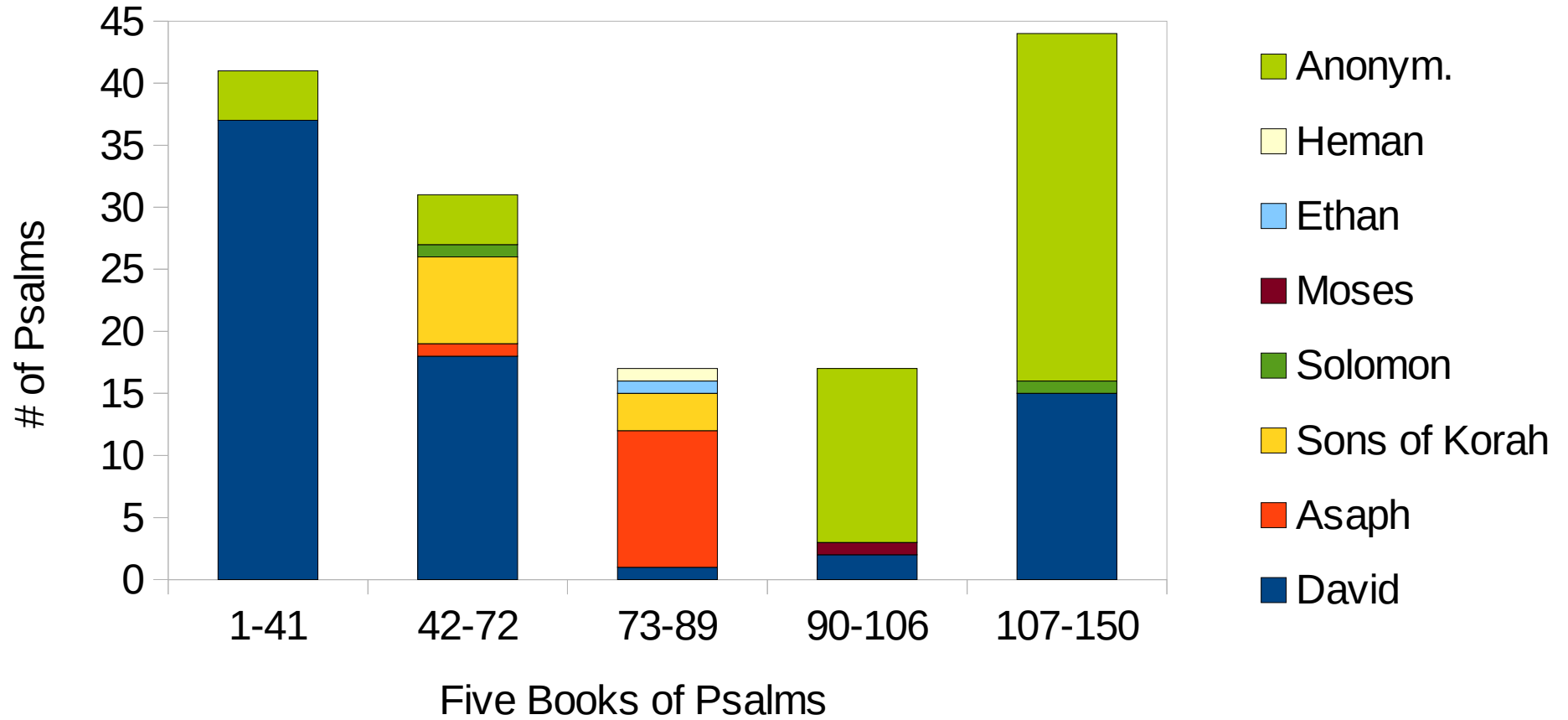


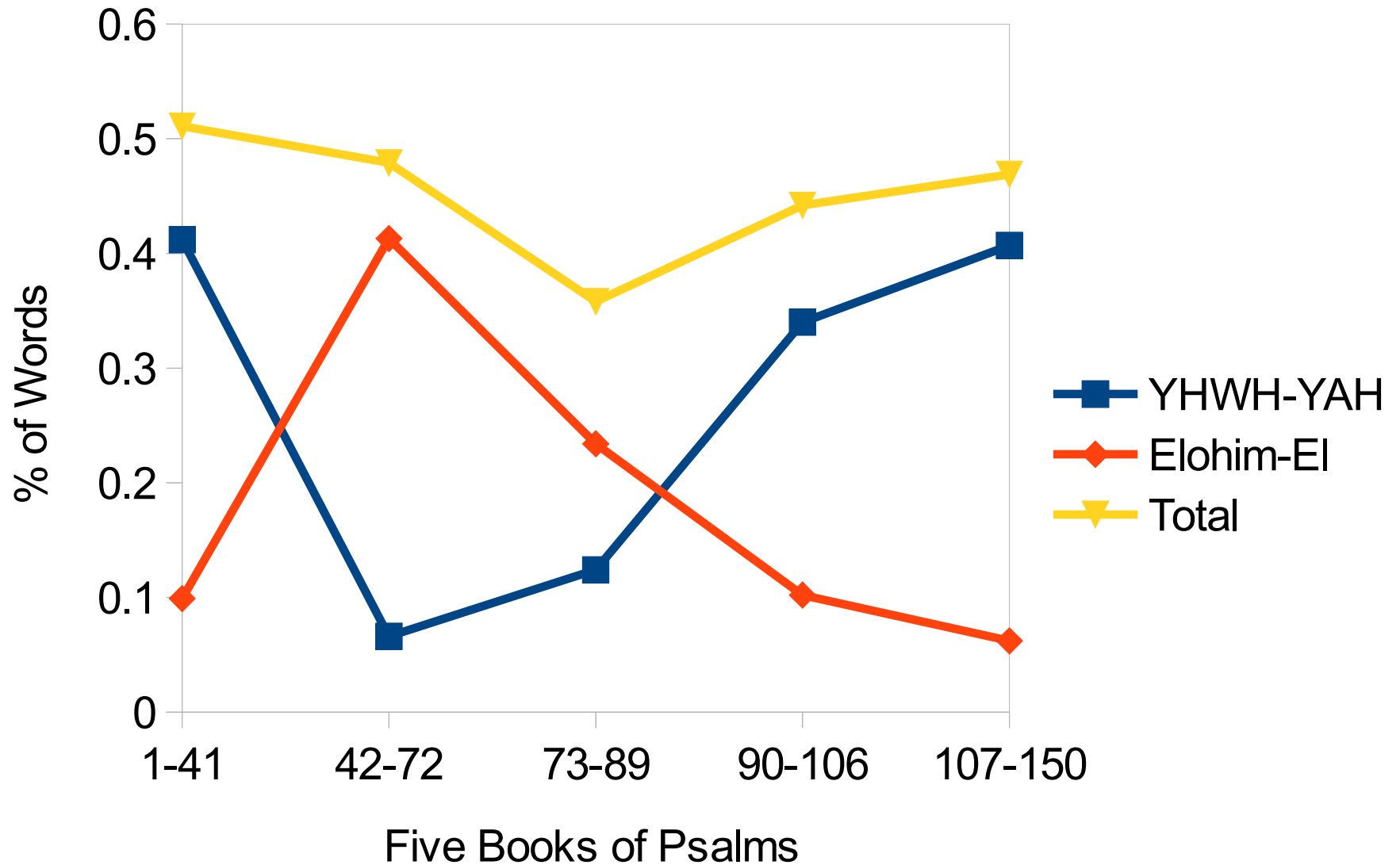
Treasure Hunt

- How do Psalms 42-72 differ from Psalms 1-41?
- What progression occurs as we read from Psalm 42 to Psalm 72?
- What evidence is there that Psalms 42-43 form a single poem?
- What is special about the Sons of Korah?
- For what does the Psalmist long in 42:1-4?
- How do 42:6-10 advance beyond 42:1-4?
- How do 43:1-4 advance beyond the previous two stanzas?
- What is “the help of his countenance” (42:5), and how is it related to “the help of my countenance” (42:11; 43:5)?
- How might this Psalm serve as an amplification of 16:8?

Five Books of Psalms



Names of God in the Psalms



Book 2, Communication (Robertson)

Book 1, 42-72: Communication	
42-44, Introduction: National Defeat	} 42-49, Korah
45-48, Kingship Established 45, Messiah's Dynasty Founded 46-48, Elohim's Support Promised	
49-52, Judicial Exchange 49-50, Summons 51-52, Response	
53-60 Specific Enemies	} 50, Asaph
61-68, Dialog of the Kings 61-64, Cry of the King 65-68, Elohim's Response	
69-71, Committing Judgment to God	} 51-71, David
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	72, Solomon

History of the Sons of Korah

Num 16:1 Now **Korah**, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men: 2 And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown: 3 And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?

Num 16:31 And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them: 32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto **Korah**, and all their goods. 33 They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.

Num 26:11 Notwithstanding the **children of Korah** died not.

1Ch 9:19 And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the **son of Korah**, and his brethren, of the house of his father, the **Korahites**, were over the work of the service, keepers of the gates of the tabernacle: and their fathers, being over the host of the LORD, were keepers of the entry.

