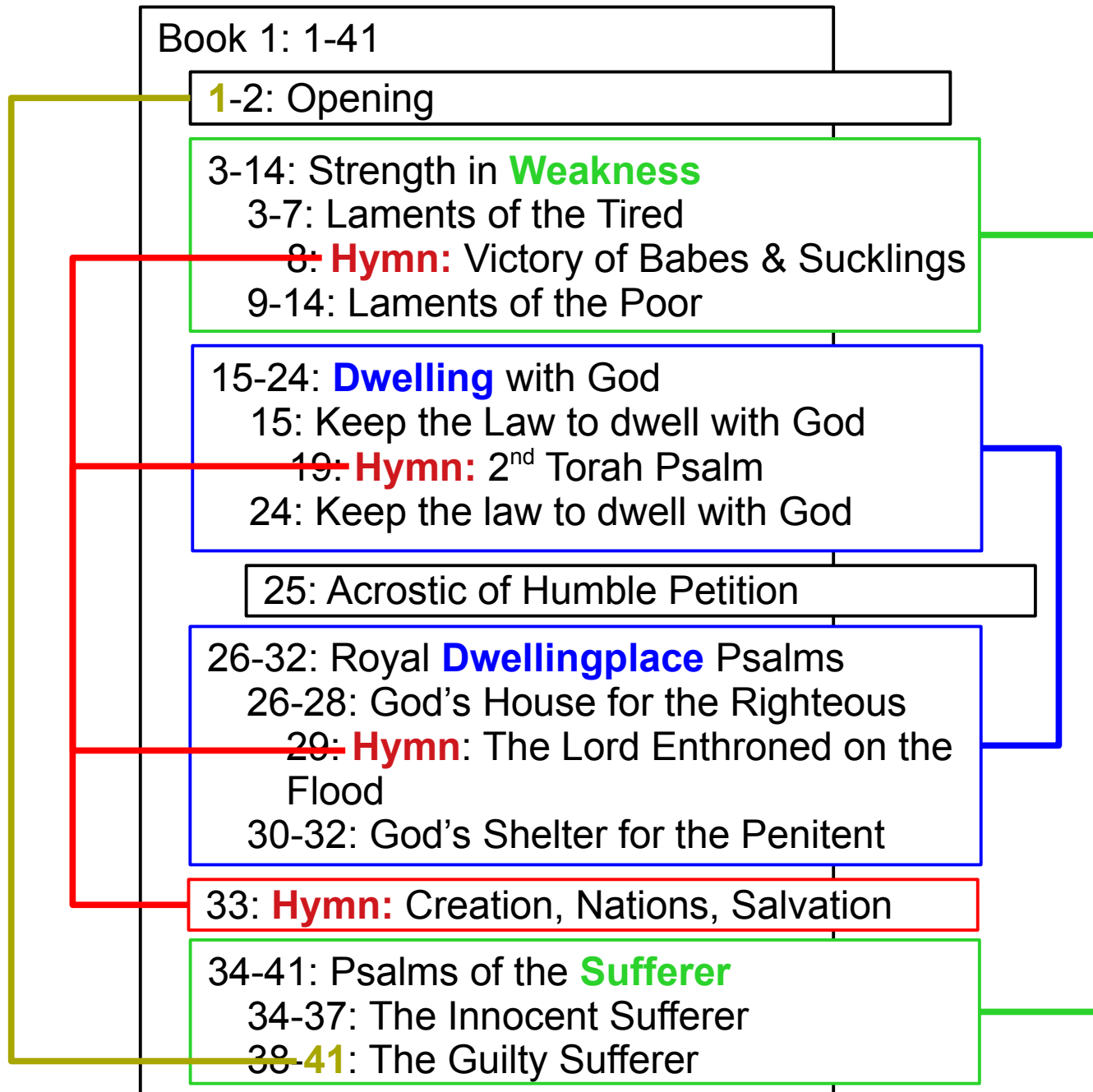


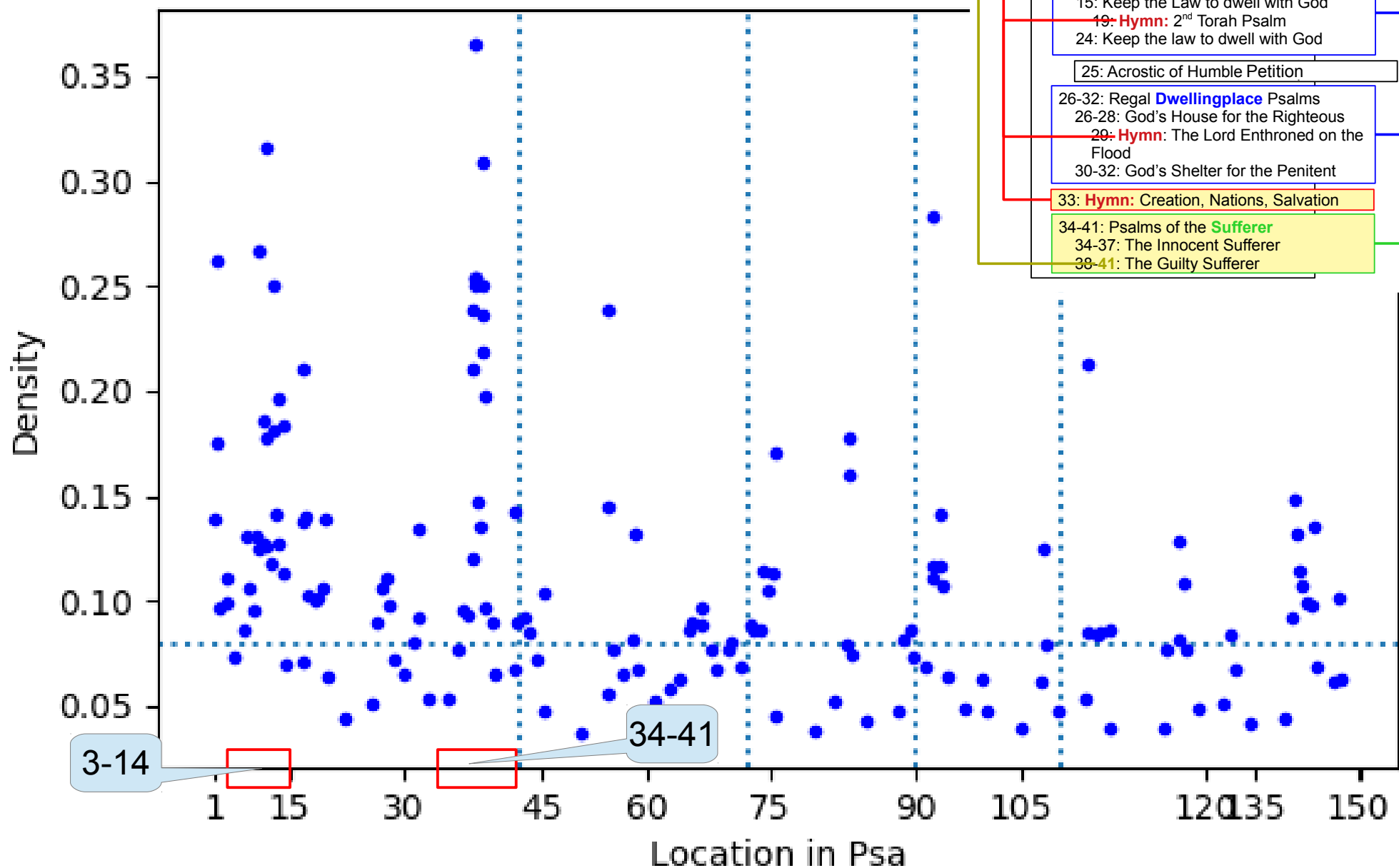
Treasure Hunt

- What are the four main blocks of Book 1, and how are they organized?
- What two words characterize the first and last large blocks?
- For what does David praise God in each of the four hymns of Book 1?
- Book 1 describes interactions among four characters. Who are they?
- Summarize the interaction of each pair of characters.
- Then give a Psalm that illustrates that interaction.
- Where are the references to David's sin in each of the four blocks of Psalms?
- How do the four acrostic Psalms summarize the central paradox of Book 1?
- What is missing in Psalm 25, and when is the missing piece supplied?

