

Theme: The book of Psalms teaches us to look forward to the final Day, when all of God's Promises will be fulfilled.

I. Intro – Review of Psalm 2

- A. The Main Point: The Lord is King!
- B. The Main Focus: Jesus the Messiah!
- C. Today: the complete fulfillment

II. The Psalms and the Future - Then

- A. Davidic kings never fulfilled (2:8-9; 72:8,11; 110:1,5-6)
 - 1. Possess and crush all nations (2:8-9)
 - 2. Rule over all nations (72:8-11)
 - 3. All enemies crushed & submit (110:1, 5-6)
- B. Psalter compiled after exile! (137:1; 89:38-41)
 - 1. Clearly post-exilic Psalms (137:1; 89:38-41)
 - 2. Yet still included Davidic promises! (2, 110)
 - 3. Clearly anticipated future fulfillment!

III. The Psalms and the Future – Today

- A. Two key parts to Messianic promises
 - 1. Decree of Inheritance (2:8)
 - 2. Day of wrath & justice (2:9, 12)

B. The promise of inheritance is fulfilled

- 1. Messiah promised nations (2:8; 110:1)
- 2. Jesus has authority (Eph 1:19-22; Mt 28:18-20)

C. The promised day of wrath still awaits

- 1. Day of wrath & justice (2:9,12; 110:5-6)
- 2. Day still awaits (Rev 11:17-18; Rev 19:11-21)
 - a. Rev 11 – nations angry; wrath comes; destroyed – Ps 2
 - b. Rev 19 – v15 quote; kings fighting; destroyed

D. The need for a day of wrath & justice

- 1. Putting all things right – destroying sin
- 2. Rev 11:18 – destroying destroyers
- 3. Rom 8:19-21 – earth groans for this day
- 4. Ps 98:7-9 – creation rejoices
- 5. Futato quote, 156
- 6. Only then is full, unhindered joy

IV. Reading Psalms With Hope for Future

- A. The Psalms teach us that all is not finished
 - 1. God has not yet finished His work

2. We live in between the times (Mays, 50)
- B. The Psalms give us hope for the future
1. Psalms teach that God will keep Word
 2. Psalms give hope for future (Futato, 131)
 3. The King will come to restore all!

The Psalms and the Future

Psalm 2

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Response: Rejoice the Lord is King

Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

8 He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth 11 All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him. Ps 72:8,11

The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”...5 The Lord is at your right hand; he will crush kings on the day of his wrath. 6 He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth. Psalm 110:1, 5-6

1 By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. Psalm 137:1

38 But you have rejected, you have spurned, you have been very angry with your anointed one. 39 You have renounced the covenant with your servant and have defiled his crown in the dust. 40 You have broken through all his walls and reduced his strongholds to ruins. 41 All who pass by have plundered him; he has become the scorn of his neighbors. Psalm 89:38-41

1 Of David. A psalm. The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” Psalm 110:1

That power is like the working of his mighty strength, 20 which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and **seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion**, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 **And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything** for the church, Ephesians 1:19-22

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Mt 28:18-20

5 The Lord is at your right hand; he will **crush kings on the day of his wrath. 6 He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.** Psalm 110:5-6

“We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because **you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.** 18 **The nations were angry; and your wrath has come.** The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great— and for **destroying** those who destroy the earth.” Revelation 11:17-18

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19 The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. Romans 8:19-21

7 Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. 8 Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; 9 let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. Psalm 98:7-9

We live with hope that the King will come into our experience and drive out the chaos and establish His reign that results in abundant life. We hope for His coming in this life, and we hope for His coming to inaugurate the life to come. And at that time Jesus will put all things in right order. Mark Futato, *Transformed by Praise*, 156.

The early Christians lived between the ‘already’ of the Messiah and the ‘not yet’ of his rule over the kings and nations who persecuted them. The [second] Psalm assured them of the coming dominion of the Christ in a victory that would also be theirs (Revelation 2:26-29) and gave them a reason to be faithful.

David Mays Commentary on Psalm 2

We can say that the whole book of Psalms is eschatological... One purpose of the Psalms was and is to create a sense of hope that one day the King would come to put everything in our lives and in the world right order once and for all.

Mark Futato *Transformed by Praise*, 131