

758 Why Do Nations Rage Together

(Psalm 2)

1 Why do na-tions rage to - geth - er; why in vain do
 2 To the chil-dren of the prom-ise God shall give the

they con-spire? Rul-ers of earth's vast do - min - ions light
 throne this day. With a scap - ter forged of i - ron, they

the skies with mar - tyr's fire. Truth mis - tak - en, God for -
 shall dash their foes as clay: faith re - veal - ing, hum - bly

sak - en, banes of righ - teous - ness a - rise; yet shall
 kneel - ing, quench the fire and sheathe the sword, for God's

In this concise paraphrase of Psalm 2, the first stanza describes a political struggle from a human perspective, while the second stanza describes how the matter is resolved through God's power. The frequent three-note figures in this Welsh tune help to convey a sense of turmoil.

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they reap sore dis - plea-sure, sure de - feat be - fore God's eyes.
wrath is quick-ly kin - dled; blest are they who serve the Lord.