Overview of Book 1



The Wicked (רשע Strong 7653) and Enemy (אֵיב Strong 341) in Psalms



Psalms 3-14: God Delivers the Weak

3-7: Laments

Distinctive theme: **sleep** (3:5; 4:4, 8; 5:3; 6:6)

Paired terms and themes:

- God's **temple** (היכל, Strong 1964), 5:7
- **God** brings suffering, Ps 6
- Wicked words (5:5, 9) and verbal remedies (5:3, 11)
- "Arise, O LORD" קום יהוה, 3:7; 7:6

7:17 I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness:
and will **sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.**

8: Hymn—Victory over Goliath

1 O LORD our Lord, **how excellent is thy name** in all the earth!...

4 **What is man, that thou art mindful of him? ...**

9 O LORD our Lord, **how excellent is thy name** in all the earth!

9-14: Laments

9:2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee:

I will **sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.**

Distinctive theme: the **poor** (עני, Strong 6041), 9:12, 13, 18; 10:2, 9, 12; 12:6; 14:6

Paired terms and themes:

- God's **temple**, 11:4
- **God** brings suffering, Ps 13
- Wicked words (12:2-5) and verbal remedies (12:6)
- "Arise, O LORD" קום יהוה, 9:19; 10:12

Overview of Psalms 3-14



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Structure of Psalm 33

Psalm 33: Praising the Lord for his Power and Salvation

1-3: **Call** to praise God openly, sincerely, originally, & skilfully.

Psalms 15-24; 26-32: God Dwells with the Righteous

4-19: **Cause** for praise

4-11: The **Power** of the Lord's **Word**

- 4-5: Based on uprightness & righteousness
- 6: Demonstrated in creation (Gen 1)
- 7: Demonstrated at the Red Sea (Exod 15)
- 8-9: Leads to fear & awe
- 10-11: CONTRAST between human & divine purposes

Psalm 19: God's Revelation

- 1-6, in Nature
- 7-14, in Scripture

Psalm 29: The Voice of the Lord in Nature Subdues All Nations

12-19: The **Blessing** of the Lord's **Salvation**

- 12-13: He chooses a people (Deut 7, 33)
- 16-19: CONTRAST between human & divine deliverance

Psalm 8, God's Care for the Weak

- God's Glory
- Man's Weakness
- Man's Exaltation

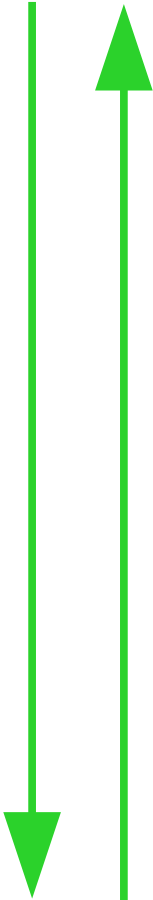
20-22: **Praise** to God for his help to those who trust him.

