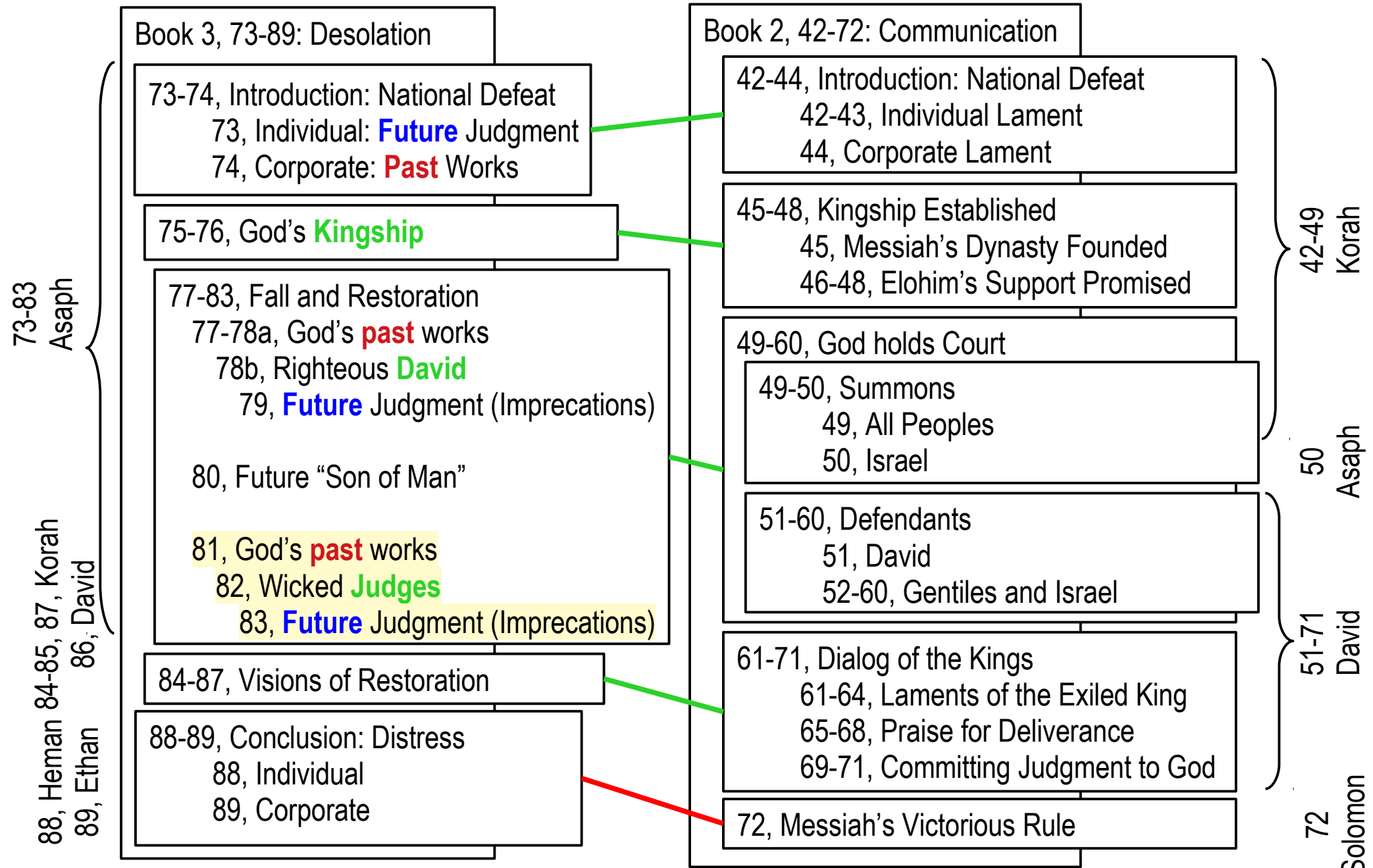


Treasure Hunt

- How are Psalms 81-83 similar to Psalms 77-79?
- What two Jewish holy days does Ps 81:3 reference?
- What holy day is left out, and where is it made up?
- What Bible study principle does this Psalm illustrate?
- Who are the “gods” of Psalm 82, and why are they called this?
- With whom does the structure of Psalms 77-83 contrast them?
- How do these observations support our Lord’s quotation of 82:6 in John 10?
- What historical event does Psalm 83 envision, and how does the Psalm encourage the people involved?
- What other Psalms describe this event, and how are the authors all related?

