

SEEING THE MESSIAH IN PSALMS

LOOKING BACK // LOOKING FORWARD

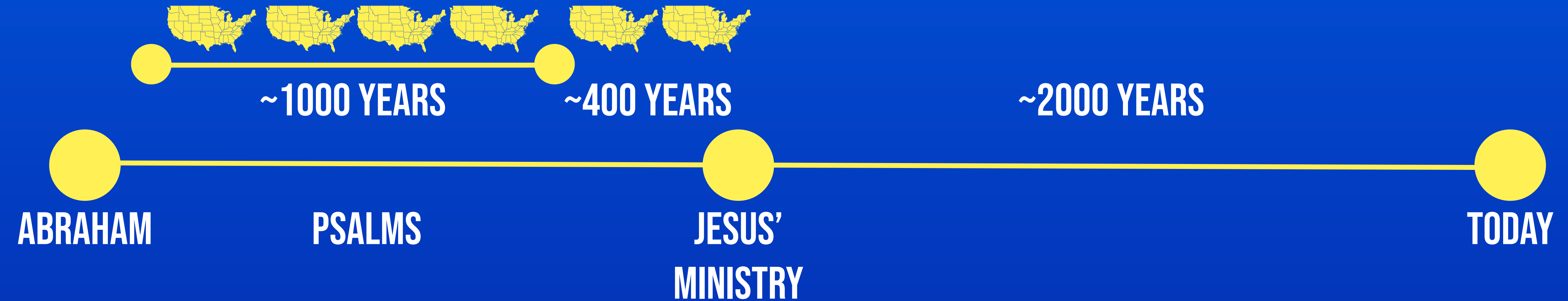
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CLASS PURPOSE

LOOKING BACK // LOOKING FORWARD

- Intent is to highlight and dwell on how these same passages reveal the Messiah—for this class it will be references from the **Psalms**
- Lessons should ‘reveal’:
 - What the identified OT scriptures mean in relation to the Christ
 - How they verify who Jesus is
 - How they confirm who made the statement
 - How we can see this linkage for ourselves
 - How we can readily share this info with others

TIMELINE



**TIME IS A CHARACTER IN THESE PROPHECIES—
POINTS TO GOD'S PATIENCE AS WELL AS HIS FAITHFULNESS**

JESUS ON EARTH

PSALMS REFERENCES IN THE NT

- **Psalm 78**

- **Matthew 13:35**
- **John 6:31**

- **Psalm 118**

- **Hebrews 13:6**
- **Matthew 21:42 / Mark 12:10 / Luke 20:17 / Acts 4:11 / 1 Peter 2:7**
- **Matthew 21:9,15 / Mark 11:9-10 / John 12:13**
- **Matthew 23:39 / Luke 13:35, 19:38**

**LET'S READ THROUGH THESE PSALMS TO SEE IF YOU CAN DETERMINE
HOW THE NT WRITERS USED THE PASSAGES TO POINT TO JESUS**

PSALM 78

A MASKIL OF ASAPH

1 My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old—

3 things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us.

4 We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.

5 He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, 6 so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be

born, and they in turn would tell their children.

7 Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

8 They would not be like their ancestors—a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him.

9 The men of Ephraim, though armed with bows, turned back on the day of battle;

10 they did not keep God's covenant and refused to live by his law.

11 They forgot what he had done, the wonders he had shown them.

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12 He did miracles in the sight of their ancestors in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan.

13 He divided the sea and led them through; he made the water stand up like a wall.

14 He guided them with the cloud by day and with light from the fire all night.

15 He split the rocks in the wilderness and gave them water as abundant as the seas;

16 he brought streams out of a rocky crag and made water flow down like rivers.

17 But they continued to sin against him, rebelling in the wilderness against the Most High.

18 They willfully put God to the test by demanding the food they craved.

19 They spoke against God; they said, “Can God really spread a table in the wilderness?”

20 True, he struck the rock, and water gushed out, streams flowed abundantly, but can he also give us bread? Can he supply meat for his people?”

21 When the LORD heard them, he was furious; his fire broke out against Jacob, and his wrath rose against Israel,

22 for they did not believe in God or trust in his deliverance.

23 Yet he gave a command to the skies above and opened the doors of the heavens;

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24 he rained down manna for the people to eat, he gave them the grain of heaven.

25 Human beings ate the bread of angels; he sent them all the food they could eat.

26 He let loose the east wind from the heavens and by his power made the south wind blow.

27 He rained meat down on them like dust, birds like sand on the seashore.

28 He made them come down inside their camp, all around their tents.

29 They ate till they were gorged—he had given them what they craved.

30 But before they turned from what they craved, even while the food was still in their mouths,

31 God's anger rose against them; he put to death the sturdiest among them, cutting down the young men of Israel.

32 In spite of all this, they kept on sinning; in spite of his wonders, they did not believe.

33 So he ended their days in futility and their years in terror.

34 Whenever God slew them, they would seek him; they eagerly turned to him again.

35 They remembered that God was their Rock, that God Most High was their Redeemer.

36 But then they would flatter him with their mouths, lying to him with their tongues;

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37 their hearts were not loyal to him, they were not faithful to his covenant.

