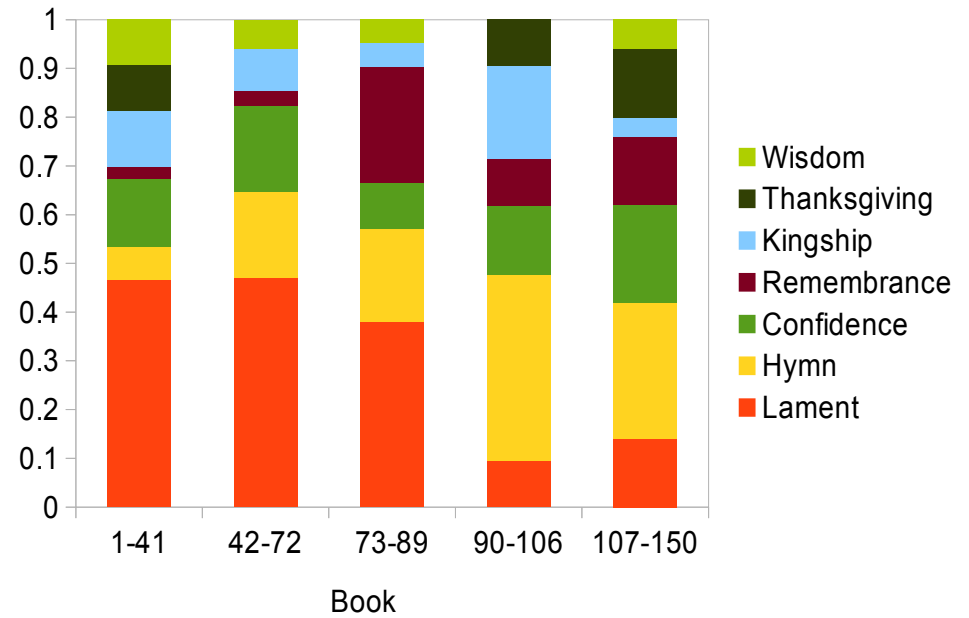
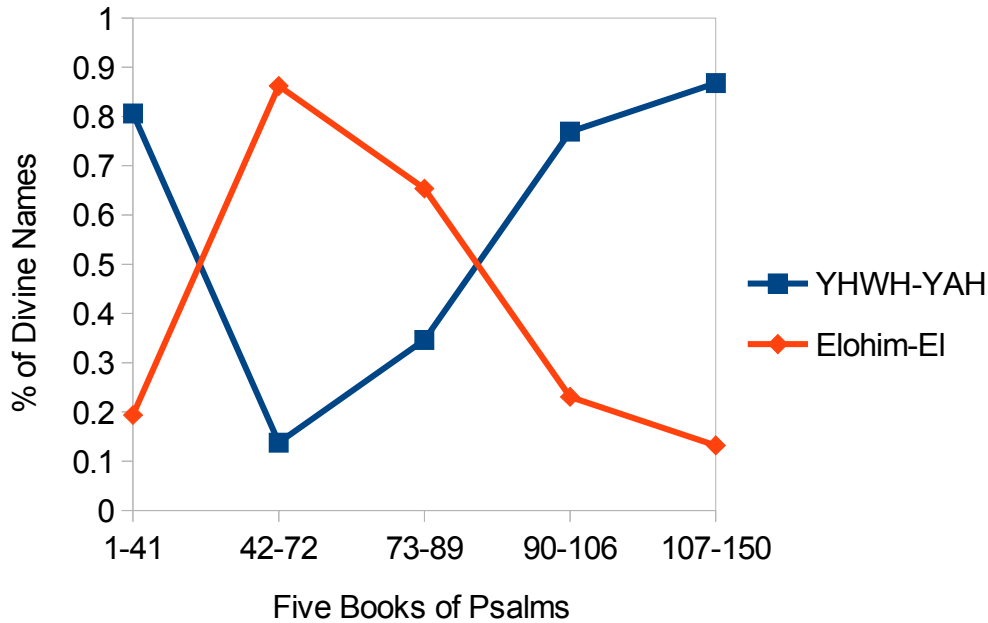
