

# Treasure Hunt

- What is the relation between Psalms 70 and 71?
- Why are they titled, “to bring to remembrance”?
- Why is David in such a rush for God to answer him?
- What are the two elements of God’s righteousness?
- What historical passage lies behind Psalm 72?
- What two characteristics of the ideal king does this Psalm present?
- What does it mean for God to “give ... thy judgments ... and thy righteousness” unto the king?
- Whose rule is pictured in this Psalm?
- How does Psalm 72 complete Book 2 of the Psalms?

# 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

# “Remembrances” in Psalm 71

Ps 71	Other Pss
<p>1 In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.                  2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape:                  incline thine ear unto me, and save me.                  3 Be thou my strong habitation (rock),                  whereunto I may continually resort:                  thou hast given commandment to save me;                  for thou art my rock and my fortress.</p>	<p>31:1 In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed:                  deliver me in thy righteousness.                  2 Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily:                  be thou my strong rock,                    for an house of defence to save me.                  3 For thou art my rock and my fortress; = 18:2</p>
<p>5 thou art my trust <b>from my youth</b>. 6 By thee have I been holden up  <b>from the womb</b>: thou art he that took me <b>out of my mother's bowels</b>:                  17 O God, thou hast taught me <b>from my youth</b>: ...</p>	<p>22:10 I was cast upon thee <b>from the womb</b>: thou art my God <b>from my mother's belly</b>.</p>
<p>12a O God, be not far from me:</p>	<p>22:1 my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?                  22:11 Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.                  22:19a But be not thou far from me, O LORD:</p>
<p>12b O my God, <b>make haste for my help</b>.</p>	<p>22:19b O my strength, <b>haste thee to help me</b>.                  38:22 <b>Make haste to help me</b>, O Lord my salvation.                  40:13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, <b>make haste to help me</b>. = 70:1, cf. 70:5                  141:1 LORD, I cry unto thee: <b>make haste unto me</b>;</p>
<p>13 Let them be confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered with reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.</p>	<p>35:4 Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul:                  let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.                  35:26 Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify themselves against me.                  40:14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.</p>
<p>19 <b>Thy righteousness</b> also, O God, <b>is very high</b>,</p>	<p>36:6 <b>Thy righteousness is like the great mountains</b>;</p>