38 Yet he was merciful; he forgave their iniquities and did not destroy them. Time after time he restrained his anger and did not stir up his full wrath.

39 He remembered that they were but flesh, a passing breeze that does not return.

40 How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness and grieved him in the wasteland!

41 Again and again they put God to the test; they vexed the Holy One of Israel.

42 They did not remember his power—the day he redeemed them from the oppressor,

43 the day he displayed his signs in Egypt, his wonders in the region of Zoan.

44 He turned their river into blood; they could not drink from their streams.

45 He sent swarms of flies that devoured them, and frogs that devastated them.

46 He gave their crops to the grasshopper, their produce to the locust.

47 He destroyed their vines with hail and their sycamore-figs with sleet.

48 He gave over their cattle to the hail, their livestock to bolts of lightning.

49 He unleashed against them his hot anger, his wrath, indignation and hostility—a band of destroying angels.

50 He prepared a path for his anger; he did not spare them from death but gave them over to the plague.

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51 He struck down all the firstborn of Egypt,
the firstfruits of manhood in the tents of
Ham.

52 But he brought his people out like a
flock; he led them like sheep through the
wilderness.

53 He guided them safely, so they were
unafraid; but the sea engulfed their
enemies.

54 And so he brought them to the border of
his holy land, to the hill country his right
hand had taken.

55 He drove out nations before them and
allotted their lands to them as an
inheritance; he settled the tribes of Israel
in their homes.

56 But they put God to the test and rebelled
against the Most High; they did not keep
his statutes.

57 Like their ancestors they were disloyal
and faithless, as unreliable as a faulty
bow.

58 They angered him with their high places;
they aroused his jealousy with their idols.

59 When God heard them, he was furious;
he rejected Israel completely.

60 He abandoned the tabernacle of Shiloh,
the tent he had set up among humans.

61 He sent the ark of his might into
captivity, his splendor into the hands of
the enemy.

62 He gave his people over to the sword; he
was furious with his inheritance.

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63 Fire consumed their young men, and
their young women had no wedding
songs;

64 their priests were put to the sword, and
their widows could not weep.

65 Then the Lord awoke as from sleep, as a
warrior wakes from the stupor of wine.

66 He beat back his enemies; he put them
to everlasting shame.

67 Then he rejected the tents of Joseph, he
did not choose the tribe of Ephraim;

68 but he chose the tribe of Judah, Mount
Zion, which he loved.

69 He built his sanctuary like the heights,
like the earth that he established forever.

70 He chose David his servant and took him
from the sheep pens;

71 from tending the sheep he brought him
to be the shepherd of his people Jacob,
of Israel his inheritance.

72 And David shepherded them with
integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led
them.

WHAT SEEMED TO BE THE PURPOSE OF THIS PSALM?

PSALM 118

ANONYMOUS

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.
- 2 Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."
- 3 Let the house of Aaron say: "His love endures forever."
- 4 Let those who fear the Lord say: "His love endures forever."
- 5 When hard pressed, I cried to the LORD; he brought me into a spacious place.
- 6 The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

- 7 The LORD is with me; he is my helper. I look in triumph on my enemies.
- 8 It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in humans.
- 9 It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.
- 10 All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the LORD I cut them down.
- 11 They surrounded me on every side, but in the name of the LORD I cut them down.

PSALM 118

ANONYMOUS

12 They swarmed around me like bees, but they were consumed as quickly as burning thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them down.

13 I was pushed back and about to fall, but the LORD helped me.

14 The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

15 Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!

16 The LORD's right hand is lifted high; the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

17 I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

18 The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

20 This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

PSALM 118

ANONYMOUS

21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

22 The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

23 the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

25 LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

27 The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

WHAT SEEMED TO BE THE PURPOSE OF THIS PSALM?

KAHOOT

- Get out your phones (if you brought one)
- Log into the FREE WiFi with the strongest signal
 - Either PPCS Guest WiFi or Eastside Guest WiFi
- Open a browser & navigate to KAHOOT.IT
- Once there, you will:
 - Enter the Game PIN (I will share when the quiz launches)
 - Enter a unique (and appropriate!) User Name

KEY TAKEAWAYS

JESUS ON EARTH

- Psalm 78 seeks to impart wisdom by sharing history of the Israelites
 - Reminds them of what God has done and how their forefathers behaved
 - Encourages them to share the story with younger generations
- Psalm 118 speaks to God being the source of salvation and strength
 - Exclaims that only God can be trusted when “all nations” surround the author
 - Cries out to God for salvation—proclaims that God’s love endures forever
- NT references point to Psalms 78 & 118 in depicting a **rejected** Messiah
 - Emphasize the theme of God’s faithfulness despite being rejected by men
 - Links “bread of heaven” and “teaching in parables” to Messiah via Psalm 78
 - Twice, Jesus directly references Psalm 118—reveals “cornerstone” prophecy about himself