

# Treasure Hunt

- How does 28:2 anticipate Solomon's temple?
- How does the role of God's dwellingplace differ between 26-27 and 28?
- Why does David shift from the singular to the plural in 28:8?
- Compare and contrast the opening and closing of Psalm 29.
- What is the spiritual significance of each geographical region in Psalm 29?
- What is the historical context of Psalm 30?
- Why was it wrong for David to number the people?
- What other OT character sinned in a similar way, and met God's judgment?

# Structure of Psalms 26-32

## 29, Kingship

### Psalm

The LORD is  
enthroned over all

<p><b>Psalms 26-28, Lament</b>  <b>Righteous David seeks</b>  <b>God's physical house</b>                      Congregation is a <b>passive audience</b></p>	<p><b>Psalms 30-32, Lament &amp; Thanks</b>  <b>Penitent David seeks</b>  <b>God himself as a refuge</b>                      He <b>exhorts congregation to praise</b></p>
David's integrity	David's sin
Opposition from the wicked	Opposition from God
Deliverance by punishing the wicked	Deliverance by restoration to fellowship
Physical house	God as the house of refuge (31:2, 20; 32:7)
David praises God before the people, 26:7, 12; 27:6; & prays for them, 28:9. Only one exhortation, singular (27:14)	David calls on the congregation (plural) to worship and praise (30:4; 31:23, 24; 32:11)
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# Psalm 28: A Classic Lament

Element	Verses in Psalm 28
Invocation	1 Unto thee will I cry; 2 Hear the voice of my supplications
Plea for help	3a Draw me not away with the wicked
Complaint	3b which speak peace to their neighbors, but mischief is in their hearts
Confession of sin	(Lacking)
Declaration of innocence	(Implicit in asking for judgment on the wicked)
Curse on enemies	4 Give them according to their deeds
Confidence in God's response	5 He shall destroy them, and not build them up 7 The Lord is my strength and shield 8 The Lord is their strength
Hymn or blessing	6 Blessed be the Lord

# Helpful References

28:2 thy holy oracle (דבִּיר)

Exo 25:22 And there I will meet with thee, and **I will commune דבר with thee from above the mercy seat**, from between the two cherubims which *are* upon the ark of the testimony, of all *things* which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel. (cf. Num 7:89)

29:1 ye mighty (sons of the gods)

