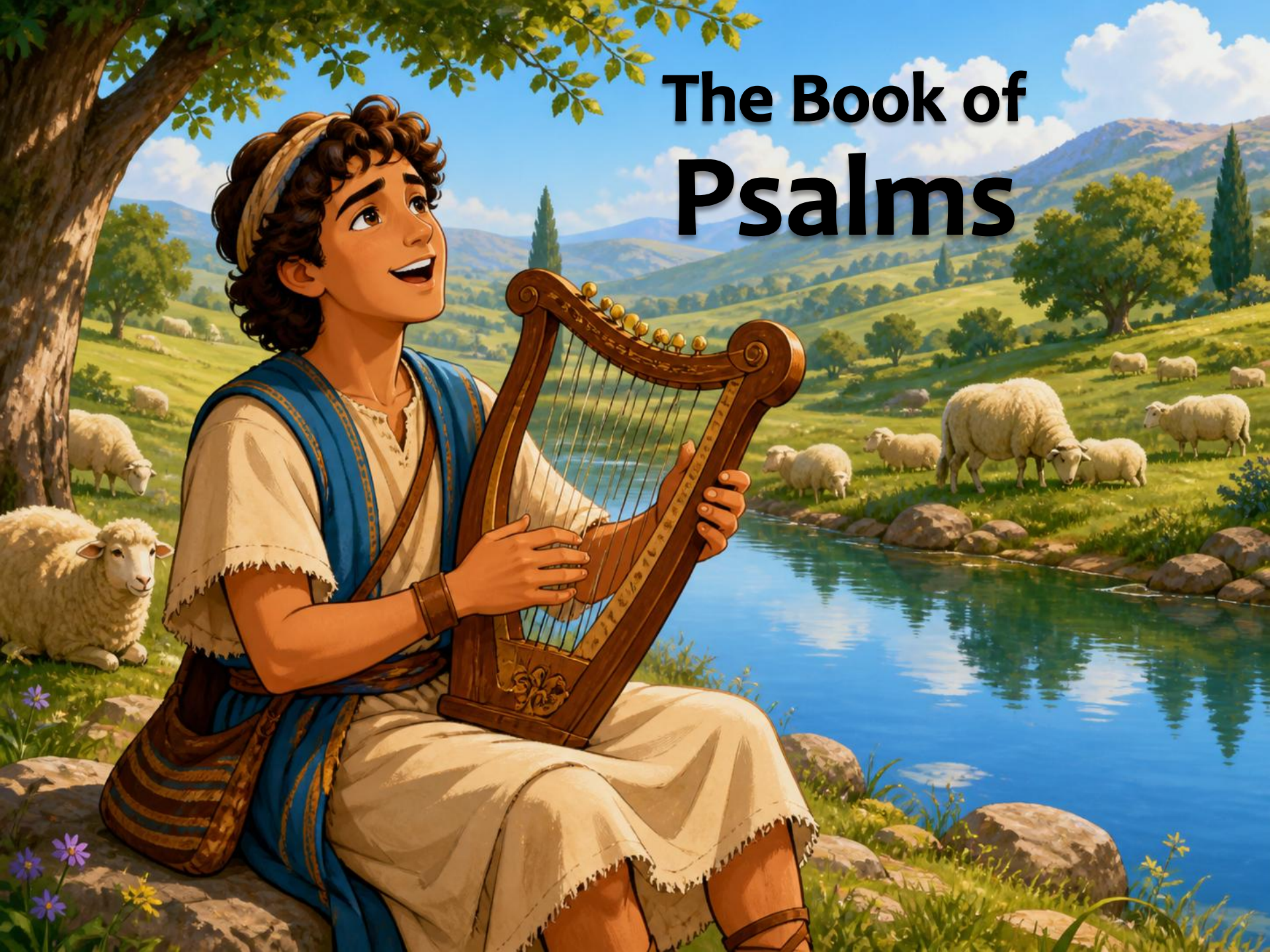
