

Treasure Hunt

- What three themes does each set of five Psalms discuss?
- How are these topics arranged in each set?
- What is significant about the change in the arrangement in the last set?
- How does the theme of the wicked develop over the course of the three sets?
- What does “turn the captivity” mean in Psalm 126?
- Describe three ways that Psalm 127 refers to Solomon.
- What two elements of God’s promise to David do Psalms 127 and 132 recall?
- How do these elements expand the theme of Psalm 122?
- What does the Lord do, and what should we do, to deal with our own sin?
- What characterizes the blessings that result?



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Organization of the Psalms of the Stairs

The Wicked	Divine Provision	Jerusalem	Divine Provision	The Wicked
120, At Home	121, Keeping on the Way	122, Peace in Jerusalem	123, Mercy on the Return	124, At Home, but Controlled
125, Judged	126, Turning Fortunes	127, Davidic Covenant	128, Family Blessing	129, Judged
130-131, Confession: "Hope in the Lord"	(lacking)	132, Temple and Messiah	133-134, Blessings in God's Presence	(lacking)

The Wicked in the Psalms of the Stairs

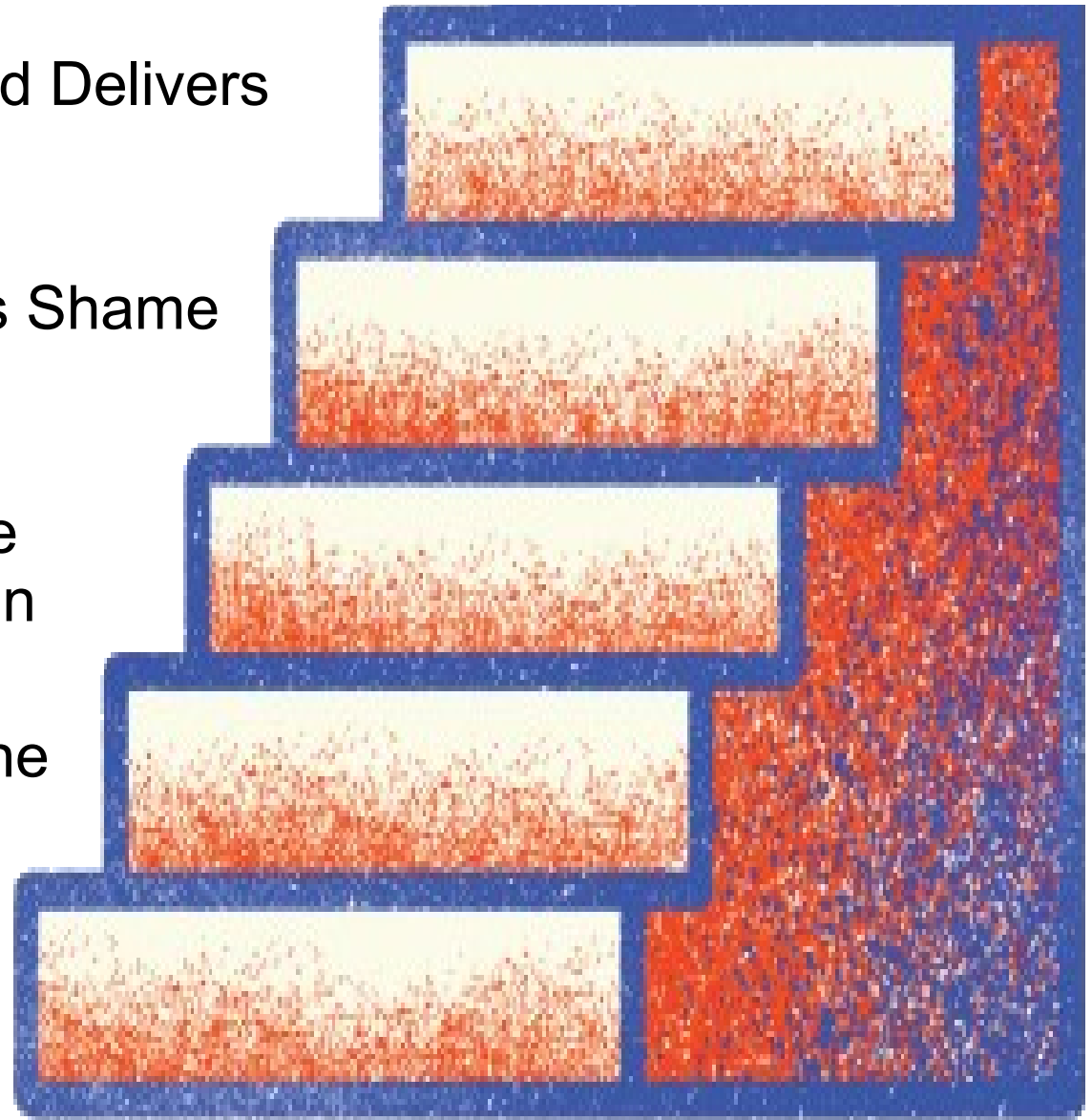
Ps 130-131, The Lord Delivers
the Penitent Wicked

