

# Treasure Hunt

- What is the progress of thought as we move through Psalms 61-71?
- From what period in David's life do Psalms 61-64 probably come? Why?
- Why does David want to return to Jerusalem in Psalm 61?
- What phrase, repeated in 61:4, 7, 8, is our hope in times of trouble?
- Compare and contrast David's resolve to be silent in Psalms 62 and 39.
- What two things does God have in Psalm 62 that comfort David?
- What two visions encourage David in Psalm 63?
- In Psalm 64, compare and contrast the attack of the wicked against David, and God's judgment against them.

# Book 2,

# Communication

Book 2, 42-72: Communication

42-44, Introduction: National Defeat

45-48, Kingship Established  
45, Messiah's Dynasty Founded  
46-48, Elohim's Support Promised

49-60, God holds Court

49-50, Summons  
49, All Peoples  
50, Israel

51-60, Defendants  
51, David  
**52-60, Gentiles and Israel**

61-71, Dialog of the Kings  
61-64, Laments of the Exiled King  
65-68, Praise for Deliverance  
69-71, Committing Judgment to God

72, Messiah's Victorious Rule

42-49, Korah

50, Asaph

51-71, David

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# Psalms 61-71, Dialog of the Kings

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### 61-64, **Laments**

61, Separation from the **Sanctuary**

62, Patience before the **Wicked**

63, Seeking God in the **Sanctuary**

64, Judgment on the **Wicked**

### 65-68, Praise and Thanksgiving: **Song-Psalms**

65, Praise in the **Sanctuary**

66, Deliverance from the **Nations**

67, the **Levitical** Blessing

68, Victory over the **Nations**

### 69-71, **Laments** with **Imprecations**: LORD

Echoes of 34-41, Songs of the Sufferer

69, Because I suffer for the Lord

70, Cry for Rapid Help (= 40:13-17)

71, Because I am aged

# Psalm 61

<p>David speaks to God</p>	<p>Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. 2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.</p>	<p>5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.</p>	
<p>God protects David</p>	<p>3 For thou hast been a <b>shelter</b> for me, and a <b>strong tower</b> from the enemy.</p>	<p>6 Thou wilt <b>prolong the king's life</b>: and his years as many generations.</p>	<p>7b O prepare mercy and truth, which may <b>preserve</b> him.</p>
<p>David worships for ever</p>	<p>4 I will abide in thy <b>tabernacle for ever</b>: I will trust in the covert of thy <b>wings</b>.</p>	<p>7a He shall abide <b>before God for ever</b>:</p>	<p>8 So will I sing praise unto thy name <b>for ever</b>, that I may <b>daily perform my vows</b>.</p>

# References for Psalm 61

2,3 rock, shelter, tower

Psa 18:2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Psa 18:1 in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul:

4, 7, 8 for ever

Psa 57:1 Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

Rom 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

8 Jeduthun

1Ch 25:1 Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: ... 3 Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise the LORD.

# Structure of Psalm 62

Psalm 62, Trust God patiently

1-4, God judges the Wicked (**AB**)  
1-2, Refrain: David's **trust in God**  
3, Warning to the **Wicked**

Selah

5-8, God protects the Righteous (**AC**)  
5-6, Refrain: David's **trust in God**  
7-8, Exhortation to the **Righteous**

Selah

9-12, God's Resources (**BCA**)  
9, Warning to the **Wicked**  
10, Exhortation to the **Righteous**  
11-12, **God's Power and Mercy**

1, my soul is silence  
toward God

5, my soul, be silent only  
toward God

39:2 I was dumb with  
silence, I held my peace,  
even from good; and my  
sorrow was stirred. 3 My  
heart was hot within me,  
while I was musing the  
fire burned: then spake I  
with my tongue,

39:9 I was dumb, I  
opened not my mouth;  
because thou didst it.

# Structure of Psalm 63

Longing for the Lord	1, early	6-8, at night
Vision	2, of God's glory	9, of God's judgment
Promise of Praise	3-5	11

Psa 16:8 I have set the LORD **always** before me:

# Structure of Psalm 64

Psalm 64, God's Efficient Justice

1-2, Plea  
3-6, Complaint  
7-8, Confidence  
9-10, Praise

2 the **insurrection** of the workers of iniquity

Psa 2:1 Why do the heathen **rage**, and the people imagine a vain thing?