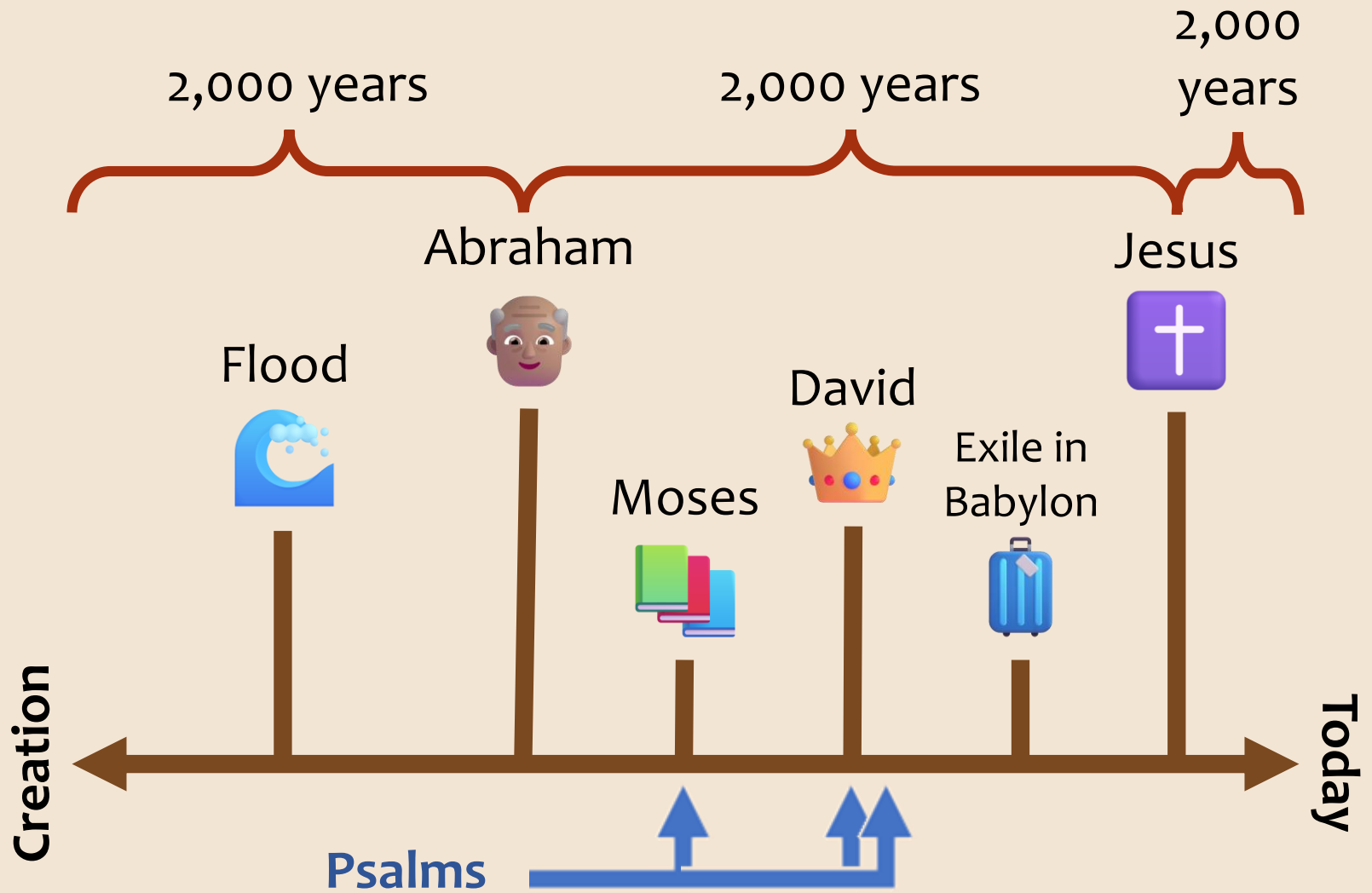


