

Treasure Hunt

- What historical event is the likely background for Psalms 46-48?
- Where would each of these Psalms fit in the history of that event?
- From what two kinds of fears does God deliver his people in Psalm 46?
- What promise is the repeated theme of Psalm 46?
- What is the theme of Psalm 47?
- Why does God “go up” in 47:5?
- How does Psalm 47:9 anticipate the teaching of the NT?
- What is the main focus of Psalm 48?
- Why does a Psalm about a desert battle mention the ships of Tarshish?
- Trace the relationship between God and the King in Psalms 45-48

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	} 51-71, David
61-68, Dialog of the Kings 61-64, Cry of the King 65-68, Elohim's Response	
69-71, Committing Judgment to God	
72, Messiah's Victorious Rule	} 72, Solomon

Psalms 46-48 and 2 Chronicles 20

2 Chronicles 20	Psalms 46-48
1 It came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them other beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.	46:6 the kingdoms ... 48:4 the kings ...
2-13 (Jehoshaphat leads the nation in prayer)	
14-18 (Jahaziel predicts victory)	
19 And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high.	Psalm 46, Preparation for Battle
20-22 (Judah marches out singing)	
22-25 (the kings destroy themselves)	
26 And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed the LORD: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah, unto this day.	Psalm 47, Celebration of Victory
27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies. 28 And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the LORD.	Psalm 48, Praise in Zion
35 And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, ... 36 ... to make ships to go to Tarshish:... 37 Then Eliezer ... prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah, the LORD hath broken thy works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarshish.	48:7 Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.

Structure of Psalm 46

Psalm 46, Immanuel is our Refuge

1-3, Refuge from Physical Disaster

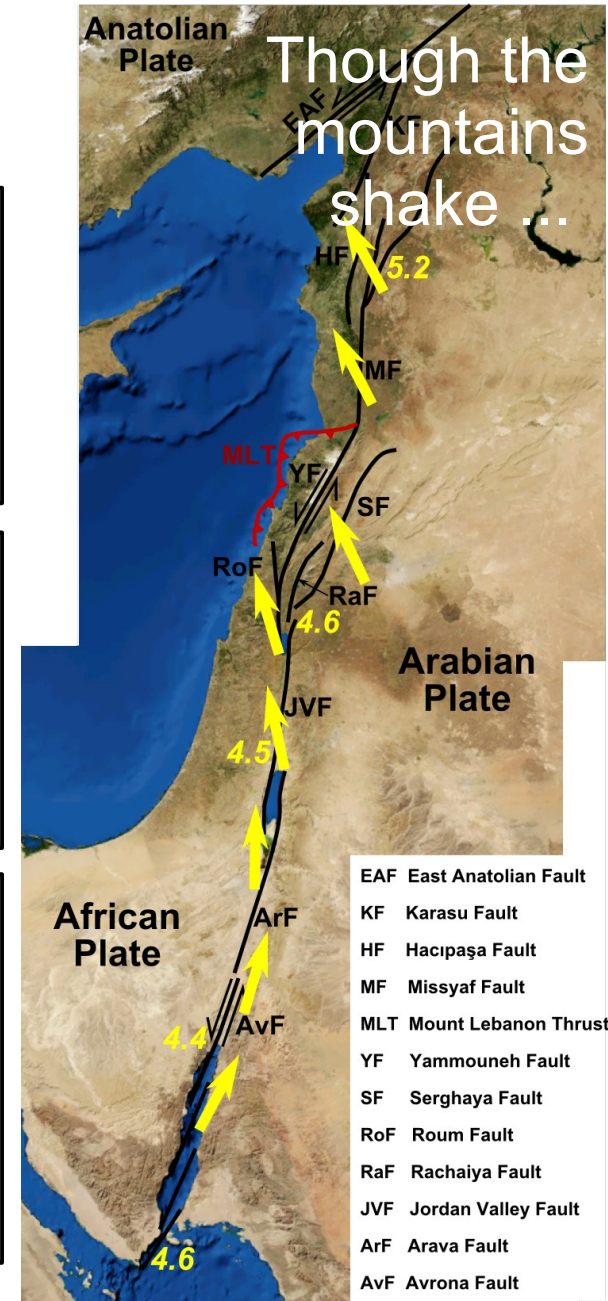
- 1, God is our **refuge** ... a very **present** help
- 2-3, **Description** of deliverance
- 3b, **Selah**

4-7, Refuge from Political Disaster

- 4-6, **Description** of deliverance
- 7, the LORD is **with us** ... God is our **refuge**
- 7b, **Selah**

8-11, **Exhortations** to Faith

- 8-9, from People: Come, behold
- 10, from God: Be still.
- 11, the LORD is **with us** ... God is our **refuge**
- 11b, **Selah**



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References for Psalm 46

4 There is a river ...

Gen 2:10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. 11 The name of the first *is* Pison: that *is* it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where *there is* gold; 12 And the gold of that land *is* good: there *is* bdellium and the onyx stone. 13 And the name of the second river *is* Gihon: the same *is* it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. 14 And the name of the third river *is* Hiddekel: that *is* it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river *is* Euphrates.

