



# What Is Happening and What Will Happen Next?

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## Act 1: Leaders' Rebellion

*Psalm 2:1-3 — "Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, 'Let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us!'"*

The leaders of the earth are challenging God's right to command their obedience, and they resist giving their devotion and allegiance to Jesus Christ.

Our highest development and greatest fulfillment lie in worshipping and serving Him with abandonment.

Satan doesn't intend his perversion of human hearts to stop with the tremendous influx of indecency and immorality gripping the nations. His goal is for the nations of this earth to erupt with boiling rage against God. He is after a militant, unified, passionate revolt against God's laws and against His Son's right to reign.

## Act 2: God's Agenda

*Psalm 2:4-6 — "He who sits in the heavens laughs, the Lord scoffs at them. Then He will speak to them in His anger and terrify them in His fury, saying, 'But as for Me, I have installed My King upon Zion, My holy mountain.'"*

The extreme point of conflict in the Middle East will be Jerusalem, and especially Temple Mount. The Jews will rebuild the Temple there, and it will be a firestorm of conflict when that happens. Why does that spot matter so much?

The Devil knows that Jesus is prophesied to come back and to take the throne of David and rule the world from Temple Mount. And the Devil does not want that to happen. Three times on the Dome of the Rock, twice in the inner octagonal arcade, and once in the outer octagonal arcade, it is inscribed, "God has no Son!" And that is the spirit of the antichrist.

*1 John 2:22 — "Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also."*

The people of the earth must make a choice. Either they resist God and His Son, or they give themselves wholeheartedly in devotion to Jesus Christ.

## Act 3: The Son Claims His Inheritance

*Psalm 2:7-9 — "I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron, you shall shatter them like earthenware.'"*

In this decree, we see that the Bible is not just about God's plans and provision for mankind. It is also about God's plans and provision for His Son. We have an inheritance and so does the Lord Jesus Christ. Our inheritance is the ability to experience both the blessings and the love of a passionate God because of Jesus. His inheritance is us—a passionate people. But He will experience His inheritance only as we become radically committed to Him.

In the final hours before His crucifixion, Jesus engaged in that intercession, praying for all believers.

*John 17:26 – "...that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."*

And at this moment, He is still interceding in heaven for His own:

*Hebrews 7:25 – "...He always lives to make intercession for them."*

Jesus is asking for His inheritance. And that inheritance is a people who are passionately in love with Him.

But some will resist it. And those who resist giving their devotion and allegiance to the Son freely will experience His Judgment instead. There is a day coming when every knee will bow and every tongue will confess Jesus as Lord to the glory of God the Father. Right now, it can be done voluntarily. But there is a time coming when it will no longer be voluntary.

#### **Act 4: The Psalmist's Solemn Warning**

*Psalm 2:10 – "Now therefore, O kings, show discernment; take warning, O judges of the earth. Worship the Lord with reverence and rejoice with trembling. Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!"*

The Lord is awesome in splendor and terrifying in His greatness. When we get a glimpse of His eternal, majestic splendor and beauty, we are filled with reverential fear. We tremble before Him.

King David warns that time is running out. There is a time coming when it will be too late to freely bow your knee to the Lordship of Christ.

There is a satanic agenda at work behind all the chaos and upheaval in the world today. Satan is trying to get leaders of every segment of our society to throw off God's commandments. But he won't stop there. He wants people to adamantly resist Jesus Christ. But keep in mind that with all that is going on, and the world seems like it is spinning out of control, God is sitting on His throne, and He laughs.

His agenda is the one that will prevail. He will set up His Son to rule over the whole world. Every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess Jesus Christ as Lord. Don't be afraid of whatever may come in the meantime. God's plan will prevail.