

# OLD UNION BAPTIST MINISTER'S SCHOOL

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## "KING OF THE HILL"

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Scripture	Lesson	–	Psalms	2:1-12
Foundation Text – Psalms 2:6				

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

Introduction – When I was a child, my four cousins who were brothers, and I, played a game called "King of the Hill". We usually used a farm wagon for the "Hill". One would be chosen to be the "King", and the rest of us would try to overthrow and remove the king from his throne. We would work together; take counsel, conspire, and combine forces, against the king, in an effort to remove him from his seat of power and authority. We had lots of fun, and there were some great struggles, which always ended in the king being removed from power.

In my lesson, "**King of the Hill**" there are some similarities to the children's game: but this is not a game, and the outcome is not the same. In this lesson the king never loses a battle, and is never removed from power. This is a real, true to life biography, of "**The blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and the Lord of Lords**".

### **A MESSIANIC PSALM**

This 2<sup>nd</sup> Psalm is a prophecy concerning the rage of the heathen, the vain imaginations of the people, and even the counsel of the kings and rulers of the earth, who have set themselves in opposition against "**The Lord, and against his Anointed**". (God and his Son, Jesus) "Yet", (which means, in spite of the rage, the vain imaginations, and the counsel to break the bands and cast away the cords) says the Lord, "***Yet, have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.***" (Ps. 2:6-8)

This prophecy not only states the amusement of Him who sits in the heavens, at such foolishness, (V.4) it says "***he shall speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure***". (V.5) The Lord says, to his king; "***Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.***" (V.9)

### **THE PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST**

When I read this Psalm, my first thoughts are of the preeminence of Christ; and there are many scriptures that verify his supremacy. John the Baptist said, "***He that cometh from above is above all:***" (John 3:31) "***For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and***

*revived, that he might be Lord both of the living and the dead.” “For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”(Romans 14:9 and 11) “I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last” “I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold I am alive for evermore, A-men: and have the keys of death and of hell.” (Rev. 1:11-18)*

And then there is the following scripture; *“Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell;”* (Colossians 1:15-19)

### **MY KING UPON MY HOLY HILL OF ZION**

What is the “Holy Hill of Zion”? **It is the Church of Jesus Christ! It is the body over which Christ is the Head.** Let’s see if we can prove these statements. The prophet Isaiah, prophesied; *“And it shall come to pass in the last days, [the last dispensation] that the mountain [the governmental rule or authority] of the Lord’s house [the church] shall be established in the top of the mountains; [above every other governmental rule] and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.”* (Isaiah 2:2-3) **There is no higher ecclesiastical authority than the Lord’s church!**

Micah confirms the same event, for the same time period, the last days. (Micah 4:1) And the prophecy of Daniel 2:44 was fulfilled, when in the last days, the God of Heaven, Jesus Christ, set up his church kingdom. (*“The law and the prophets were until John, and since that time the Kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it”.* (Luke 16:16) *“God .... Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.”* (Hebrews 1:1-2)

After his baptism, at the hands of John, Jesus began to call disciples to follow him. (Mt. 4:18-25) Thus he began to build up his church, as he said he would do. (Mt. 16:18) And later, *“It came to pass in those days that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in pray to God. And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom he named apostles.”* (Luke 6:13-19) It was here that he organized this living body of disciples so it could function in carrying out the commission.

Where did this take place? In the exact place where the prophets had said that the mountain of the Lord’s house would be established: and from the very place where the Word of the Lord was to go forth; and the place where he would teach his ways. Listen

again to the prophet: ***“For out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem,... and he will teach us his ways,...”*** (Is. 2:2-3) Hear the prophet David say, ***“For the Lord hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.”*** (Ps. 132:13-14)

Then Paul writes, that the ***“house of God,... is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.”*** (1 Tim. 3:15) And again Paul says, of the church: ***“In whom all the building fitly framed together growth unto a holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are built together for a habitation of God through the Spirit”***. (Eph. 2:21-22)

### **MOUNT ZION**

The forty-eighth Psalms speaks of mount Zion, and in my humble opinion is a prophetic reference to the church of Jesus Christ. Here Zion is called the ***“City of the Great King”***. It is said to be ***“beautiful for situation”***; (elevation; location) the church holds a higher position than any other institution. And, where is the location of the Lords church? ***It is in the world! Where in the world? It is through-out the whole world. How do I know this?*** Because, of the beautiful situation, it is said to be, ***“the joy of the whole earth”***.

***“Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.”*** (Psalm 50:2) The ***“perfection of beauty”*** is clearly seen in God’s design of the local, independent, autonomous (self-governing) church. It is a church that is one in kind, and many in number, therefore it can be located in every community throughout the entire world. The local churches constitute the ***“Spiritual Kingdom”*** with Christ as the king. He rules and reigns in the hearts of his subjects. He is the sovereign head, and the kingdom is governed by the laws of Christ. **There is no world headquarters for the church on earth, because it is the kingdom of Heaven, manifested in the world.**

***“God is known in her palaces for a refuge”***. (Psalms 48:3) This is more than intellectual knowledge which has been learned, this is ***“experimental knowledge”*** which those who dwell in her palaces (church members) received by revelation in the new birth experience, and now possess.

***“For, lo, the kings of the earth were assembled, they passed by together. They saw it, and so they marveled; they were troubled, and hastened away. Fear took hold of them there, as of a woman in travail.”*** (Psalms 48:4-6) Here again, we see kings of the earth united, viewing and marveling, and even though they were troubled, in their fear they fled from Zion. The rage, the vain imitations, the conspiracy that comes from the councils of the wicked, to break the rule of Christ, can not, prevail.

There is a verse of Scripture which states; ***“Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.”*** (Acts 15:18) I may have lifted this verse out of context, but I believe it is applicable to this subject also. First: Because it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell. Second: The Lord made the decree, “Thou art my Son”: “I have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion”. (Ps. 2:6-7) And, ***“The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. This is the Lord’s doing; it is***

*marvelous in our eyes.” (Ps. 118:22-23) “As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of Host, in the city of our God: God will establish it forever.” (Psalms 48:8)*

*“Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell (count) the towers thereof. Mark ye well (take notice) of her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.” (Ps. 48:12-13)* These are instructions to examine Zion (the church) very closely. We can count the towers, or high points of the church’s doctrine. We can also make note of her bulwarks, or her strengths and security defenses which are in place. And last but not least, we can meditate on her palaces. (Our places in the church) We are to do these things not only for the benefits to our generation, but that we might point it out to the generation that is following us.

### **MY CLOSING OBSERVATIONS ON THE KING AND THE HOLY HILL OF ZION**

John, the Beloved Apostle, gives us a glorious picture of **“The King” as the “Lamb of God”** standing on Mount Zion. He heard harpers, harping, and singers, singing. This, evidently, is the perfect, completed and total number of those redeemed, unto God, from among men, by the Lamb. They are singing a new song which only the redeemed can learn. (Revelation 14:1-5) They have been presented in their glorified state. (Ephesians 5:27)

Again, John’s vision of the **“King”** and the **“Holy Hill of Zion”** is a picture of a **“Groom with his Bride”**. (Rev. 21:9) John was carried, in the spirit, to a **“great and high”** mountain (beautiful for situation; elevation and location) and shown the Holy City, New Jerusalem. (Revelation 21:10) ***“And I heard a great voice out of Heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.”*** (Revelation 21:3)