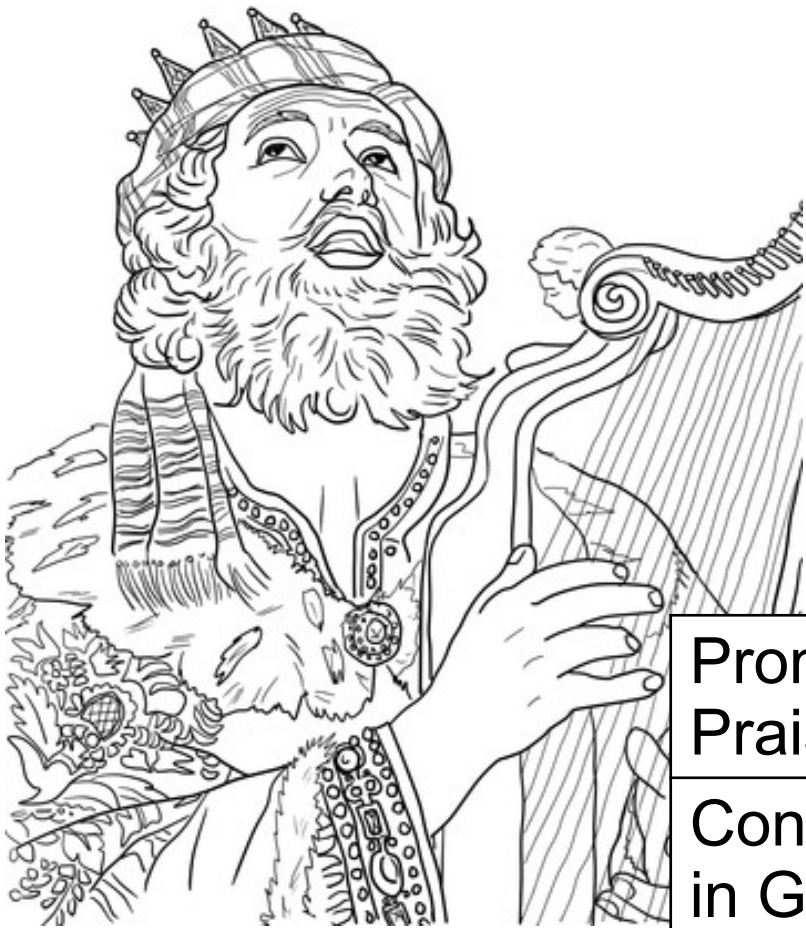


# Treasure Hunt

- What do Psalms 140-143 have in common?
- To what events do they refer historically? What do they anticipate prophetically?
- What progression do we see as we move from 140 to 143?
- How does David characterize himself and his adversaries in Psalm 140?
- What condition is there on asking for God's help, according to Psalm 141?
- What is David's attitude toward the righteous, and the wicked, in Psalm 141?
- What experience in David's life inspired Psalm 142, and how does it help you understand "refuge" in vv. 4-5?
- What do 142:1, 2 show about David's attitude about himself, the Lord, and his peers?
- Name three distinct things that David requests of the Lord in Psalm 143.

