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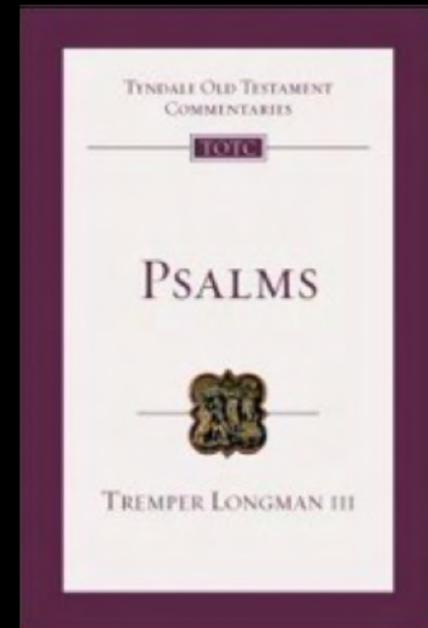
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It seems as though the writers of the New Testament are not attempting to identify and limit the psalms that prefigure Christ but rather are assuming that the (Psalms) as a whole has Jesus Christ in view and that this should be the normative way of interpreting the psalms.

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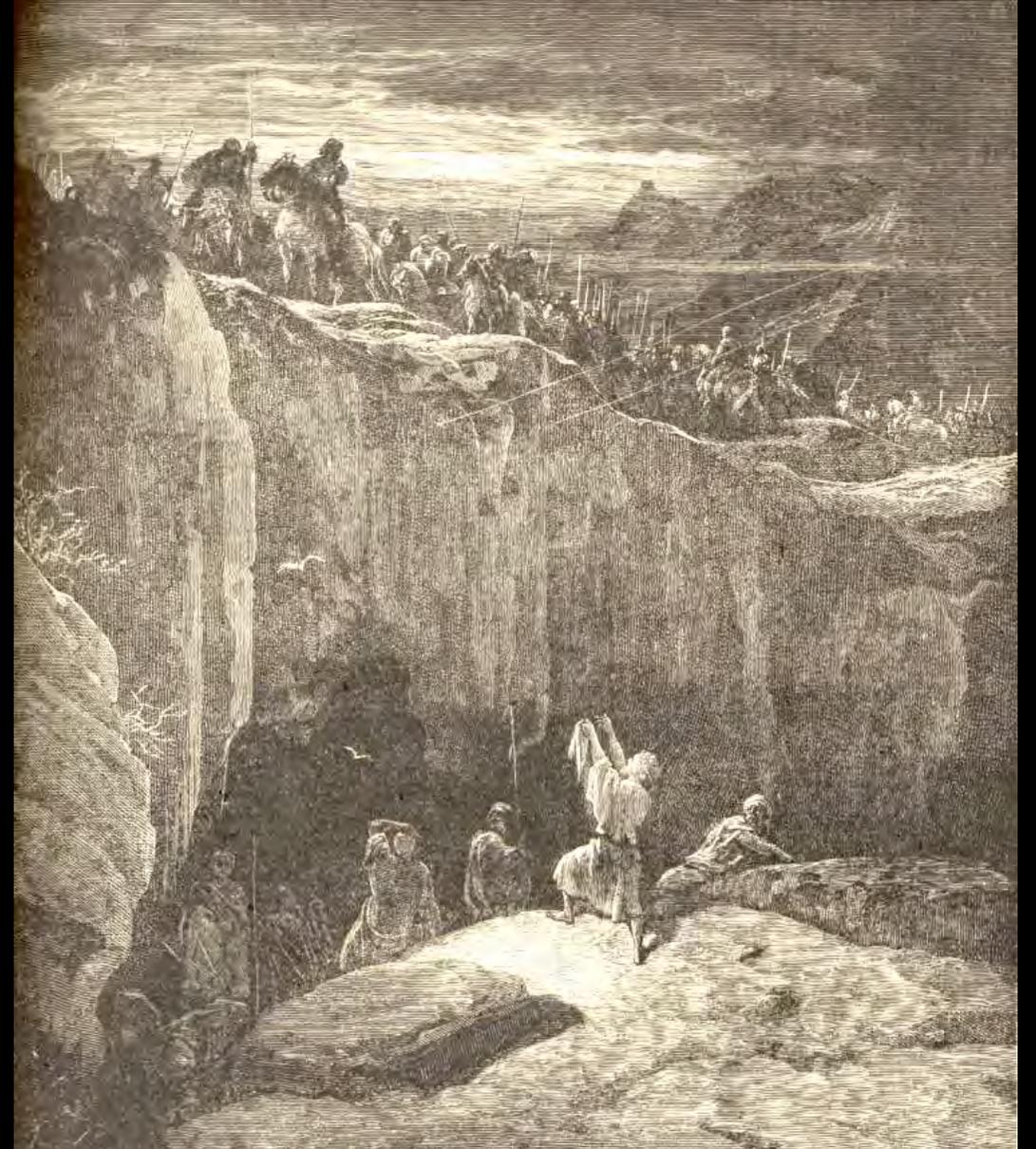
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¹⁴ David stayed in the wilderness strongholds and in the hills of the Desert of Ziph.

