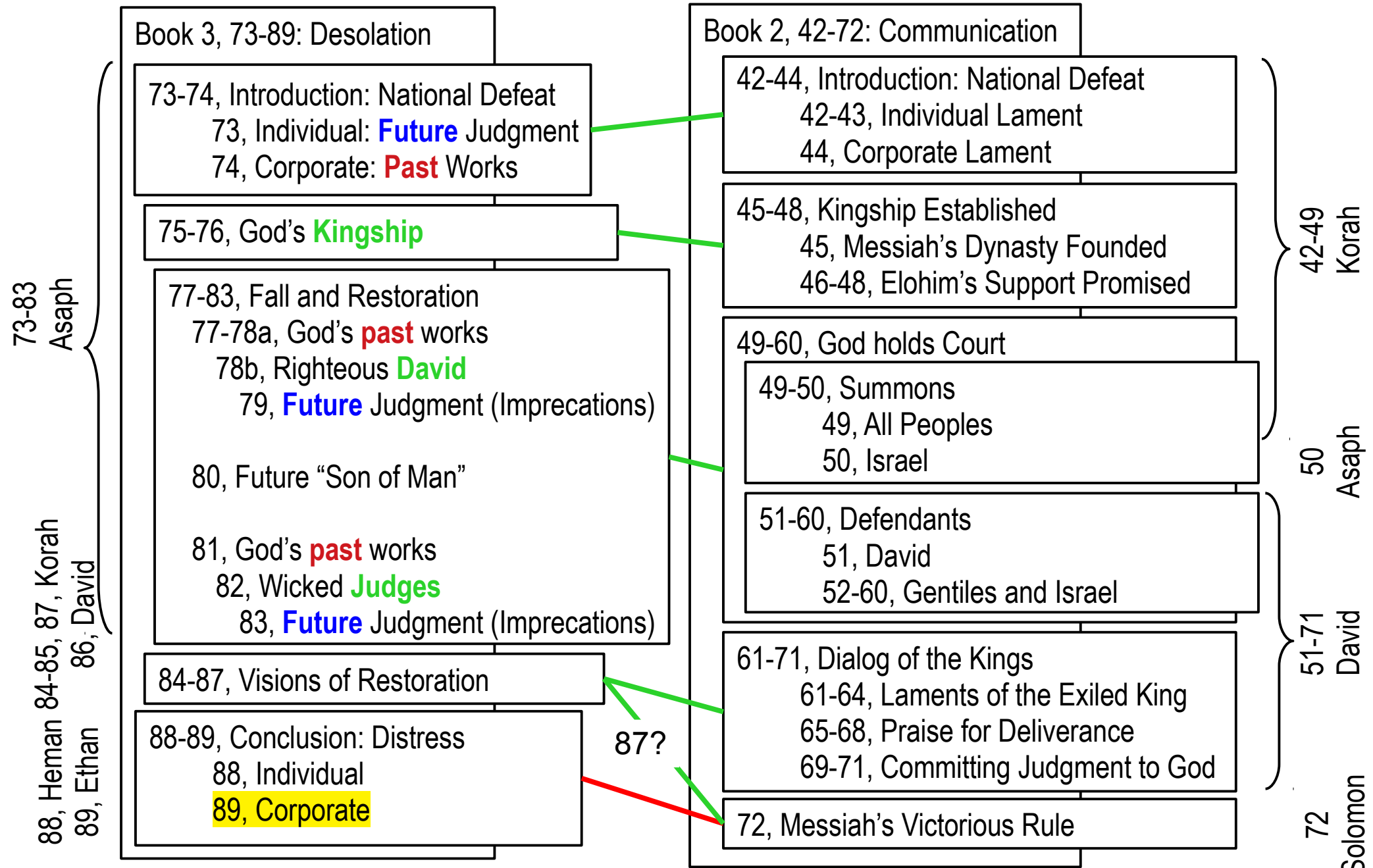


# Treasure Hunt

- What historical prophecy lies behind Psalm 89?
- What two key concepts from that prophecy does Psalm 89 emphasize?
- Where else do those concepts occur together in the Psalms?
- How are those Psalms related to Psalm 89?
- What three areas of God's activity does Ethan praise in vv. 5-18?
- How does each of these areas relate to the two key concepts?
- What previous Psalm does Ethan have in mind from v. 19 on?
- How are Ethan's questions in vv. 46-49 related to Heman's questions in 88:10-12?
- What is remarkable about v. 52, given the theme of Book 3?