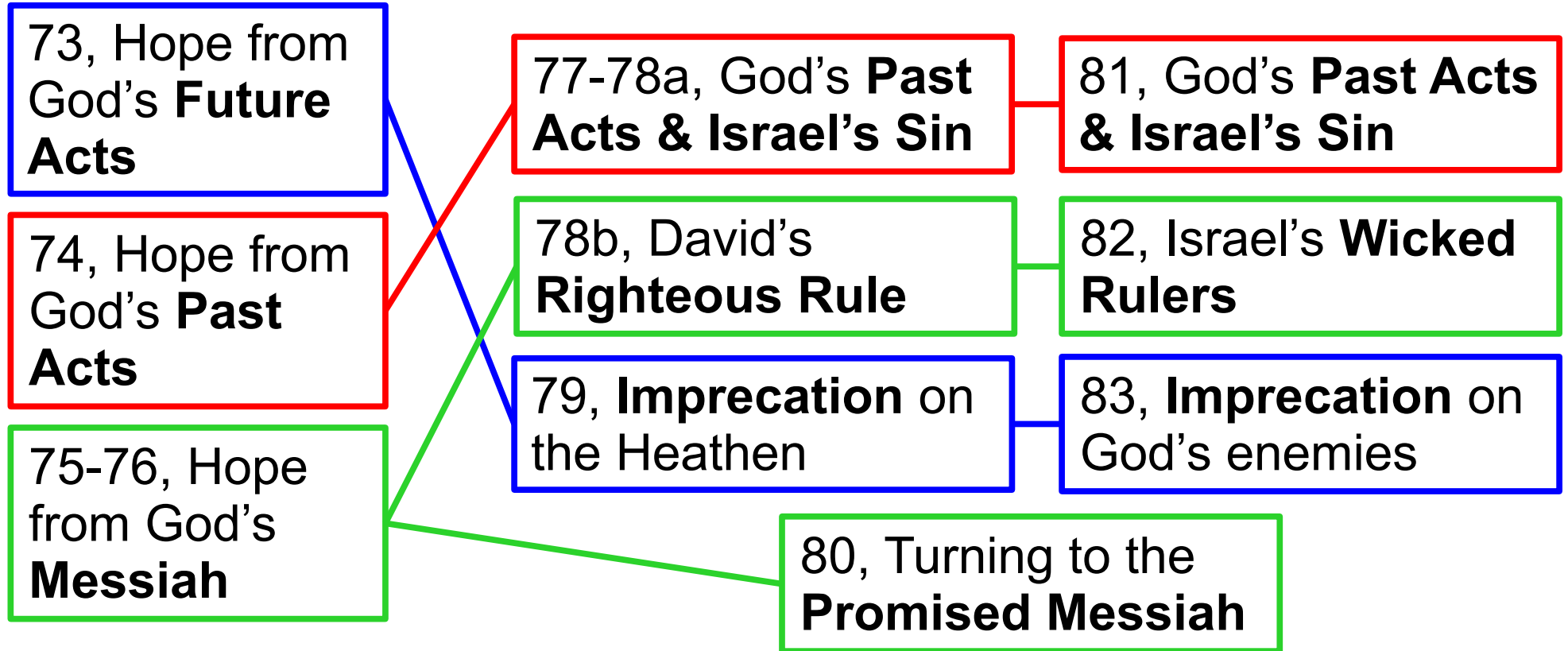
Book 3: Desolation



Themes in Psalms 73-83

Introduction & Promise of Kingship

Israel's Sin and Restoration



Structure of Psalm 81

3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, ~~in the time appointed~~ at the full moon, on our solemn feast day.

Lev 23:23 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the **first day of the month**, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation. ...

34 ... The **fifteenth day of this seventh month** shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD.

27 Also on the **tenth day of this seventh month** there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

Psalm 81, Call to the Fall Holy Days

1-5, Words of the Psalmist

1-5a, God's ancient ordinance

5b, God's current voice

6-18, Words of God

6-7, Delivery at the Exodus

8-10, Demands at Sinai

11-12, Disobedience

13-18, Divine desire to bless

Feasts:
Trumpets,
Tabernacles

Fast: Day of
Atonement

5b ~~where I heard a language that I understood not~~ I am hearing the speech of one whom I knew not

Exo 6:2 And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD: 3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

81:6 I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots [or, baskets]

Tomb of Rekhmire, vizier (COO) to Thutmosis III and Amenhotep II (Pharaoh of the Exodus)

1. Draw water from pond

5. Set bricks to dry

3. Load clay into baskets

4. Pour clay into molds

6. Carry bricks to worksite



2. Mix water with clay & straw

Taskmasters with whips

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/manna4u/32513653582>

More References for Psalm 81

7 Thou **calledst** in trouble, and I **delivered** thee;

Exo 3:7 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have **heard their cry** by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; 8 And I am come down to **deliver** them out of the hand of the Egyptians,

I answered thee in the secret place of **thunder**:

Exo 19:16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were **thunders and lightnings**, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud;

I proved thee at the waters of Meribah.