Psalms 3-14; 34-41: God Cares for the Weak

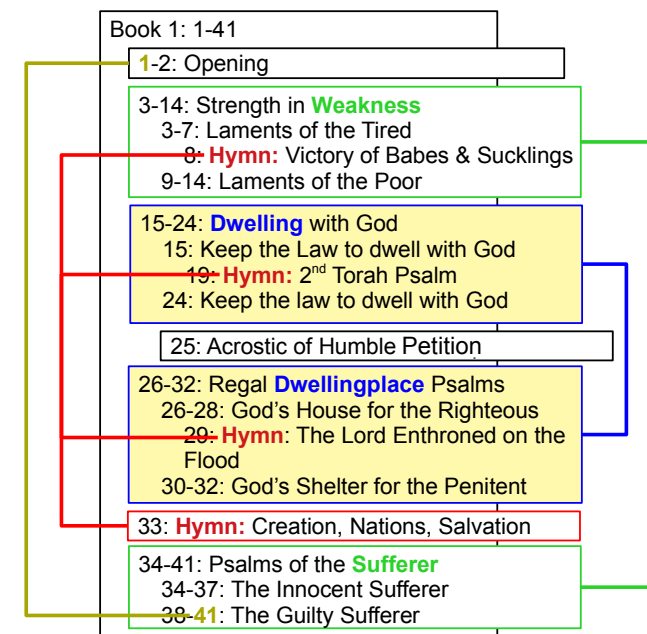
Structure of Psalms 34-41

The Innocent Sufferer

The Guilty Sufferer

Ethics and Wellbeing	34 (Acrostic), Thanksgiving: Those who Depart from Evil and Seek Good will find Long Life		41, David's Sin brings Sickness
Contrasting Trials of the King	35, David the King vs. David the Individual		40, David's Virtuous Youth and Humbled Maturity
The Nature of Man	36, The Character of the Wicked		39, The Frailty of All Men
Ethics and Wellbeing	37 (Acrostic), Wisdom: Those who Trust and Obey will Inherit the Earth		38, David's Sin brings Sickness

Chiasm in Psalms 15-24



Qualifications to dwell with God	15	24 (+ the King)
Confidence	16 thou wilt show me the path of life	23 The Lord is my Shepherd
Laments	17	22
Thanksgiving	18 request + answer	20 (request) + 21 (answer)
God's revelation	19 (cf. Psalms 15 and 24)	