1Ch 12:1 Now these are they that came to David to Ziklag, while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish: and they were among the mighty men, helpers of the war. 2 They were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in hurling stones and shooting arrows out of a bow, even of Saul's brethren of Benjamin. ... 6 Elkanah, and Jesiah, and Azareel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, **the Korhites**,

Psalm 42-43, An Exile
Longs for Home

42:1-5, Longing for God's House

- 1-4, Agony of Soul
- 5, Refrain

42:6-11, Confidence in God

- 6-10, Resolves to turn to God
- 11, Refrain

43:1-5, Plea for the Lord's help

- 1-4, Judge, deliver, lead me
- 5, Refrain

Structure of Psalm 42-43

	42:1-4	42:6-10	43:1-4
Prayer to God	1	6, 9	1,2,3,4
Soul depressed	2	6	
Questioning God	2	9	2
"Day and Night"	3 (tears)	8 (blessing)	
Enemies: "where is your God?"	3	10	
Reference to sanctuary	4		3, 4

Helpful References

42:3 My tears have been my meat day and night,

Psa 6:6 I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.

while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

Psa 3:2 Many there be which say of my soul, **There is no help for him in God.** Selah.

2Sa 16:7 And thus said Shimei when he cursed, ... 8 **The LORD hath returned upon thee** all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the LORD hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son: ...

Mat 27:43 **He trusted in God; let him deliver him now,** if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

42:5,11; 43:5 Why art thou **cast down**, O my soul?

Mat 26:38 Then saith he unto them, **My soul is exceeding sorrowful**, even unto death:

hope thou in God:

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

the help of his countenance.

Num 6:26 The LORD lift up **his countenance** upon thee, and give thee peace.

Psa 4:6 There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? LORD, lift thou up the light of **thy countenance** upon us.

Psa 44:3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and **the light of thy countenance**, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

Psa 89:15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in **the light of thy countenance.**