Why Do the Heathen Nations Vainly Rage?

Psalm 2

POURQUOI FONT BRUIT (10 11. 10 11 10. 11 10) Strasbourg, 1539 harm. Claude Goudimel, 1564; alt.

1. Why do the heath-en na-tions vain-ly rage?
2. He speaks to them in right-eous, ho-ly wrath;
3. “The na-tions come; You are the on-ly Heir,

What pride-ful schemes are they in vain de-vis-ing?
God vex-es them and shows His great dis-pleas-ure.
The ends of earth will be Your own pos-ses-sion

The kings of earth and rul-ers all en-gage
“Yet have I set My King up-on the path
And bro-ken with a rod of i-ron there,

In e-vil plots, and in their sin con-triv-ing,
That up-ward winds to Zi-on, My own treas-ure,“ Rebel-lious pot-ter-y comes to de-struc-tion.”
They take their stand against our God’s Messiah;
“You are My Son, today You are begotten,”
Now serve the Lord, with fear and gladness trembling.

They claim they will not keep His binding chains.
I will declare what God has said to Me-
And therefore, O ye kings, seek wisdom here.

The one enthroned in highest heaven, higher,
‘And not one tribe will ever be forgotten.
How blessed are those who trust without dissembling,

Mocks them to scorn, on them derision rains.
You will receive the world, just ask of Me.”
Who kiss the Son and bow in reverent fear.