Exod 17:7; Num 20:13

9 There shall **no strange god be in thee**; neither shalt thou worship any strange god. 10 **I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt:**

Exo 20:2 **I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt**, out of the house of bondage. 3 **Thou shalt have no other gods** before me.

Structure of Psalm 82

Who are “the gods” (v. 1b)?

Exo 21:5 And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free: 6 Then his master shall bring him unto the **judges**; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever.

Exo 22:8 If the thief be not found, then the master of the house shall be brought unto the **judges**, to see whether he have put his hand unto his neighbour's goods.

9 For all manner of trespass, whether it be for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, or for any manner of lost thing, which another challengeth to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the **judges**; and whom the **judges** shall condemn, he shall pay double unto his neighbour.

Psalm 82, Nonmessianic Rulers

1, **Psalmist**: Introducing the Lord

2-4, **God**: Indictment of Judges

5, **Psalmist**? Comment

6-7, **God**: Judgment on Judges

8, **Psalmist**: Petitioning the Lord

5 ... all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

Psa 75:3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it.

6 I have said, Ye are gods; ...

Joh 10:33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. 34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, **I said, Ye are gods**? 35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; 36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

Psalm 83 and Jehoshaphat's Prayer

Psalm 83, Foreign Foes

1, Plea

2-8, **Complaint**: a
Gentile Coalition

9-18, **Imprecation**
based on **History**

Ps 83:6 The
tabernacles of
Edom, and the
Ishmaelites; of
Moab, and the
Hagarenes; 7 Gebal,
and **Ammon**, and
Amalek; the
Philistines with the
inhabitants of Tyre; 8
Assur also is joined
with them: they have
holpen **the children
of Lot**. Selah.

10/28/18

2 Chr 20:5-12, Jehoshaphat's Prayer

History: 7 Art not thou our God, who **didst drive out the inhabitants of this land** before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?

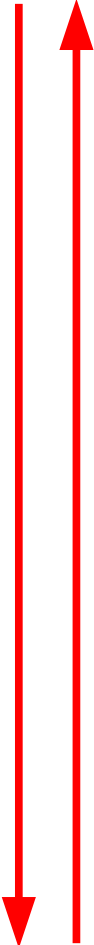
Complaint and **Imprecation**: 10 And now, behold, the **children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir**, ... 11 Behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit. 12 **O our God, wilt thou not judge them?**

2 Chr 20: 1 It came to pass after this also, that the children of **Moab**, and the children of **Ammon**, and with them other beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle. ... 10 And now, behold, the children of **Ammon** and **Moab** and **mount Seir**, ... 22 And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of **Ammon**, **Moab**, and **mount Seir**, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten. 23 For the children of **Ammon** and **Moab** stood up against the inhabitants of **mount Seir**, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.

Psalms 46-48, 83, and 2 Chronicles 20

2 Chronicles 20	Psalms 46-48, 83
1 It came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them other beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.	46:6 the kingdoms ... 48:4 the kings ...
2-13 (Jehoshaphat leads the nation in prayer)	Psalm 83
14-18 (Jahaziel, "a Levite of the sons of Asaph," predicts victory)	
19 And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high.	Psalm 46 Preparation for Battle
20-22 (Judah marches out singing)	
22-25 (the kings destroy themselves)	
26 And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed the LORD: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah, unto this day.	Psalm 47 Celebration of Victory
27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies. 28 And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the LORD.	Psalm 48 Praise in Zion
35 And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, ... 36 ... to make ships to go to Tarshish:... 37 Then Eliezer ... prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah, the LORD hath broken thy works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarshish.	48:7 Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.

The Vanquished Enemies of 83:9-12

<p>Judges 7-8, Gideon</p>	<p>9a, Midian:</p> <p>Jdg 7: Then Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, and all the people that were with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Harod: so that the host of the Midianites were on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.</p>		<p>11, Oreb, Zeeb, Zebah, Zalmunah:</p> <p>Jdg 7:25 And they took two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb; and they slew Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the winepress of Zeeb, and pursued Midian,</p> <p>Jdg 8:12 And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued after them, and took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and discomfited all the host.</p>
<p>Judges 4-5, Barak & Deborah</p>	<p>9b, Sisera, Jabin, Kison:</p> <p>Jdg 4:7 And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand.</p>		<p>10, Endor:</p> <p>(not mentioned in Judges, but in the Jezreel valley near the site of the battle, Jos 17:11; 1 Sam 28:7)</p>