Psalm 70-71, Hasty Help  
for an Old King

70:1-71:11, First Stanza: **Plea**

70:1-5, Invocation & Imprecation

1, **Make Haste**

2-4, **Imprecation**

5, **Make Haste**

71:1-11, Body

1-4, Plea: **thy righteousness**

5-8, Confidence & Praise: **youth**

9-11, Plea: **old age**

71:12-24, Second Stanza: **Praise**

71:12,13, Invocation & Imprecation

12, **Make Haste**

13, **Imprecation**

71:14-24, Body

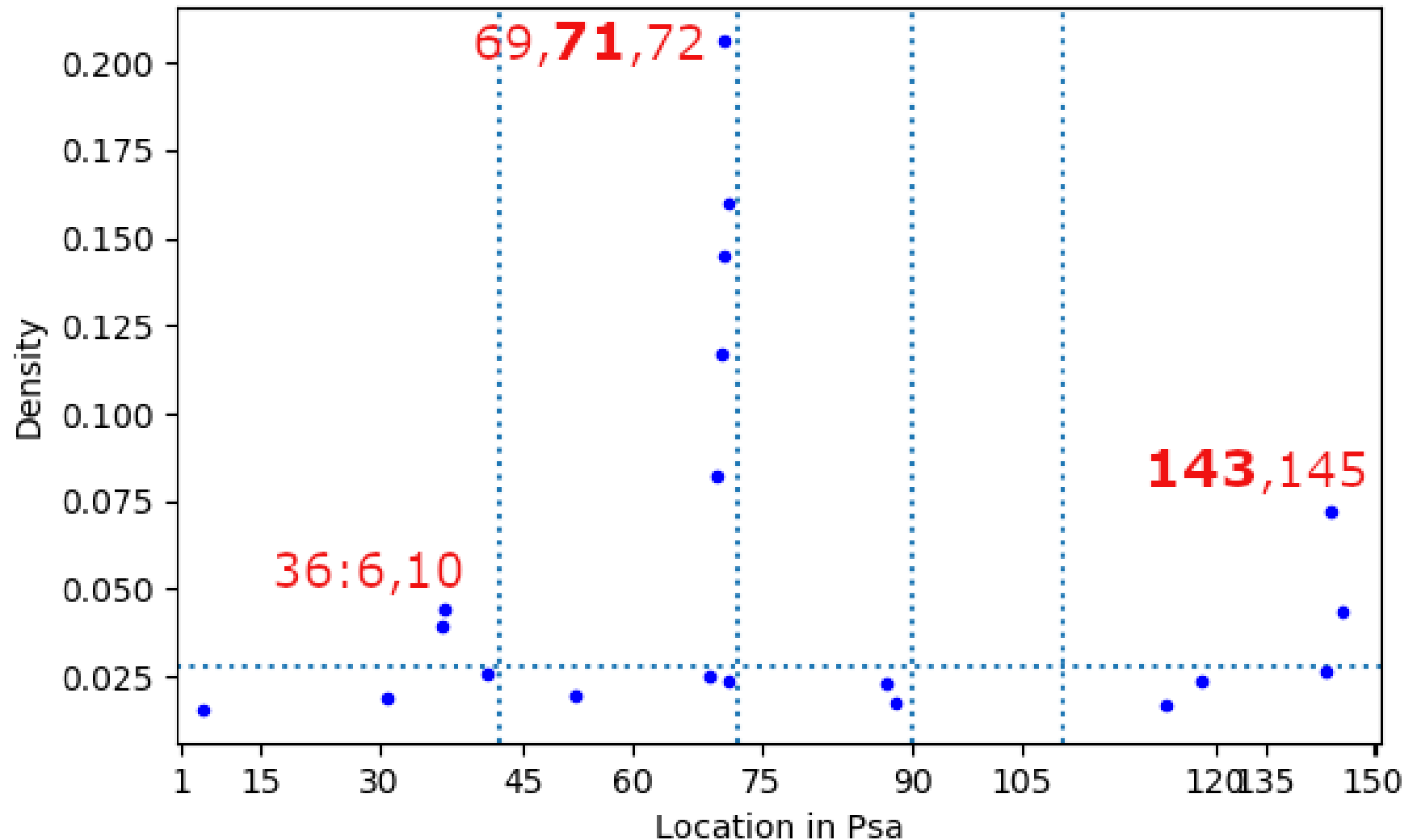
14-16, Confidence: **thy righteousness**

17-18, Plea: **youth, old age**

19-24, Confidence: **thy righteousness**

# Structure of Psalm 70 + 71

# “Thy [God’s] Righteousness”



Ps. 40:10 I have not hid **thy righteousness** within my heart;  
I have declared thy **faithfulness** and thy **salvation**:  
I have not concealed thy **lovingkindness** and thy **truth** from  
the great congregation.

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

# Book 2, Communication

42-49, Korah

50, Asaph

51-71, David

72, Solomon

# Structure of Psalm 72

Psalm 72, Messiah's Reign

1, Prayer to God for the king

2-11, First Stanza  
2-5, Righteous Judgment  
6-11, Blessings

12-17, Second Stanza  
12-14, Righteous Judgment  
15-17, Blessings

18-19, Thanks to God for the King

20, Realization of 2 Sam 23:1-7

2Sa 23:1 Now these be the last words of David. ...

3 The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.

4 And he shall be  
as the light of the morning,  
when the sun riseth, even a  
morning without clouds;  
as the tender grass  
springing out of the earth by  
clear shining after rain.