Messianic King, Ps 2

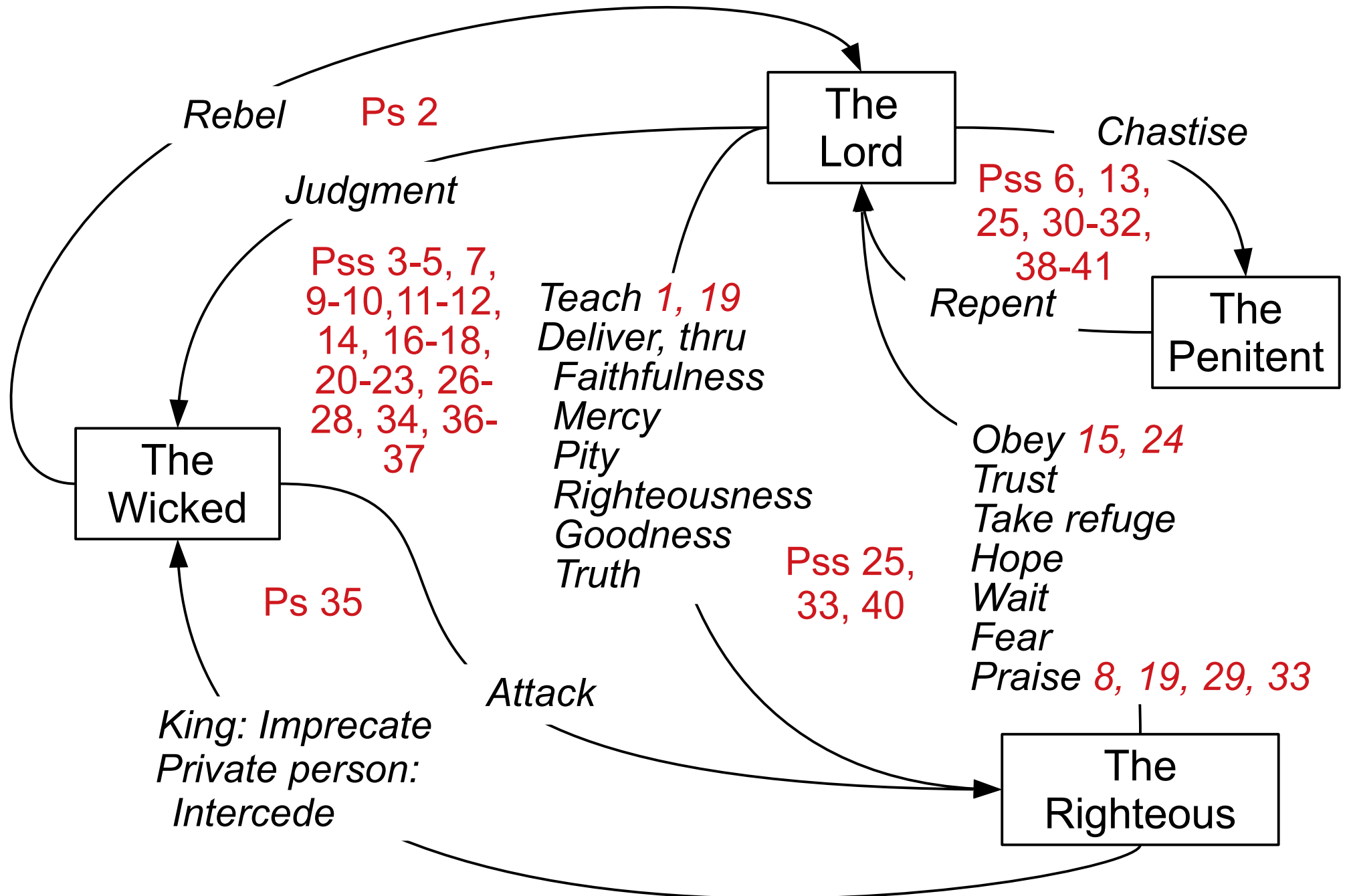
God's Law, Ps 1

Structure of Psalms 26-32

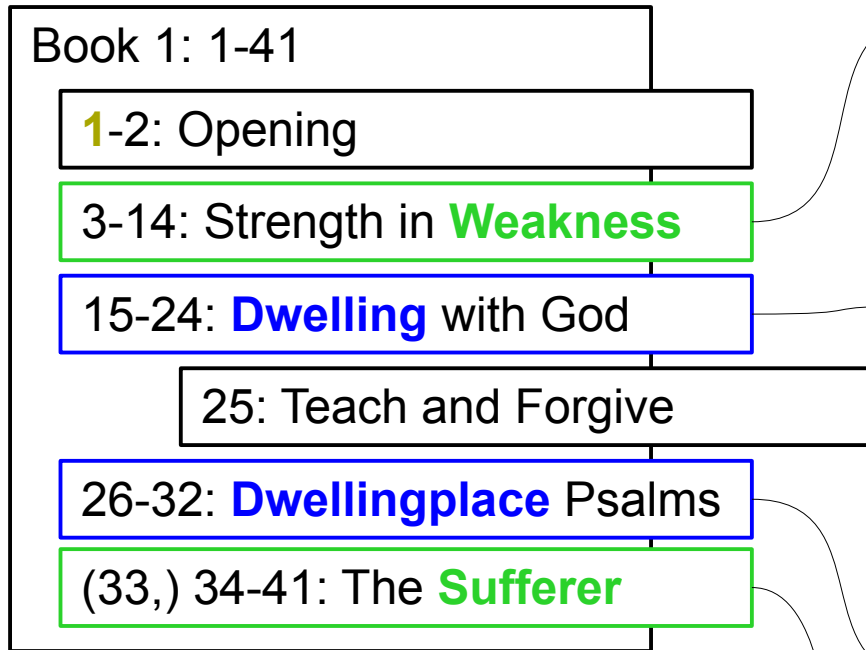
**29, Kingship
Psalm**
The LORD is
enthroned over all

<p style="text-align: center;">Psalms 26-28, Lament Righteous David seeks God's physical house Congregation is a passive audience</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Psalms 30-32, Lament & Thanks Penitent David seeks God himself as a refuge He exhorts congregation to praise</p>
David's integrity	David's sin
Opposition from the wicked	Opposition from God
Deliverance by punishing the wicked	Deliverance by restoration to fellowship
Physical house	God as the house of refuge (31:2, 20; 32:7)
David praises God before the people, 26:7, 12; 27:6; & prays for them, 28:9. Only one exhortation, singular (27:14)	David calls on the congregation (plural) to worship and praise (30:4; 31:23, 24; 32:11)
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God and Man in the Psalms



Sin, Repentance, and Forgiveness



2Sa 14:14 For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God ~~respect any person~~ take away life: yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him.

Psa 6:1 O LORD, rebuke me not in **thine anger**, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

Psa 13:1 How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

Psa 19:12-13, Who can understand his errors? **cleanse thou me from secret faults**. 13 Keep back thy servant also from **presumptuous sins**;

30:5,6, For **his anger** endureth but a moment; ... 6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

31:10 my strength faileth because of **mine iniquity**, and my bones are consumed.

