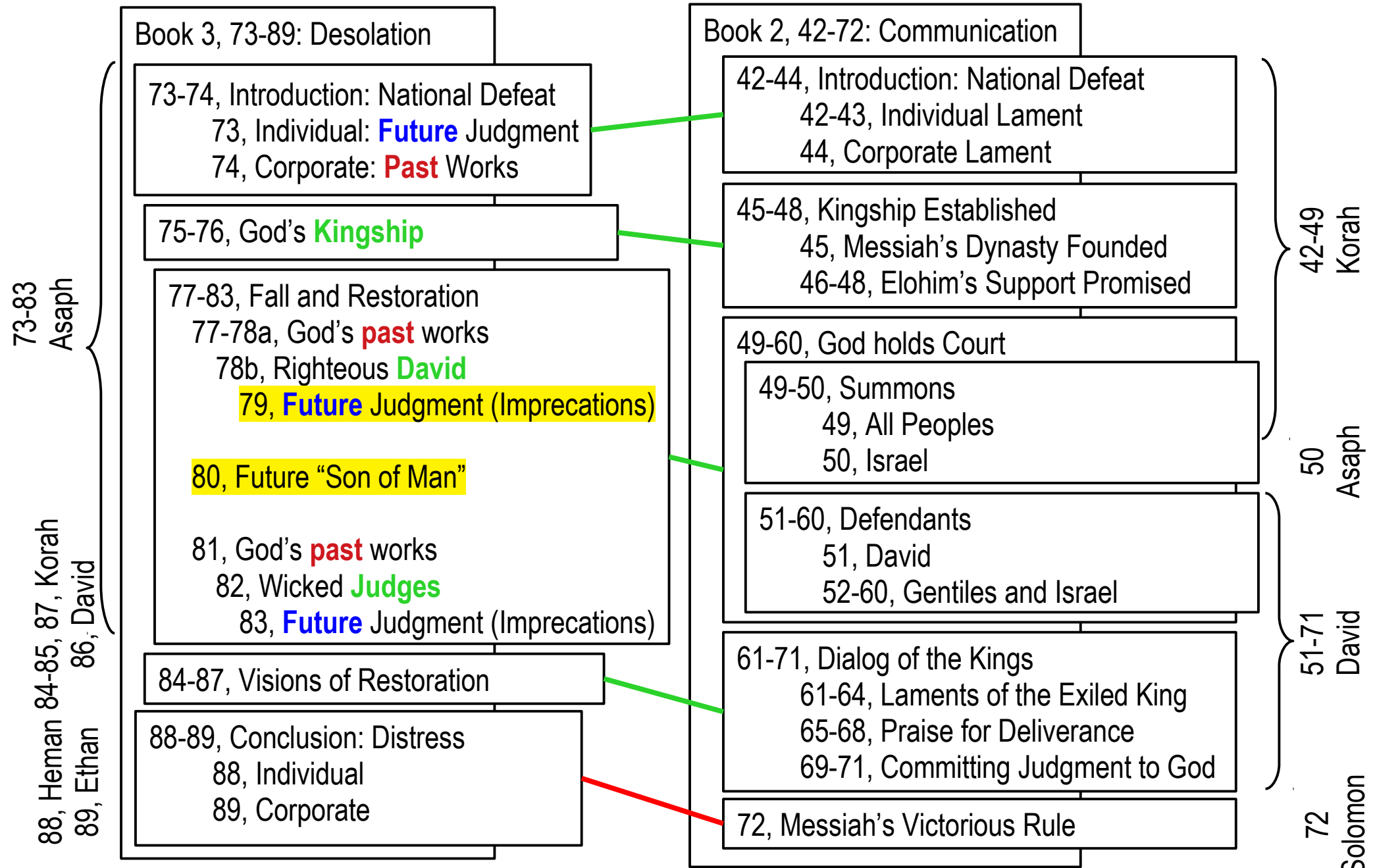


Treasure Hunt

- What event is Asaph probably describing in Psalm 79?
- What most concerns him about this event?
- What feature links Psalms 79 and 80?
- What historical event does Psalm 80 describe?
- Why is Asaph, a Levite in the temple, so interested in this event?
- Who is asking God to turn and save them in 80:3, 7, 19?
- What later prophecy draws on the description of God's actions in 80:8-13?
- What three characteristics of the Messiah does Asaph present in 80:15, 17?
- How does the background of Psalm 8 clarify 80:15, 17?