Ps 129, The Lord Brings Shame
on the Wicked

Ps 125, The Lord gives the
Wicked Up to their Own Sin

Ps 124, The Lord Protects the
Righteous from the Wicked

Ps 120, The Wicked Oppress
the Righteous



Timothy Brennan, <https://dribbble.com/shots/5913967-Stairway-Galaxy>

125:2 The Mountains Round About Jerusalem



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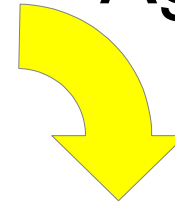
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Job 1:3,
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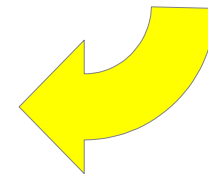
Psalm 126 “Turn Again the Captivity”



Job 1:13-19, Job loses all



Job 42:10 And the
**LORD turned the
captivity of Job**



David Ankele, *James Tissot: The Old
Testament*. Ankele Publishing, 2015.

Psalm 127 and God's Covenant with David

2Sa 7:11 Also the LORD telleth thee that **he will make thee an house.**

12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, **I will set up thy seed** after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 **He shall build an house** for my name, and I will stablish the **throne of his kingdom** for ever.

Psa 127:1 Except the LORD **build the house**, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD **keep the city**, the watchman waketh *but* in vain.

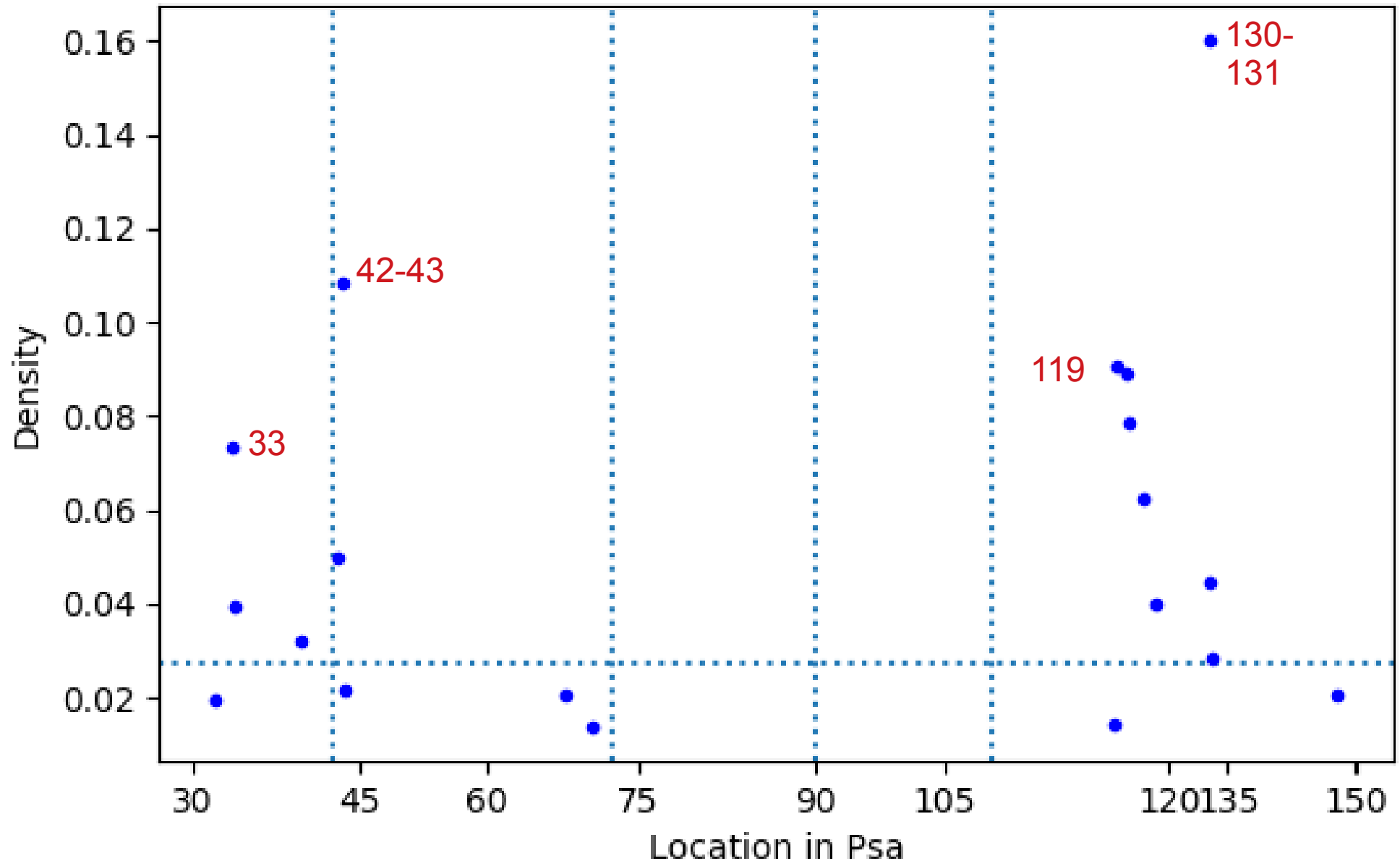
2 *It is* vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: *for* so he giveth his **beloved [Jedid-o] [in] sleep.**