32:5 I acknowledged **my sin** unto thee, and **mine iniquity** have I not hid. I said, I will confess **my transgressions** unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

38:3-5 **my sin ... mine iniquities ... my foolishness**

39:8 Deliver me from all **my transgressions**

40:12 **mine iniquities** have taken hold upon me

41:4 **I have sinned against thee**

Structure of Psalm 25

Psalm 25: Trusting God for Direction and Forgiveness

1-3: Trust, Wait, Ashamed, Enemies, Soul

4-7: First Cycle

4-5, Request: (Show, **teach**, lead) in thy (**ways**, truth, paths) because you **save** me

6-7, Request: **Forgive** me for thy **mercies** רחם and **lovingkindnesses** חסד

8-11: Second Cycle

8-10, Statement: (**Teach**, guide) in thy (**way**, paths, judgment) because of your **goodness**

11, Request: **Forgive** me for thy **name's** sake

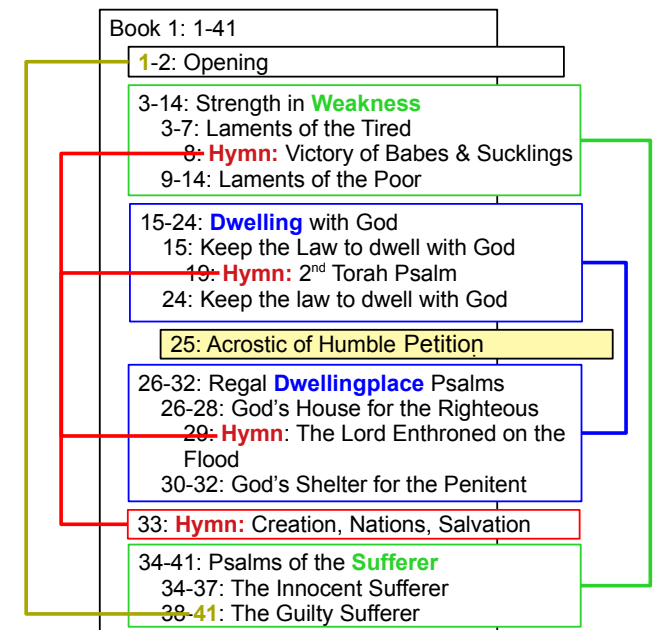
12-18: Third Cycle

12-15, Statement: (**Teach**, show) in thy (**way**, covenant) those who **fear** you

16-18, Request: **Forgive** me for thy **mercy** חנן

19-21: Trust, Wait, Ashamed, Enemies, Soul

22: From David to the Nation



Features of Book 1 in Psalm 25:

- God's revelation
- Rebellion of the wicked against God's anointed
- Deliverance based on God's attributes.
- Trust in the Lord
- Sin and repentance
- ...but no praise?

Correspondence of 25:1-3 and 19-21

1 Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my **soul**. 2 O my God, **I trust בטה (Strong 982) in thee:**
let me not be ashamed, let not mine **enemies** triumph over me.
3 Yea, let none that **wait קוה (Strong 6960) on thee** be **ashamed:**
let them be **ashamed** which **transgress [betray me] בגד** without cause.

19 Consider mine **enemies;** for they are many; and they hate me with **cruel hatred**.
20 O keep my **soul**, and deliver me:
let me not be ashamed; **for I put my trust חסה (Strong 2620) in thee.**
21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I **wait קוה (Strong 6960) on thee.**

The Three Panels of 25:4-18

	4-7	8-11	12-18
Human Response to Divine Revelation	4 Shew me thy ways ... teach me thy paths. 5 Lead me in thy truth ... on thee do I wait קוה all the day	8 therefore will he teach sinners in the way. 9 The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way	12 What man is he that feareth the Lord ? Him shall he teach in the way ... 14 The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him
Divine Motive to forgive Human Sin	6 thy loving- kindnesses ... thy mercy חַסְדִּים 7 Remember not the sins of my youth	8 Good and upright is the Lord 11 For thy name's sake , O Lord, pardon mine iniquity, for it is great	16 have mercy חַנּוּן upon me ... 18 ... forgive all my sins

Ps 25:1-7 (selected)

1 Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul
Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul

2 O my God, I trust in thee:
let me not be ashamed,
let not mine enemies triumph over me.

3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed:
Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed:

4 Shew me thy ways, thy ways, O LORD;
teach me thy paths, thy paths, O LORD.

7 Remember not the sins of my youth.
Remember not the sins of my youth.