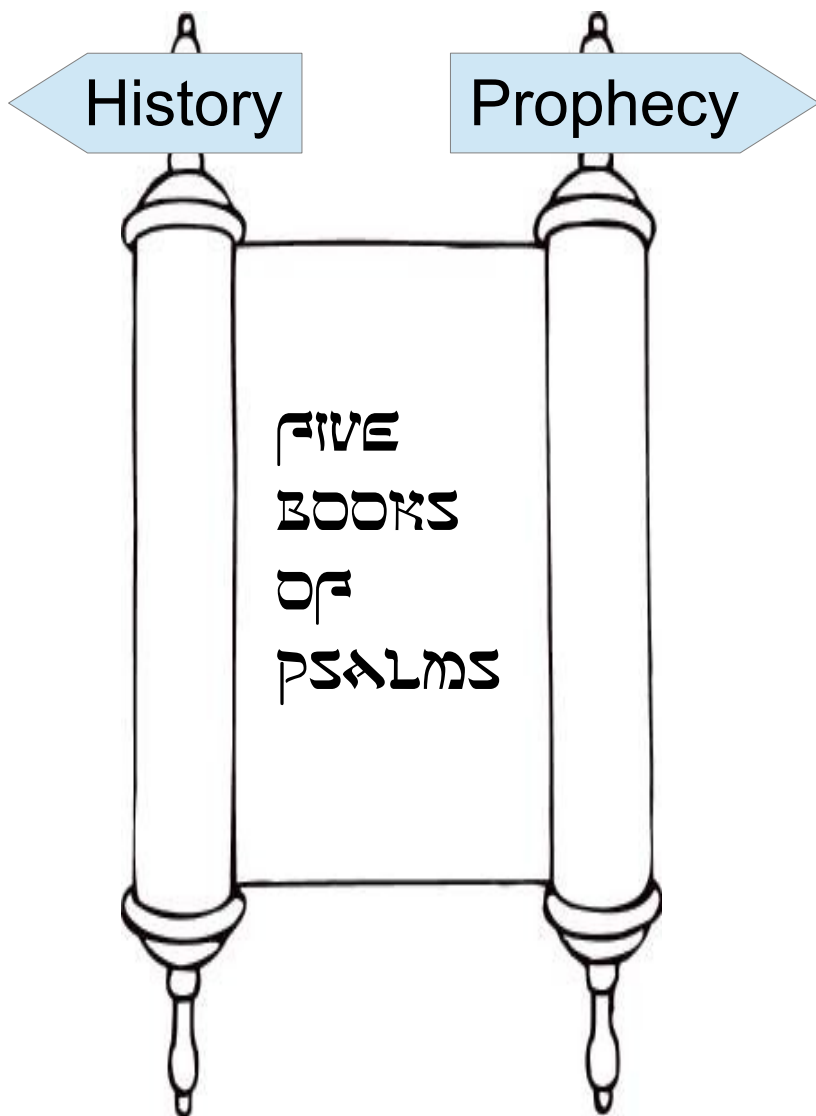
# The Second Davidic Collection



Promise of Praise	138 “All the kings of the earth”	145 “All thy works”
Confidence in God’s Care	139 God’s Care through his Knowledge	144 God’s Care through his Actions
Cry for Deliverance	140-143, Spiritual Journey 140, Righteous Indignation 141, Qualifying for God’s Help 142, Depths of Despair 143, Humble Confession	

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# Psalm as History and Prophecy



Books of Psalms	History	Prophecy
1-41, Confrontation	Establishment of David over Saul	Coming of Messiah
42-72, Communication	Solomon's rule over all the earth	Our Lord's Earthly Ministry
73-89, Devastation	Assyria and Babylon	Rejection of Messiah
90-106, Maturation	Faith without Temple or Palace	Present Evil Age
107-150, Consummation	Restoration by Ezra-Nehemiah	Millennium

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Mat 7:13 for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

## Life

afflicted (v. 12)  
 poor (v. 12)  
 righteous (v. 13)  
 upright (v. 13)

## Destruction

evil (v. 1)  
 violent (vv. 1, 4, 11)  
 wicked (vv. 4, 8)  
 slanderous (v. 11)



# Structure of Psalm 140

Psalm 140,  
 Confronting the Wicked

1-5, Complaints

1, Invocation

2-3, Offense

**Selah**

4a, Invocation

4b-5, Offense

**Selah**

6-11, Petitions

6-8, For Deliverance

**Selah**

9-11, For Judgment

12-13, Confidence

# Structure of Psalm 142



Psalm 142  
Taking Refuge in God

1-2, David's Testimony to  
his Peers (God = "he")

3-7, David's Thanks to  
God (God = "thou")

3-4, His Crisis

5-7a, His Cry

7b, His Confidence

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# Structure of Psalm 143



## Psalm 143 Delivering the Spirit

1-6, Accept me

1-2, Request: thy **Faithfulness**  
& **Righteousness**

3-6, Motive: plight of my **soul** &  
**spirit**

### Selah

7-12, Deliver me

7-8a, Deliver my **spirit** from  
death for thy **Loyal Love**

8b, Direct me in righteousness

9, Deliver me from my  
enemies

10, Direct me in righteousness

11-12, Deliver my **soul** from  
death for thy **Loyal Love**