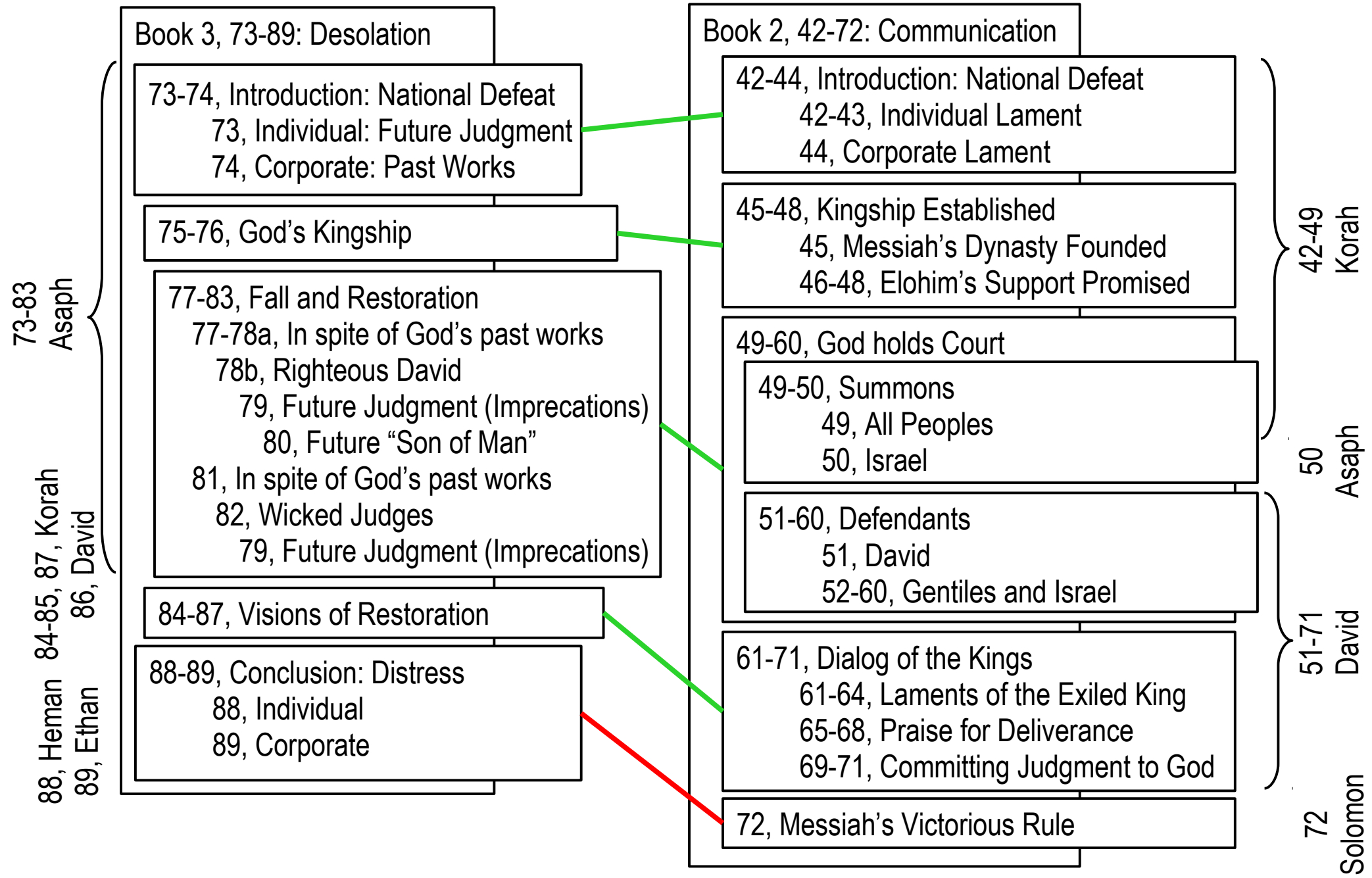


# Treasure Hunt

- How do Psalms 75-76 answer the despair of 73-74?
- To what Psalms in Book 2 do they correspond?
- Who is speaking in 75:2-10?
- To what earlier Scripture does he frequently allude, and why?
- What different things does he promise to do?
- What event may Asaph have in view in Psalm 76?
- What image does he use to describe the Lord's power?
- What progression in the Lord's dominion do we see as we move through Psalm 76?

# Book 3: Desolation



# Structure of Psalm 75

Psalm 75, Messiah's Mission

1, The people offer praise (we)

2-10, Messiah declares his mission (I)

2-3, Judging

4-9, Speaking

4-8, Warning to the wicked

9, Praise to God

10, Judging

1 thy name is near

Isa 30:27 Behold, the name of the LORD cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the burden thereof is heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire:

2 I will judge uprightly

1Ki 3:9 Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to **judge** this thy so great a people?

Joh 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: 23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

# The Song of Hannah in Psalm 75

Song of Hannah, 1 Samuel 2:1-10	Psalm 75:2-10
<p>1 My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, <b>mine horn is exalted in the LORD</b>: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. 2 There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God. 3 <b>Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth</b>: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. 4 The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength. 5 They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble. 6 <b>The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. 7 The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.</b> 8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: <b>for the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them.</b> 9 He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. 10 <b>The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces</b>; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and <b>exalt the horn</b> of his anointed.</p>	<p>1 When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly. 3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: <b>I bear up the pillars of it.</b> Selah. 4 I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, <b>Lift not up the horn: 5 Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck.</b> 6 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. 7 <b>But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.</b> 8 <b>For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.</b> 9 But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. 10 <b>All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.</b></p>

# Messiah's Worship and Judgment

**9 But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.**

Psa 22:22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: **in the midst of the congregation** will I praise thee. 23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel. 24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard. 25 My praise shall be of thee **in the great congregation**: I will pay my vows before them that fear him. 26 **The meek shall eat and be satisfied**: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

Psa 69:30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. 31 This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs. 32 **The humble shall see this, and be glad**: and your heart shall live that seek God.

Psa 71:18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come.

**10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.**

Deu 25:1 If there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, that the judges may judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked.

# Structure of Psalm 76

Psalm 76, God Arises in Judgment

1-3, Praise about God's work in Israel ("He")

4-8a, Praise to God for victory ("Thou")

8b-9, The earth fears God's judgment ("He")

10, Praise to God for judgment ("Thou")

11-12, Command for all to praise the Lord ("He")

v. 1, LXX: "A song for the Assyrian"

# The Siege of Jerusalem, 701 BC

Isa 36:18 Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, The LORD will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? 19 Where are the gods of Hamath and Arphad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? 20 Who are they among all the gods of these lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

Isa 37:9 he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, 10 Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God, in whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. 11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered? 12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed, as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which were in Telassar? 13 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arphad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?

Isa 37:14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

Isa 37:33 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast a bank against it. 34 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD. 35 For I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

Isa 37:36 Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

Isa 37:37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. 38 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Armenia: and Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

# God as a Lion

**76:2 In Salem also is his ~~tabernacle~~ lair, and his ~~dwelling place~~ den in Zion.**

Psa 10:9 He [the wicked] lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his **den**:

Jer 25:38 He [the Lord] hath forsaken his **covert**, as the lion:

Isa 29:1 Woe to **Ariel** [Lion of God], to **Ariel**, the city where David dwelt!

Isa 31:4 For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, **Like as the lion and the young lion** roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so **shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion**, and for the hill thereof.