

Refuge for the Nations

Lesson One • Psalm 2

Rebels Need a Refuge

Why the Theme Refuge for the Nations?

It's a **biblical theme** with a **missional focus** and a **practical reminder**.

We Are All REBELS at Heart in Need of a Refuge from the Coming Wrath of the Sovereign God and His Chosen King.

Background of Psalm 2

- A **ROYAL Psalm** that **praises** the reign of Israel's kings.
- A **DAVIDIC Psalm** that **proclaims** the reign of the line of David.
- A **MESSIANIC Psalm** that **predicts** the future coming of Israel's Messiah.

The NECESSITY of a REFUGE

1. The Earthly Nations Are in REBELLION. (1-3)

What Does This Rebellion Look Like?

It is a full-blown declaration of **WAR** on God's plan for creation and His promise of redemption! (1-2)

When Did This Rebellion Begin?

It began with the **ANGELIC** rebellion in heaven and **HUMAN** rebellion on earth in the Garden of Eden.

Isaiah 14:12-14; Genesis 3:1-7; 11:1-9; Revelation 19:19

What Are Some Earthly Outcomes of This Rebellion?

- Wars and rumor of **WARS**
- Refugees on the **RUN**.
- God's people being **PERSECUTED**.

2. The Rebel Nations Are Under God's WRATH. (4-6)

Two Reminders About God's Heavenly Rule During Earthly Rebellion

- God's rule is **SOVEREIGN** and secure in heaven.

- God's rule is **SUCCESSING** in stages according to His spoken Word.

What Do These Kingdom Stages Look Like?

1. **HISTORICALLY** in the Past over Israel
2. **SPIRITUALLY** in the Present over the Church
3. **PHYSICALLY** in the Future Kingdom on Earth
4. **COMPLETELY** in Eternity over the New Creation

3. The Rebels Will Be Broken by Christ's RULE. (7-9)

When Will the Christ Rule Over the Earth and Break the Nations?

We live in the "Now-Not Yet" between Christ's 1st coming to rule from heaven for **SALVATION** and His 2nd coming to rule on earth for **JUDGMENT!**

- 1st Coming **SPIRITUALLY** broke the rebellion with the "Good News" of salvation under His gracious rule.

Acts 4:25-26; 13:32-34; Matthew 28:18-20

- 2nd Coming will **TOTALLY** break the rebellion with the "Bad News" of judgment with a rod of iron.

Revelation 11:15-18; 19:11-16

The OPPORTUNITY for a REFUGE

A Rebel's Only Hope Is Running to God's King for REFUGE. (10-11)

King Jesus Is the Refuge for All Rebels!

- **Are You a Rebel?** **TAKE** refuge in Christ before it's too late!
- **Are You a Repenter?** **BE** a refuge in Christ for the nations!

There Is No Refuge from Christ Only Refuge in Christ!

There's an urgency to take refuge in Christ and be a refuge for the nations.

- Those who **persist** in rebellion have **no refuge** from Him and will be **broken** in judgment.
- Those who **persevere** in repentance have a **secure refuge** in Him and will be **blesed** with salvation. *Rev 2:25-29*
- Our mission **will succeed** and Christ's Kingdom **will come**, so that God's **presence** will rule with His **people** over His **place** for His **glory** and the **joy** of all peoples! *Rev 7:9-17*