

# Treasure Hunt

- What are the three main parts of a complete Psalm?
- How has this structure been confused by later chapter breaks in the Psalter?
- Summarize Habakkuk's conversation with the Lord.
- Where else in the OT does God use a nation as a rod to chasten Israel, and then punish the rod?
- Why is Habakkuk unhappy about the Lord's answers?
- How does Habakkuk encourage himself in the face of the Lord's answers?
- Ps 30:7 and Ps 16:8 describe two different bases for our sense of security. Which one does Habakkuk have at the start of his book? How about at the end of the book?

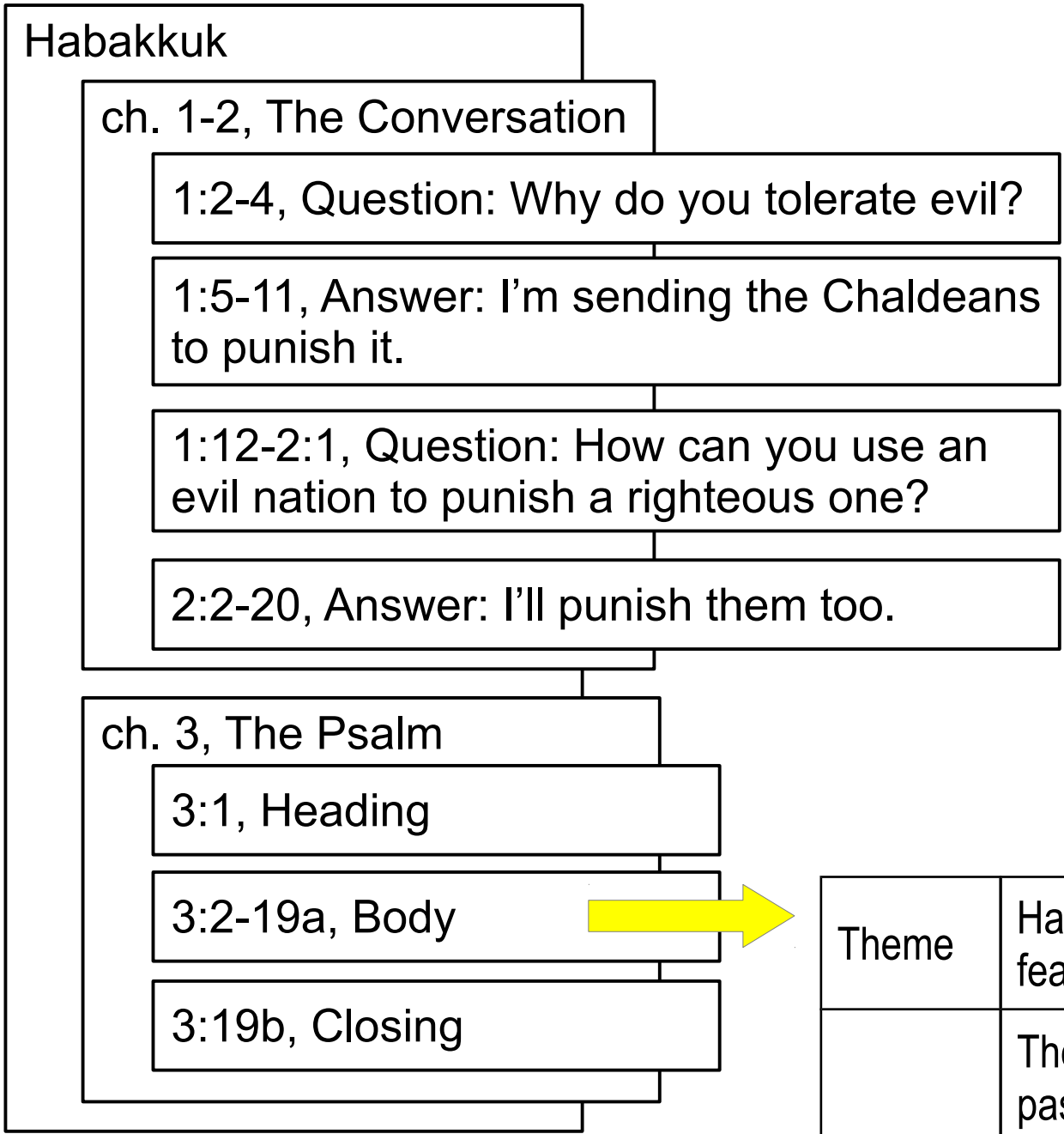
# What's in a Psalm?

	Hab 3	Isa 38	Psa 3	Alternatives
<b>Category</b>	1 A prayer	9 The writing [Michtab; cf. Michtam "inscription"]	1 A Psalm	Psalm, Prayer, Song, Praise, Michtam, Maskil, Shiggaion
<b>Author</b>	of Habakkuk the prophet	of Hezekiah king of Judah,	of David,	David, Asaph, sons of Korah, Solomon, Moses, Ethan, Heman
<b>Circumstances or Purpose</b>	upon Shigionoth.	when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness:	when he fled from Absalom his son.	Various; 18 in all
<b>Body</b>	(vv. 2-19a)	(vv. 10-20a)	(vv. 2-8)	
<b>Assignment</b>	19b To the chief singer [musician]	20c in the house of the LORD.	Psa 4:1 To the chief Musician	
<b>Musical Instruction</b>	on my stringed instruments. [Neginoth]	20b therefore we will sing my songs [Neginoth] to the stringed instruments all the days of our life	on Neginoth	Neginoth, Jeduthun, Gittith, Muthlabben, Nehiloth, Sheminith, Alamoth, Aijeleth Shahaar, Mahalath, Altaschith, Jonathelemrechokim, Shushaneduth, Shoshanim, Shoshanimeduth

# Psalm Openings and Closings

		Closing?	
		Yes	No
Opening?	Yes	53	64
	No	2 (10, 43)	31

# Structure of Habakkuk



Isa 10:5 O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation. 6 I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. ... 12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, *that* when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.