# Book 3: Desolation

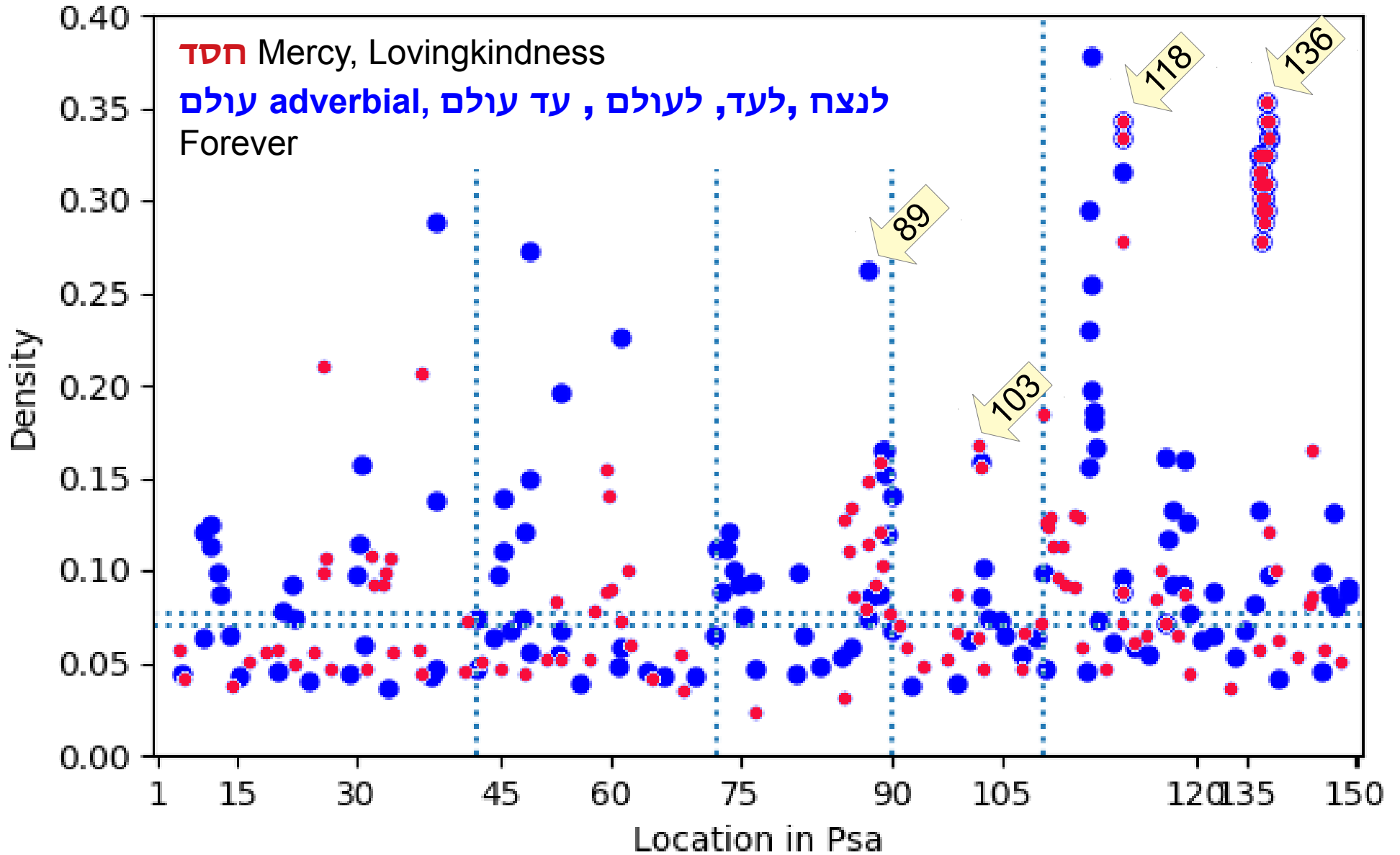


# God's Covenant with David

*God:* 2Sa 7:12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom **for ever** **עד עולם**. 14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: 15 But my **mercy** **רחמים** shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. 16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established **for ever** **עד עולם** before thee: thy throne shall be established **for ever** **עד עולם**.

*David:* 2Sa 7:28 And now, O Lord GOD, thou art that God, and thy words be **true** **אמת**, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant: 29 Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue **for ever** **לעולם** before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken it: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed **for ever** **לעולם**.

# God's Eternal Mercy



Psa 103:17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting **לְעוֹלָם עַד-לְעוֹלָם** upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

Psa 118, 136 (often) his mercy endureth forever.

# God's Mercy and Truth in Psalm 89

	<b>Loyal Love חסד</b>	<b>Truth אמת, אמונה, אמן</b>	<b>Power</b>
Ex 34:6	Abundant in <b>mercy</b>	and <b>truth אמת</b>	
Ps 89:1	The <b>mercies</b> of the Lord (pl)	thy <b>faithfulness אמונה</b>	
Ps 89:2	<b>Mercy</b> shall be built up	thy <b>faithfulness אמונה</b>	
Ps 89:5		thy <b>faithfulness אמונה</b>	Thy wonders ...
Ps 89:8		thy <b>faithfulness אמונה</b>	A strong LORD ...
Ps 89:14	<b>Mercy</b>	and <b>truth אמת</b>	
Ps 89:24	... and my <b>mercy</b>	my <b>faithfulness אמונה</b> ...	
Ps 89:28	My <b>mercy</b>	... shall <b>stand fast אמן</b>	
Ps 89:33	My <b>lovingkindness</b>	my <b>faithfulness אמונה</b>	
Ps 89:49	Thy <b>lovingkindnesses</b> (pl)	thy <b>truth אמונה</b>	

