1 Why are the nations in tumult, and why do the peoples devise a vain plot?

2 The kings of the earth rise up, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his anointed:

3 Let us break their bonds asunder and cast away their cords from us.

4 He who dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn; the Lord shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall he speak to them in his wrath and terrify them in his fury:

6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

7 I will proclaim the decree of the Lord; he said to me: You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for 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 be wise, O kings; be prudent, you judges of the earth.
11 Serve the Lord with fear, and with trembling kiss his feet; lest he be angry and you perish from the way,

12 for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are all they who take refuge in him.

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