

HUMBLED BY OUR FOOLISHNESS

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PSALM 2:4 NKJV – (4) He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision.

There is this old adage, "Man plans, and God laughs"—perhaps. Did you know **Proverbs 16** clearly lays out the relationship between our plans and God's involvement/response? Let me just say that again: **Proverbs 16** clearly lays out the relationship between our plans and God's involvement/response!

Those who resist God's rule, His will, and His truth do so in rage, frenzy, plotting, and scheming (Psalm 2:1–3). Scripture reveals the sovereign Lord's response to the unbelieving world's desire to overthrow Him. "The nations" (Psalm 2:1) and "the kings...and the rulers" (Psalm 2:2) think of themselves as the ultimate authority. They plan together to rebel against God's will and His Word.

Even so, God "sits" in the heavens, a reference to His throne (Isaiah 6:1), from which He rules heaven and earth. From that lofty, secure vantage point, He sees the frantic, rebellious nations, and He laughs. The nations' plot is ridiculous—it is laughable. God is not intimidated by tantrums from human beings.

When proud mankind wanted to make a name for themselves by building a tower at Babel that reached high into the sky, Scripture says God came *down* to see it (**Genesis 11:5**). He then divided their common language into many languages and scattered the builders far from the construction site (**Genesis 11:1–9**). Similarly, according to the following verse, God will terrify the rebellious nations.

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Those who humble themselves will be exalted. ACCURATELY.