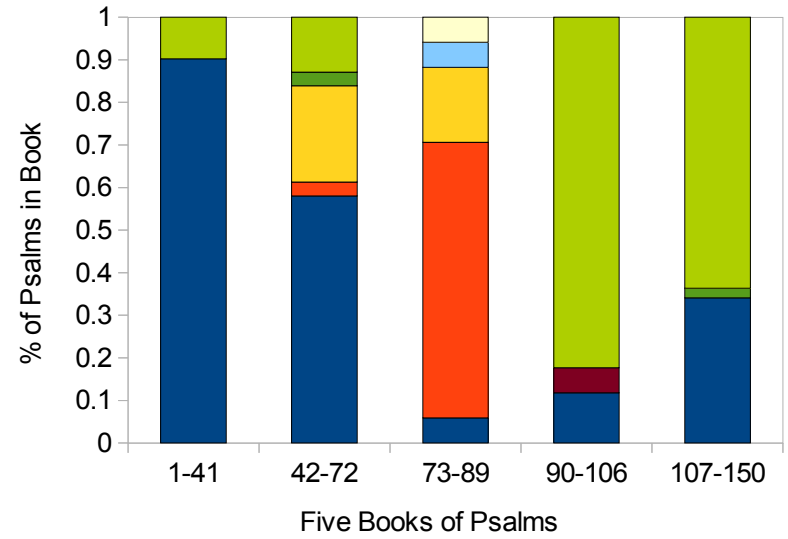
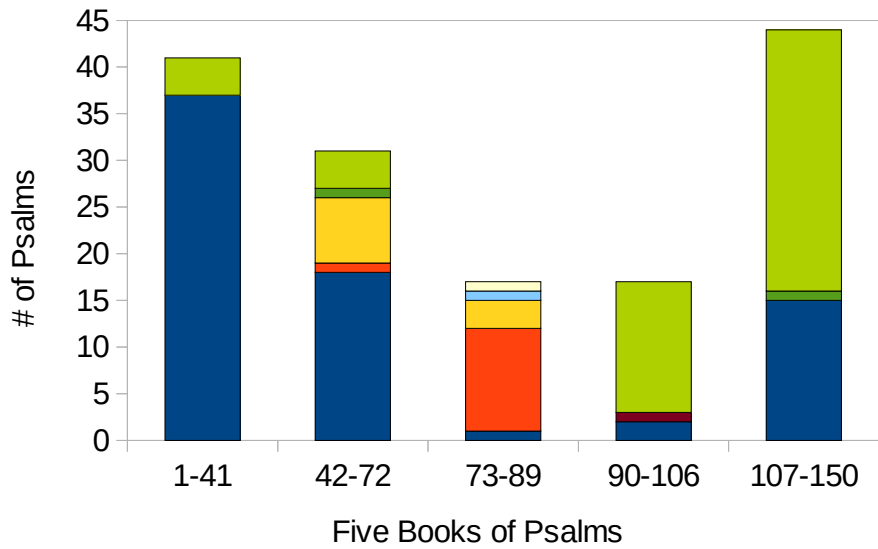


