Messiah, God's King. This is the portrait of King Messiah, but it also demonstrates the Doctrine the Messiah will be the Son of God

- Nations your heritage
- End of the earth your possession
- Break them with a rod of Iron
- Kings be wise, be warned
- Rulers of the earth serve the Lord

(12) Kiss the Son: The whole world will be subject to the Son, the earth will be at His mercy and pleasure. We should look to the Son as our hope and refuge.

#### Psalms 22:1-31

(1) To the choirmaster: according to The Doe of the Dawn. A Psalm of David. **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?** Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?  
 (2) O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.  
 (3) Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.  
 (4) In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.  
 (5) To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.  
 (6) But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.  
 (7) **All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;**  
 (8) **"He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"**  
 (9) Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.  
 (10) On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.  
 (11) Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.  
 (12) **Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**  
 (13) they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.



Jesus quoted from this verse on the Cross: David speaking through the Spirit showed the Suffering Messiah portrait here, 1000-

years before the birth of Christ.

#### Matthew 27:46

(46) And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

#### (6-15) Jesus on the Cross

David in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Psalm shows how the Messiah will be mocked by those watching his death.

#### Matthew 27:38-43

(38) Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.  
 (39) And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads  
 (40) and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."  
 (41) So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,  
 (42) "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.  
 (43) He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

(14) I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

(15) my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

(16) For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; **they have pierced my hands and feet--**

(17) I can count all my bones-- they stare and gloat over me;

(18) **they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.**

(19) But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

(20) Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!

(21) Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

(22) **I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

(23) You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

(24) For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

(25) From you comes my praise **in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.**

(26) The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!

(27) **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.**

(28) For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

(29) All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

(30) Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

(31) they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

#### (16) Jesus pierced



#### (18) Cast lots for his garments

**Matthew 27:34-35**

(34) they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.

(35) And when they had crucified him,

they divided his garments among them by casting lots.

#### (22-31) Resurrection and Glory, leading Israel

This crucified Messiah will one day proclaim and Praise the Lord in the midst of the congregation. This will be fulfilled as the Jewish people learn about the person of Messiah. They will learn Jesus is the Messiah of Israel.