		Addressed to ...	
		The Lord	The Readers
Theme	Habakkuk's fear & faith	3:2	3:16-19
	The Lord's past actions	3:8-15	3:3-7

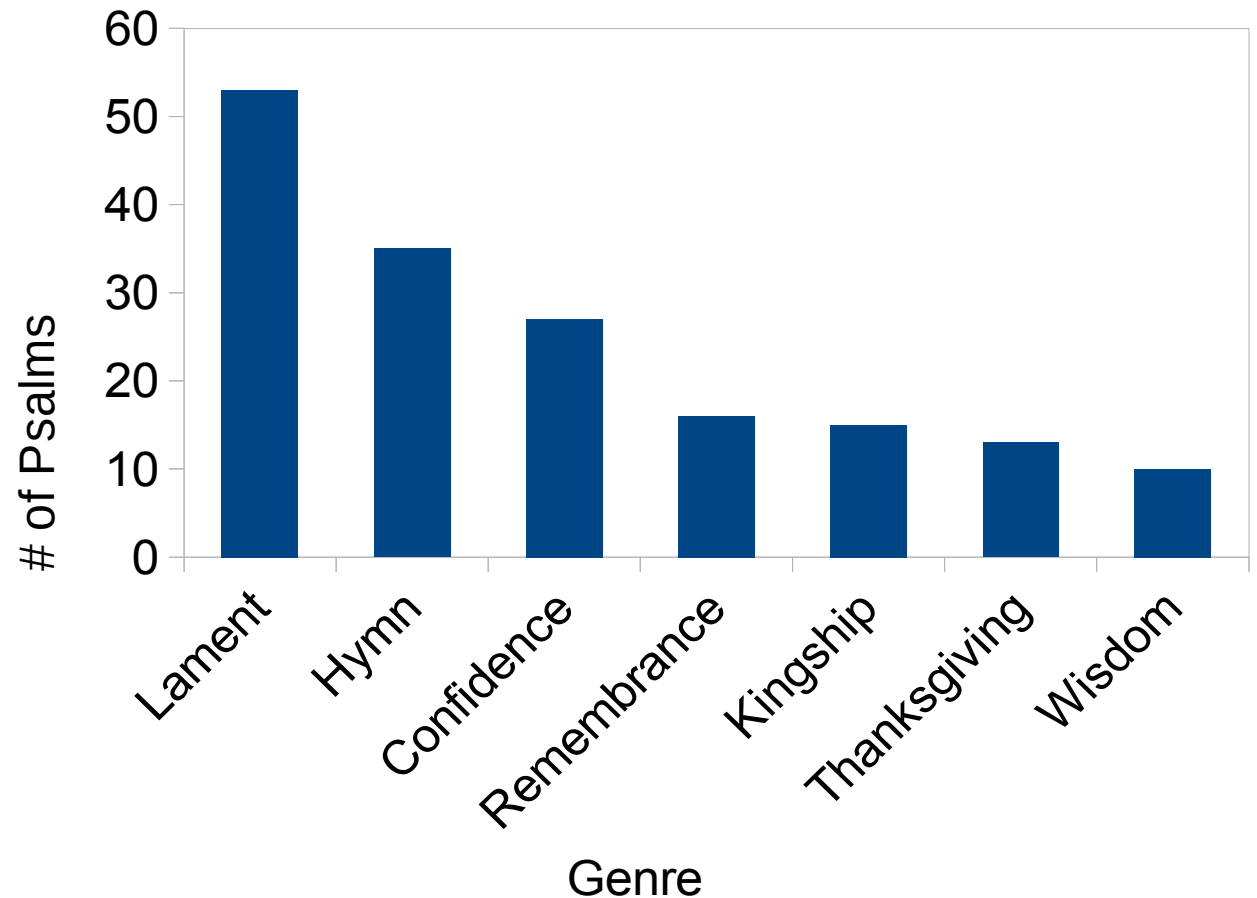
# Genres of the Psalms

## Biblical categories:

Psalm, Prayer, Song,  
Praise, Michtam, Maskil,  
Shiggaion

Psa 7:1 **Shiggaion** of David, which he sang unto the LORD, concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite. O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me: 2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending *it* in pieces, while *there is* none to deliver.

## Modern Categories:



# Allusions in Habakkuk 3

v. 2 ... in wrath remember **mercy** רחם Strong 7355

Exo 34:6 The LORD, The LORD God, **merciful** and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

v. 3 **God came from Teman**, and the Holy One from **mount Paran**. Selah. **His glory covered the heavens**, and the earth was full of his praise.

Deu 33:2 And he said, **The LORD came from Sinai**, and rose up from Seir unto them; **he shined forth from mount Paran**, and he came with ten thousands of saints:

v. 11 **The sun and moon stood still** in their habitation:

Jos 10:12 Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, **Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. 13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed**, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies.

v. 17 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither *shall* fruit *be* in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and *there shall be* no herd in the stalls: 18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Psa 30:6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved. 7 LORD, ... thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.

Psa 16:8 I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

1Ti 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;