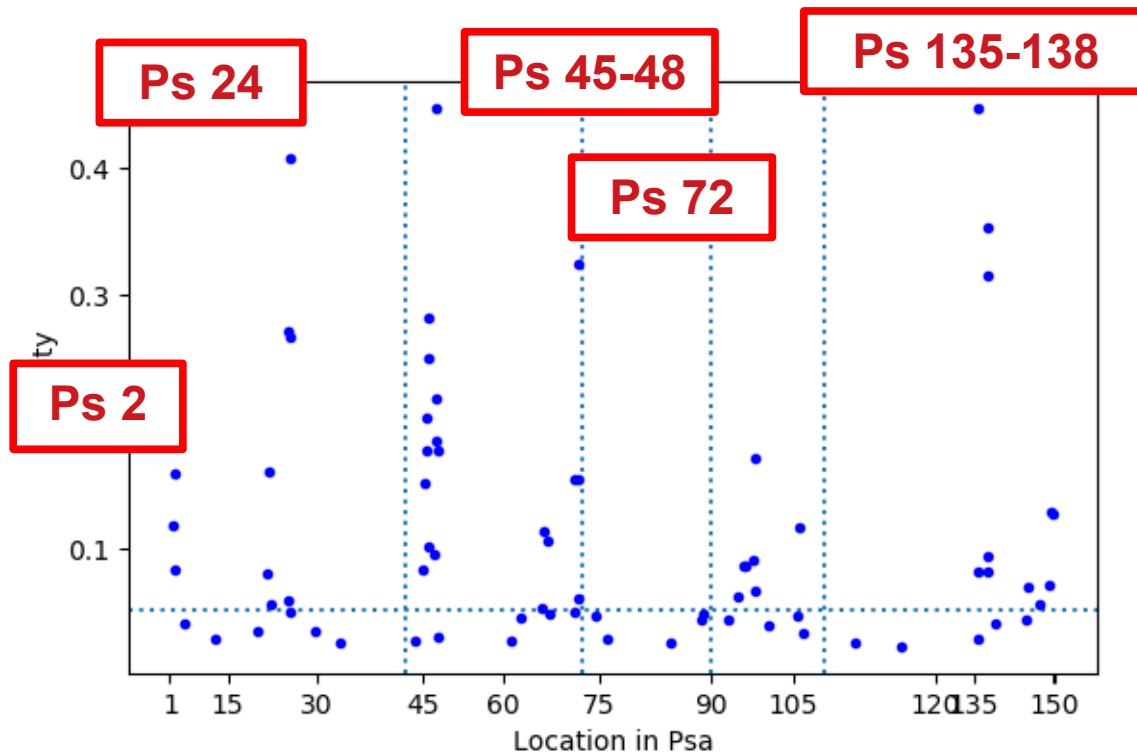
Isa 8:6 Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son; 7 Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, even the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks: 8 And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.

6 The heathen raged חמה, the kingdoms were moved:

Psa 2:1 Why do the heathen rage שגשג, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. 4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. 6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

46:8-10 as Summary of vv. 1-7

	1-3, Sovereign over the Earth	4-7, Sovereign over the Nations
6-9, Exhortation from the Psalmist	8, what desolations he hath made in the earth	9, He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.
10, Exhortation from God	10c, I will be exalted in the earth.	10b, I will be exalted among the heathen



“King” and
“Reign” (מלך)
in Psalms

Structure of Psalm 47

Psalm 47, Celebration of Victory

1-4, Praise for Israel's Victory

1, Call to Praise

2-4, Cause for Praise:

“Great king over all the earth”

“People under us”

5, God ascends to heaven

6-9, Praise for God's Dominion

6, Call to Praise

7-9, Cause for Praise:

“King of all the earth”

“God reigneth ... God sitteth”

5 God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Gen 17:22 And he left off talking with him, and God **went up** from Abraham.

Jdg 13:19 So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD: and the angel did wondrously; and Manoah and his wife looked on. 20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD **ascended** in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground.

9 The princes of the peoples are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham:

Gal 3:7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. 8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. 9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

Structure of Psalm 48

Psalm 48, God's Care for Zion

1-3, God is Zion's **Refuge**

- City of our God
- Mount Zion
- City of the Great King
- Palaces ארמונות

4-8, Recollection of the Battle

- 4-7, Destruction of the kings
- 8, Fulfillment of Jahaziel's word

9-14, God is Zion's **Guide**

- City of the LORD of Hosts
- City of our God
- Thy Temple
- Mount Zion, Zion
- Palaces ארמונות

7 Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.

2Ch 20:36 And he [Jehoshaphat] joined himself with him [Ahaziah] to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Eziongeber.

37 Then Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah, the LORD hath broken thy works. And the ships were broken,...

8 As we have heard, so have we seen

2Ch 20:17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: