

Psalm 2; 2 Samuel 7; Psalm 97

New American Standard Bible (NASB)

Psalm 2

Why are the nations in an uproar
And the peoples devising a vain
thing?

²The kings of the earth take their
stand

And the rulers take counsel
together

Against the Lord and against His
Anointed, saying,

³“Let us tear their fetters apart
And cast away their cords from
us!”

⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs,
The Lord scoffs at them.

⁵Then He will speak to them in His
anger

And terrify them in His fury,
saying,

⁶“But as for Me, I have installed
My King
Upon Zion, My holy mountain.”

⁷“**I will surely tell of the decree
of the Lord:**

**He said to Me, ‘You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You.**

⁸‘Ask of Me, and I will surely give
the nations as Your inheritance,
And the *very* ends of the earth as
Your possession.

⁹‘You shall break them with a rod
of iron,
You shall shatter them like
earthenware.’”

2 Samuel 7

⁸“Now therefore, thus you
[*Nathan*] shall say to My servant
David, ‘Thus says the Lord of
hosts, “I took you from the pasture,
from following the sheep, to be
ruler over My people Israel. ⁹I
have been with you wherever you
have gone and have cut off all your
enemies from before you; and I
will make you a great name, like
the names of the great men who are
on the earth. ¹⁰I will also appoint a
place for My people Israel and will
plant them, that they may live in
their own place and not be
disturbed again, nor will the
wicked afflict them any more as
formerly, ¹¹even from the day that
I commanded judges to be over My
people Israel; and I will give you
rest from all your enemies. The
Lord also declares to you that the
Lord will make a house for you.

¹²When your days are complete
and you lie down with your fathers,
I will raise up your descendant
after you, who will come forth
from you, and I will establish his
kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house
for My name, and I will establish
the throne of his kingdom forever.

¹⁴**I will be a father to him and he
will be a son to Me; when he
commits iniquity, I will correct
him with the rod of men and the
strokes of the sons of men,** ¹⁵but
My lovingkindness shall not depart

from him, as I took *it* away from
Saul, whom I removed from before
you. ¹⁶Your house and your
kingdom shall endure before Me
forever; your throne shall be
established forever.”” ¹⁷In
accordance with all these words
and all this vision, so *Nathan* spoke
to David.

Psalm 97

The Lord reigns, let the earth
rejoice;

Let the many islands be glad.

²Clouds and thick darkness
surround Him;

Righteousness and justice are the
foundation of His throne.

³Fire goes before Him
And burns up His adversaries
round about.

⁴His lightnings lit up the world;
The earth saw and trembled.

⁵The mountains melted like wax at
the presence of the Lord,
At the presence of the Lord of the
whole earth.

⁶The heavens declare His
righteousness,
And all the peoples have seen His
glory.

⁷**Let all those be ashamed who
serve graven images,
Who boast themselves of idols;
Worship Him, all you gods.**

For additional thought and discussion:

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For examples of inductive studies: <http://www.goodnotsafe.com/inductive-bible-study-examples-2/>

Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

Observation
(What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage that help bring out the writer’s thought process?

- Who are the people involved?
- What action takes place?
- What type of literature is it (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are any unusual words used?
- Is there symbolic language?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Are words or ideas repeated?
- Any comparisons or contrasts?
- Any cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose (“in order that...”)?
- Are there conclusions (“Therefore...”)?
- Are there explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good “headline” for the passage?

Interpretation
(What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts that would help you **interpret** the meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer’s thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

Application
(What does it mean for me?)

What is the impact on your life? What **application** does the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

**Read nothing into the Scriptures, but draw everything from them, and suffer nothing to remain hidden that is really in them.
J.A. Bengel (1687-1752)**

For a much more detailed description of the methodology, see Robert A. Traina, *Methodical Bible Study*. Wilmore, Kentucky: Asbury Theological Seminary, 1952.