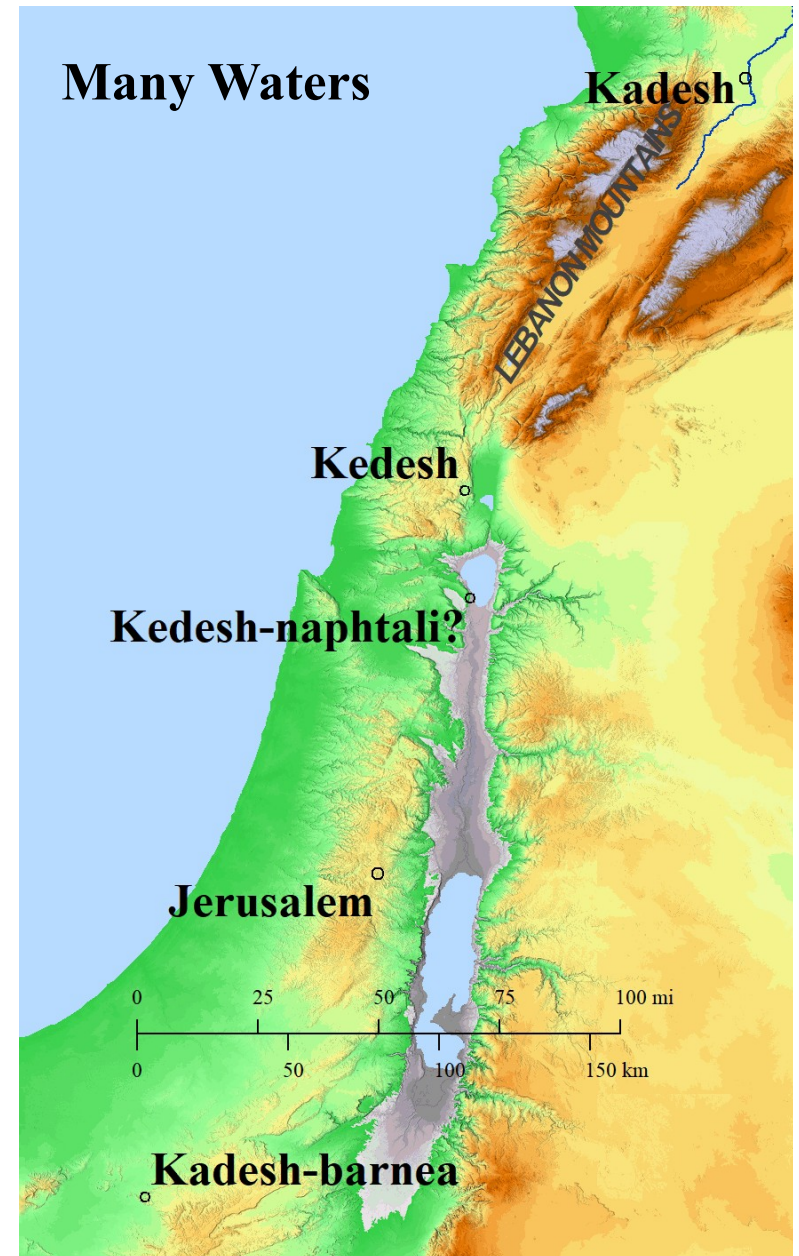
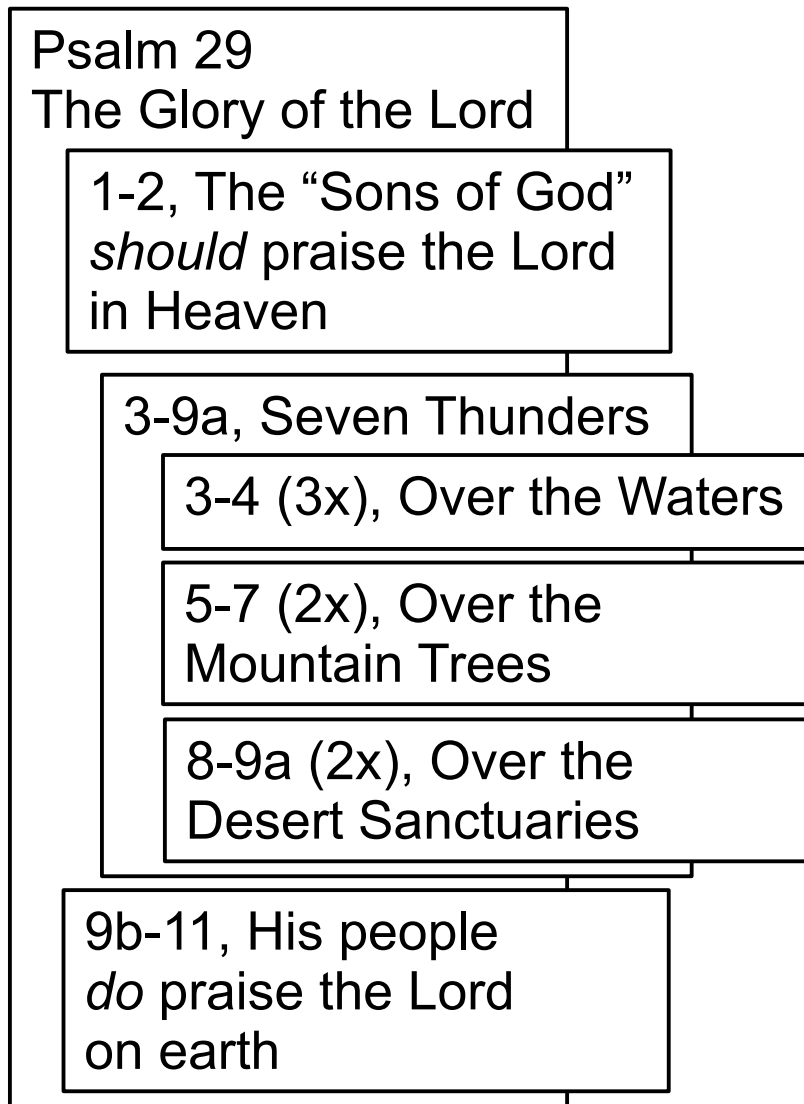
Psa 89:6 For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? *who* among the **sons of the mighty** can be likened unto the LORD?

Exo 15:11 Who *is* like unto thee, O LORD, among the **gods**? *who is* like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful *in* praises, doing wonders?

29, God's descent in a thunderstorm

Psa 18:6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his **temple**, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears. ...  
11 He made darkness his **secret place**; his **pavilion** round about him *were* dark waters *and* thick clouds of the skies. 12 At the brightness *that was* before him his thick clouds passed, **hail stones** and coals of fire. 13 The LORD also **thundered** in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; **hail stones** and coals of fire. 14 Yea, he sent out his **arrows**, and scattered them; and he shot out **lightnings**, and discomfited them.

# Structure & Geography of Psalm 29



## 30:1, Dedication of the House

1Ch 21:28 At that time when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. 29 For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt offering, *were* at that season in the high place at Gibeon. 30 But David could not go before it to enquire of God: for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the LORD.

22:1 Then David said, **This *is* the house of the LORD God, and this *is* the altar of the burnt offering for Israel.**

2Ch 3:1 Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where *the LORD* appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.

## Helpful References (2)

30:2 thou hast healed me

1Ch 21:16 And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders *of Israel, who were* clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. 17 And David said unto God, *Is it not I that* commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but *as for* these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my father's house; but not on thy people, that they should be plagued.

# Helpful References (3)

30:5 but a moment

2Sa 24:15 So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men.

30:6 in my prosperity...

Dan 4:29 At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon. 30 The king spake and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?

30:6 ... I shall not be moved

Psa 10:4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after God*: *God is* not in all his thoughts. 6 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for *I shall* never *be* in adversity.

Psa 16:8 I have set the LORD always before me: because *he is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

30:12 my glory may sing praise to thee

Psa 7:5 Let the enemy persecute **my soul**, and take *it*; yea, let him tread down **my life** upon the earth, and lay **mine honour [glory]** in the dust.