The Book of Psalms



Bible timeline



Summary

Psalms

- A collection of 150 poems
- Written by at least 7 named authors
 - 75* by David (that's half)
 - 1 written by Moses (!)
 - Others by David's associates and his son
- So this book was compiled and arranged








Why Psalms is special

- It's Israel's book of songs and prayers
 - Some are set to music (that we do not have any more 🙄), like **Psalms 4-9** and the “psalms of ascents,” **Psalms 120-134**



Main ~~characters~~ authors

-  **David**
 - Named as author of 73 Psalms
 - New Testament attributes 2 more to him
-  **Asaph**
 - Appointed by David as a “singer”
 - **1 Chronicles 15:19** – Heman and Ethan also (**Psalms 88-89**)
-  **Sons of Korah**
 - Appointed by David as gatekeepers (**1 Chronicles 9:19, 22**)
-  **Solomon**
 - David’s son; Psalms 72 and 127
-  **Moses**
 - Psalm 90

Outline of *Psalms*

(Quotes are from KJV)

- **Book 1: Psalms 1-41**

- Doxology: “Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.” (41:13)

- **Book 2: Psalms 42-72**

- Doxology: “Blessed be the LORD God... and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.” (72:18-19)
- Then v. 20: “The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.”

- **Book 3: Psalms 73-89**

- Doxology: “Blessed *be* the LORD for evermore. Amen, and Amen.” (89:52)

- **Book 4: Psalms 90-106**

- Doxology: “Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen...” (106:48)

- **Book 5: Psalms 107-150**

- Doxology: 5 chapters (146-150) of “Praise ye the LORD”

Theology and doctrine

- There are many prophecies of Jesus in the Psalms
 - **Psalm 2:** the Lord's anointed
 - “The LORD said to me, ‘You are my Son; today I have begotten you.’” (v. 7, ESV)
 - **Psalm 22** is quoted about Jesus' crucifixion
 - “I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast” (v. 14, ESV)
 - **Psalm 110** is the most quoted in the New Testament
 - “The LORD said to my Lord”
 - A priest forever in the order of Melchizedek
 - **Psalm 118:22**, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” (ESV)

Recap of *Psalms*

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Korah's Rebellion

Numbers 16



Summary

Korah's Rebellion Numbers 16

- Korah leads hundreds of Israel's leaders in a challenge to Moses' authority
 - Spoiler alert: they die as a result








Why this story is special



- God establishes roles, and does not appreciate when they are questioned.
 - This was true in Adam's time; it was true in Moses' time, and it is still true in the church

Main characters

-  **Korah**
 - A Levite
-  **Dathan and Abiram**
 - Reubenites
-  **250 unnamed leaders of the people**
 - Implied as Levites (vs. 6-7) but quite possibly not
-  **Moses**
 - Leader of Israel (and a Levite)
-  **Aaron**
 - Priest (and a Levite)

Outline of *Korah's Rebellion*

1. Vs. 1-3: Korah, Dathan, Abiram, and 250 leaders rebel against Moses' authority
2. Vs. 4-7: Moses proposes a challenge
3. Vs. 8-15: Moses scolds the rebels (in two separate groups)
4. Vs. 16-19: Korah and the 250 assemble for the challenge
5. Vs. 20-24: The LORD planned to kill the whole "congregation" (nation?)
6. Vs. 25-34: Dathan and Abiram and **Korah*** and their households are swallowed by the earth
7. V. 35: The 250 died by fire from the LORD
8. Vs. 36-40: Their bronze censers are hammered into a cover for the altar
9. Vs. 41-46: The people STILL grumble and God sends a plague
10. Vs. 47-50: 14,700 people died before Aaron interceded

In case you missed it

- It's almost like two intertwining stories
 - They are all lumped together in **verse 1**
 - But then they are treated separately
 - Korah (a Levite) is rebuked with the 250 men (**vs. 8-11**)
 - Dathan and Abiram (Reubenites) don't even want to show up and are rebuked separately (**vs. 12-15**)
 - Similarly, Korah and the 250 get one set of instructions (**vs. 16-19**) and Dathan and Abiram another (**vs. 25-30**)
 - Yet the named men are all blacklisted together (**v. 24**)
 - And then the punishments follow suit
 - The named men and their households are swallowed by the earth (**v. 32**) – this includes Korah (**Numbers 26:10**) and his household
 - But the 250 are destroyed by fire (and their censers were recovered – **vs. 35-37**)

Theology and doctrine

- Is this the same Korah as “the sons of Korah” that wrote 11 Psalms?
 - Probably, yes
 - At first, you would assume that Korah’s family all died in the punishment (v. 32)
 - But **Numbers 26:11** spells it out: “The sons of Korah, however, did not die” (NASB).
 - That is a very conspicuous side note!
- Also, the future sons of Korah were Levites in the service of the tabernacle/temple, so this lines up
- If so, it is an amazing redemption of a family that had an awful reputation

Recap of *Korah's Rebellion*

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- **Why it is special**

- God establishes roles

- **Main characters**

- Korah
- Dathan and Abiram
- 250 leaders
- Moses
- Aaron

- **Theology and doctrine**

- The "sons of Korah" in the Psalms are likely related (Numbers 26:11)

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Poem: Psalm 42-43

Why are you cast down, O my soul?

- Psalm 42 is a psalm of the sons of Korah
 - So are 44-49. What about 43?
 - It looks like 43 is really an extension of 42

Psalm 42 (ESV)

1 To the choirmaster. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah.

As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.
2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and appear before God?
3 My tears have been my food
day and night,

while they say to me all the day long,
"Where is your God?"

4 These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
how I would go with the throng
and lead them in procession
to the house of God
with glad shouts and songs of praise,
a multitude keeping festival.

5 Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation (6) and my God.

My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.
7 Deep calls to deep
at the roar of your waterfalls;
all your breakers and your waves
have gone over me.

8 By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

9 I say to God, my rock:
"Why have you forgotten me?"

Why do I go mourning
because of the oppression of the enemy?"

10 As with a deadly wound in my bones,
my adversaries taunt me,

while they say to me all the day long,
"Where is your God?"

11 Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.

Psalm 43 (ESV)

1 Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man
deliver me!

2 For you are the God in whom I take refuge;
why have you rejected me?

Why do I go about mourning
because of the oppression of the enemy?

3 Send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling!

4 Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy,
and I will praise you with the lyre,
O God, my God.

5 Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.