Book 3: Desolation



Structure of Psalm 79

Psalm 79, Zeal for
God's Honor

1-4, Complaint

5-9, First Panel

5, **Plea** (Question)

6-7, **Imprecation**

8-9, Confession

10-13, Second Panel

10a, **Plea** (Question)

10b-12, **Imprecation**

13, Blessing

Possible Elements of a
Lament:

- Invocation
- Plea to God for help
- Complaint
- Confession of sin or an assertion of innocence
- Curse of enemies (imprecation)
- Confidence in God's response
- Hymn or blessing

Which Desolation of Jerusalem?

	Temple Defiled	City Destroyed	People Slain
Babylon, 586 BC 2 Kings 25	No	Yes	No (captivity)
Syrians, 168-160 BC 1 Maccabees	Antiochus defiled the altar: 1:54,55	No	Alcimus' slaughter of the Maccabees: 7:16-17 (Ps 79:2-3)
Romans, AD 70 Josephus, Wars, book 6	Ensigns in temple: 6:316	Yes: 6:265-266	Yes: 6:406 and often

5 How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever?

Exo 34:6 slow to anger ...

shall thy jealousy burn like fire?

Exo 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them:
for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God,

The Refrains of Psalm 80

3 Turn us again,	7 Turn us again,	14 Return , we beseech thee,	19 Turn us again,
O God ,	O God of hosts ,	O God of hosts :	O LORD God of hosts ,
and cause thy face to shine;	and cause thy face to shine;	look down from heaven, and behold ,	cause thy face to shine;
and we shall be saved.	and we shall be saved.	and visit this vine; 15 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch [Heb. בן "son"] that thou madest strong for thyself.	and we shall be saved.

Num 6:25 **The LORD make his face shine upon thee**, and be gracious unto thee: 26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Structure of Psalm 80

Psalm 80, Turn, Lord, and turn us.

1-3, Prayer for **salvation**
The divine **Shepherd**
3, "Turn us again, O God"

4-7, **Complaint** against God: "How long?"
7, "Turn us again, O God of Hosts"

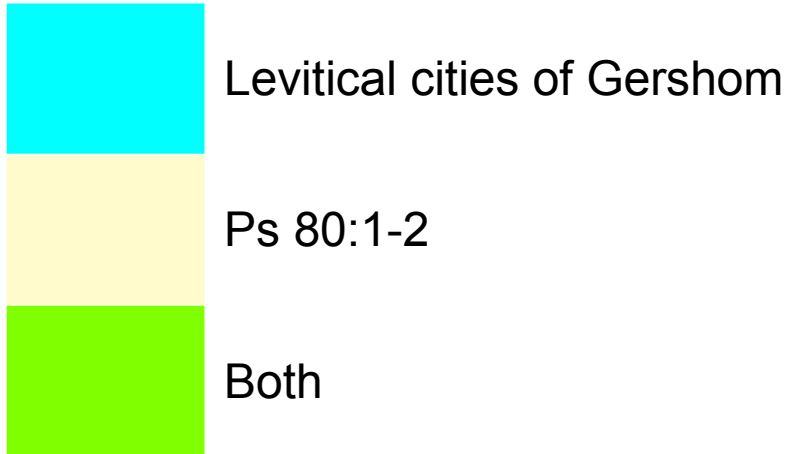
8-11, God's **past blessings**

12-15, **Complaint** against God: "Why?"
14-15, "Turn, O God of Hosts"

16-19, Prayer for **Salvation**
The divine **Vintner**
19, "Turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts"

God of hosts:
Exo 12:41 And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the **hosts of the LORD** went out from the land of Egypt.

Asaph's Home and the Tribes of Psalm 80



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Psalm 80 and Isaiah 5

<p>Psa 80:8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it. 9 Thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.</p>	<p>Isa 5:1 Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill: 2 And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein:</p>
<p>10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars. 11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river.</p>	<p>(Exo 23:31 And I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee.) (cf. also Gen 15:18; 1 Ki 4:21).</p>
	<p>and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes. 3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. 4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?</p>
<p>12 Why hast thou then broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her? 13 The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it.</p>	<p>5 And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down: 6 And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briars and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.</p>
	<p>7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.</p>