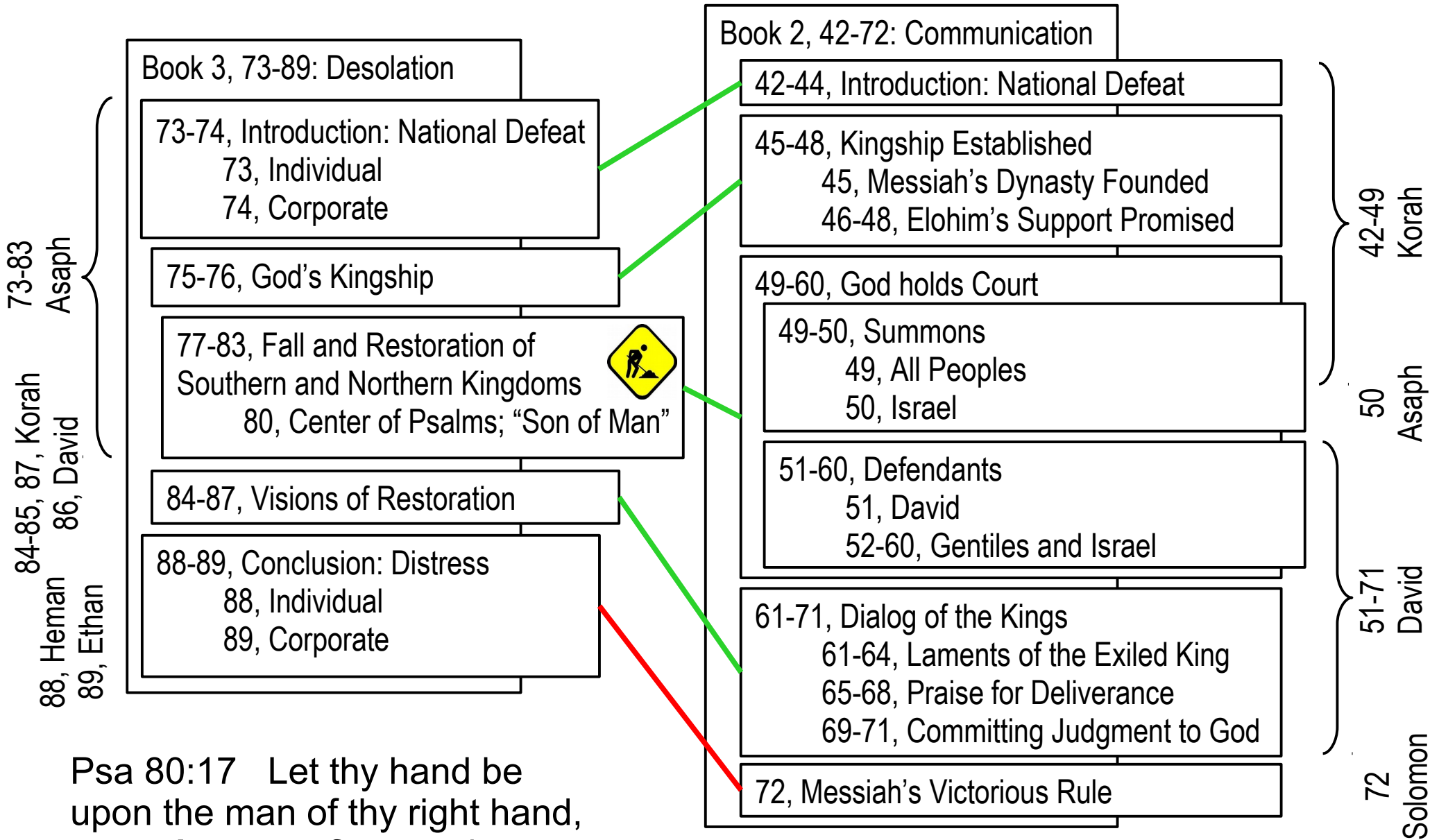
Treasure Hunt

- How are Books 2 and 3 alike?
- How are they different?
- Who are Asaph, Heman, Ethan, and the sons of Korah?
- Why should the Book of Desolation be written almost entirely by this kind of people?
- Where did Asaph get the correct perspective on the wicked?
- What events does Asaph describe in Psalm 74?
- How could a contemporary of David write these things?
- Compare the solution to discouragement offered in Psalm 74 with that in Psalm 73.

Five Books of Psalms



Book 3: Desolation



Psa 80:17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon **the son of man** whom thou madest strong for thyself.

The Authors of Book 3

1Ch 15:16 And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy. 17 So the Levites appointed **Heman** the son of Joel; and of his brethren, **Asaph** the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, **Ethan** the son of Kushaiah; ... 19 So the singers, **Heman, Asaph, and Ethan**, were appointed to sound with cymbals of brass; ...

2Ch 29:30 Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the LORD with the words of **David**, and of **Asaph the seer**.

Structure of Psalm 73

Psalm 73, The End of the Wicked

1-3, Contrast between God's goodness and Asaph's dilemma

4-15, The Wicked and Asaph
4-12, Prosperity of the Wicked
13-15, Asaph's Discouragement

16-17, Insight in the Sanctuary

18-26, The Wicked and Asaph
18-20, Destruction of the Wicked
21-26, Asaph's Security

27-28, Contrast between God's goodness and the wicked's dilemma

v. 1 Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a **clean heart**

Psa 24:3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?
4 He that hath clean hands, and a **pure heart**; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

v. 17 until I went into the sanctuary of God ...

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

Structure of Psalm 74

Psalm 74, Attacks on the Temple

1-3, Imperatives: Remember, Act

4-9, Past: What the enemy has done

4, Rome, AD 70

5-7, Babylon, 586 BC

8-9, Syria, 168 BC

10-11, Future and Imperative: Act

12-17, Past: What God has done

12-14, Red Sea

15, Jordan River

16-17, Creation

18-23, Imperatives: Remember, Act

Attacks on the Temple in Psalm 74

<p>4 Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; they set up their ensigns for signs.</p>	<p>Rome, AD 70</p>	<p>And now the Romans, upon the flight of the seditious into the city, and upon the burning of the holy house itself, and of all the buildings around it, brought their ensigns to the temple and set them opposite its eastern gate; and there did they offer sacrifices to them, and there did they make Titus imperator, with the greatest acclamations of joy. (Josephus, "Jewish Wars," 6.316)</p>
<p>7 They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of thy name to the ground.</p>	<p>Babylon, 586 BC Rome, AD 70</p>	<p>2Ki 25:8 And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem: 9 And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire. Josephus, "Jewish Wars," 6.265-266</p>
<p>9 We see not our signs: there is no more any prophet: neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.</p>	<p>Antiochus Epiphanes, 168 BC</p>	<p>1 Macc 54-59 (Last prophet = Malachi, 420 BC)</p>

Ps 74:12-16, Drawing Encouragement from what God has Done

In the midst of tribulation, ...

Rom 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

... remember what God has done for us.

Rom 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 **He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?**