# Structure of Psalm 89

## Psalm 89: The Sure Mercies of David

### 1-4 Summary

1-2, **Psalmist**: Praise

3-4, **God**: Promise

4, Selah

### 5-37, Amplification

5-18, **Psalmist**: Praise

5-7, God's glory in heaven

8-13, God's power over creation

14-18, God's rule over his people

19-37, **God**: Promise

37, Selah

### 38-51, The **Psalmist's** Paradox

38-45, Stated: Reproach of the Messiah

Selah

46-48, Questions

Selah

49-51, Stated: Reproach of the Messiah

## Parallels with Psalm 80

21 ... mine arm also shall **strengthen** him.

Psa 80:14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine; 15 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch [son] that thou **madest strong** for thyself. 16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance. 17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man whom thou **madest strong** for thyself.

25 I will set his hand also in the **sea**, and his right hand in the **rivers**.

Psa 80:11 She sent out her boughs unto the **sea**, and her branches unto the **river**.

40 Thou hast **broken down all his hedges**;

Psa 80:12 Why hast thou then **broken down her hedges**, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?

# Two Sets of Questions

Theme	Psalm 88	Psalm 89
Kingdom		46 How long, LORD? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? shall thy wrath burn like fire?
Life	10 Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise and praise thee? Selah. 11 Shall thy <b>lovingkindness</b> be declared in the grave? or thy <b>faithfulness</b> in destruction? 12 Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?	47 Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain? 48 What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.
Kingdom		49 Lord, where are thy former <b>lovingkindnesses</b> , which thou swarest unto David in thy <b>truth</b> ?