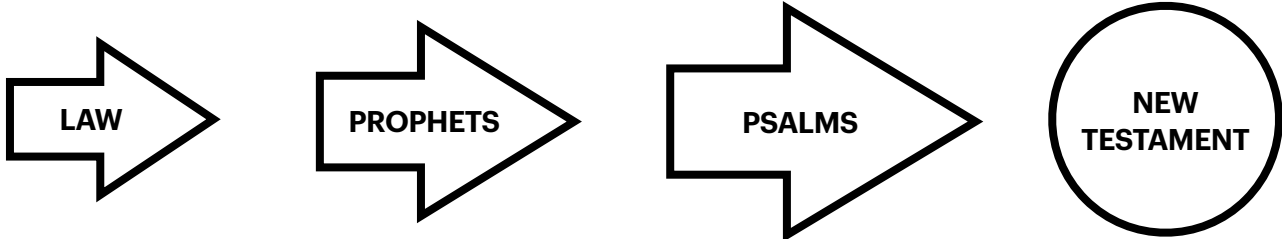


PSALMS 1-2

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

- **The original readers:** Those living when there is no King in Israel.
- **The big message:** The King is coming!



He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in **the Law of Moses, the Prophets** and **the Psalms**.' Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. - Luke 24:44-45

- The prayers in the Psalms show us what the people believed.
- The Psalms will stretch our poetry muscles.
- "The Psalter was created and presented to Israel as an anthology that was intended to be memorised for the enculturation of the youth."
- Remember the tips for reading the Psalms (in the prep book!)

PSALM 1

Read Psalm 1. **What do we learn in Psalm 1 about the 'blessed one'?**



- Joshua 1:7-8

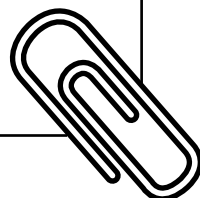
Psalm 1 sets up two options:

Follow the _____ to _____

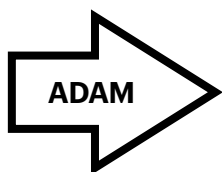
Follow the _____ to _____

PSALM 2

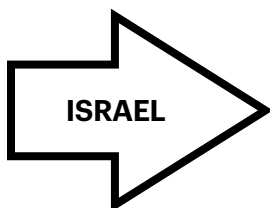
Compare Psalms 1 and 2. **What connections are there between Psalms 1 and 2?**



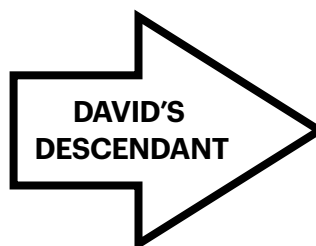
- 2 Samuel 7



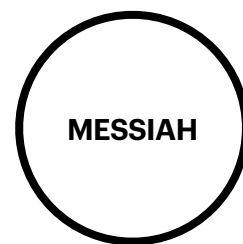
Genesis 5:3



Exodus 4:22-23



2 Samuel 7:14



Psalms 2:7

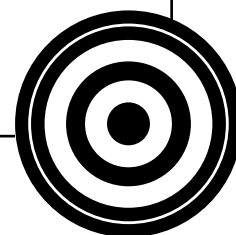
Psalms 2 enhances what we saw in Psalm 1:

Follow the _____ to _____

Follow the _____ to _____

WHERE THIS IS ALL GOING...

Read Psalm 149. **What things in Psalm 149 remind you of Psalms 1 and 2?**



- **The big hope:** God promises His King will come and will defeat his enemies.
- **The main characters:** The blessed one/Lord's Anointed, those who follow him, the wicked/those who rebel.
- **The general storyline:** Rebellion against God, God installing his King, judgement, refuge.
- **The key background:** Meditating on God's word.