3 Lo, **children are an heritage of the LORD:** *and* the fruit of the womb *is his* reward.

2Sa 12:24 And David comforted Bathsheba his wife, ... and she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon: and the LORD loved him. 25 And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and **he called his name Jedid-iah**, because of the LORD.

1Ki 3:5 In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon **in a dream by night:** and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

ל “hope” (Strong 3176) unifies Psalms 130-131



Psalm 133 and משיח “Messiah” (Strong 4899) in Psalms

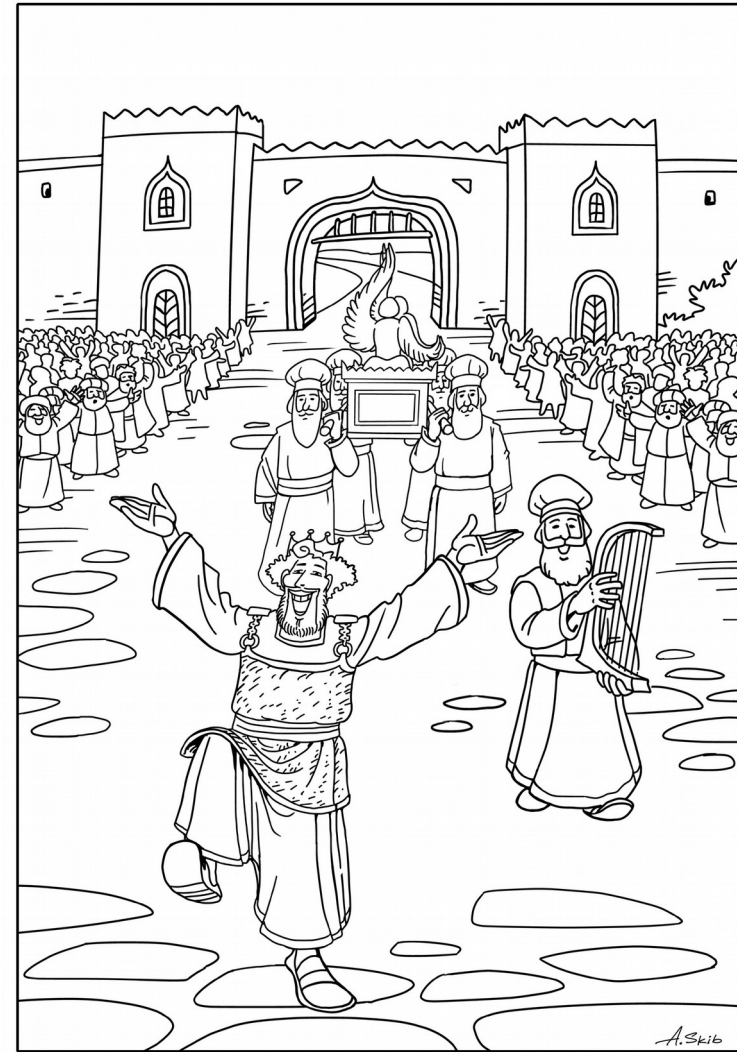
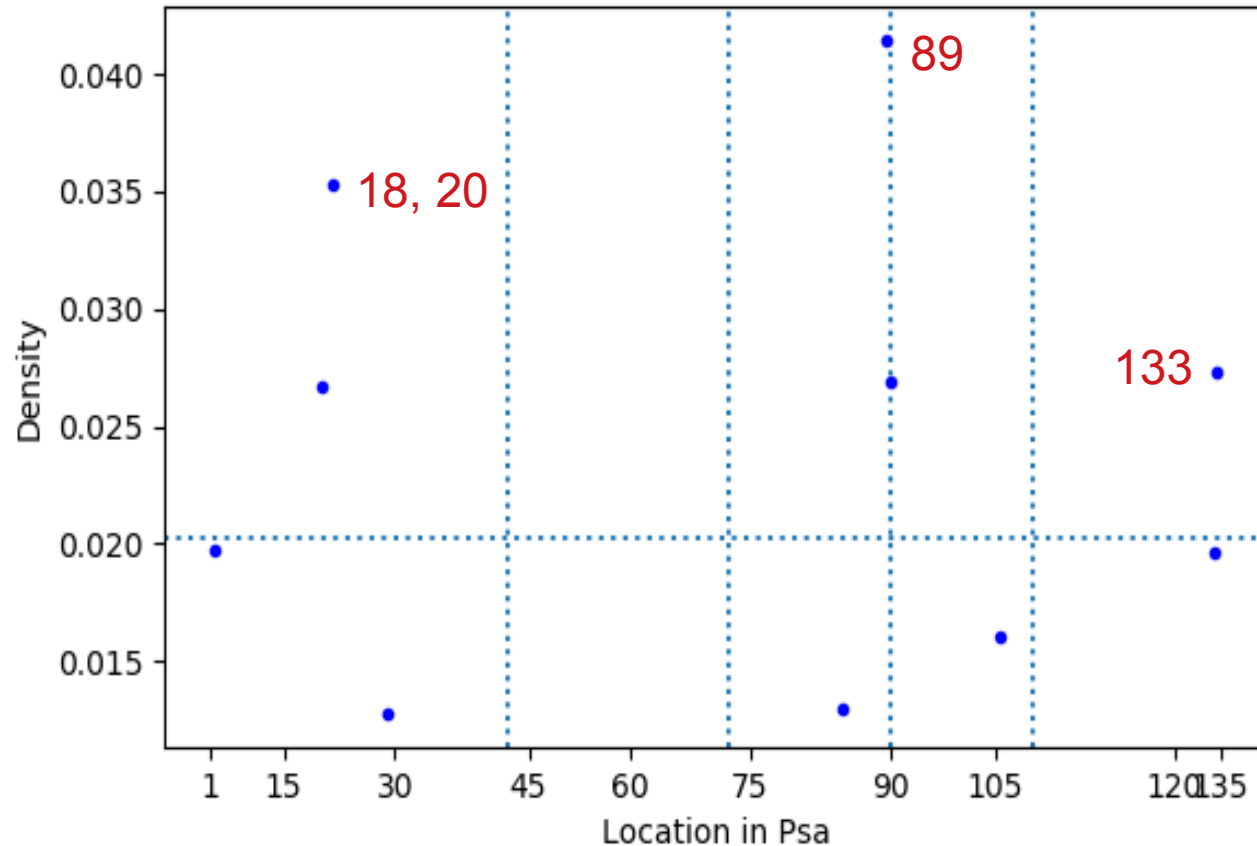
Psalm 133, God’s House
and God’s Messiah

1-9, God’s House

10-12, God’s Messiah

13-16, God’s House

17-18, God’s Messiah



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