Amongst his own people

1 Samuel 23:19

¹⁹ The Ziphites went up to Saul at Gibeah and said, “Is not David hiding among us in the strongholds at Horesh, on the hill of Hakilah, south of Jeshimon?”

Was treated as a threat despite posture

1 Samuel 23:23

²³ (Saul) “Find out about all the hiding places he uses and come back to me with definite information. Then I will go with you; if he is in the area, I will track him down among all the clans of Judah.”

His life is sought

1 Samuel 23:15

¹⁵ While David was at Horesh in the Desert of Ziph, he learned that Saul had come out to take his life.

Was not given into their hands

1 Samuel 23:14b

¹⁴ Day after day Saul searched for him, but God did not give David into his hands.

His innocence is noted

1 Samuel 24:11

¹¹ (David) “See, my father, look at this piece of your robe in my hand! I cut off the corner of your robe but did not kill you. See that there is nothing in my hand to indicate that I am guilty of wrongdoing or rebellion. I have not wronged you, but you are hunting me down to take my life.”

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1 Samuel 26:18

18 (David) “Why is my lord pursuing his servant? What have I done, and what wrong am I guilty of?”

He spared the life of his enemy

1 Samuel 26:21

21 Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Come back, David my son. Because you considered my life precious today, I will not try to harm you again. Surely I have acted like a fool and have been terribly wrong."

He spared the life of his enemy

1 Samuel 24:18-19

¹⁸ (Saul) “You have just now told me about the good you did to me; the LORD delivered me into your hands, but you did not kill me. ¹⁹ When a man finds his enemy, does he let him get away unharmed? May the LORD reward you well for the way you treated me today.”

Regarding duel between John Laurens and Charles Lee (Battle of Monmouth)

Number eight

Your last chance to negotiate

Send in your seconds, see if they can set the record straight

Alexander

Aaron Burr, sir

Can we agree that duels are dumb and immature?

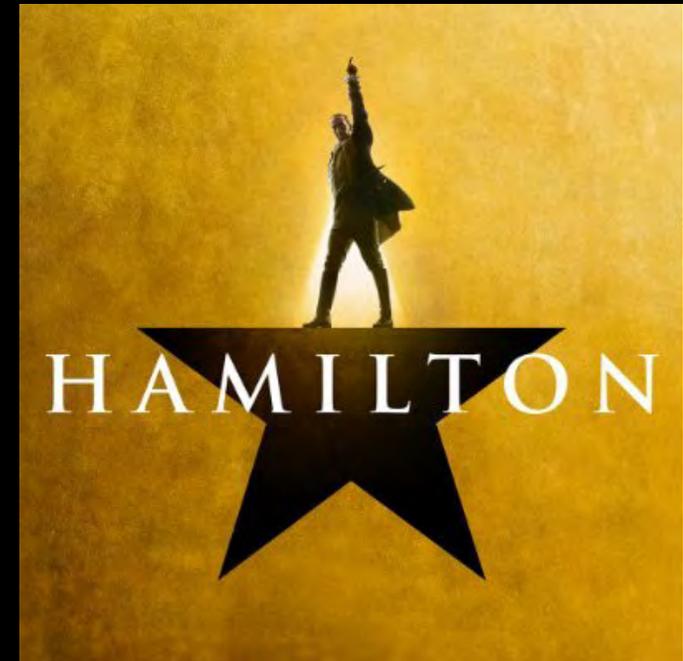
Sure

But your man has to answer for his words, Burr

With his life? We both know that's absurd, sir

Hang on, how many men died because Lee was
inexperienced and ruinous?

Okay, so we're doin' this



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Call & Response

Pastor: Save us, O God, by your name

Church: By your name, O God, we are saved

Pastor: Vindicate us, O God, by your might

Church: By your might, O God, we are vindicated

Pastor: Hear our prayers, O God.

Church: We know you hear our prayers.

Pastor: Listen to the words of our mouths.

Church: We know you listen to our words.

Call & Response

Pastor: When arrogant foes are attacking

Church: When ruthless enemies are trying to kill

Pastor: Surely God is our help.

Church: Our God is our help.

Pastor: The Lord is the one who sustains us.

Church: Our God will sustain us.

Pastor: Let evil recoil and slander be turned back.

Church: In the cross may all threats be overcome.

Call & Response

Pastor: The sacrifice of Christ offers us peace

Church: In Christ, we have our peace

Pastor: So, we praise your name, LORD

Church: Your name is our refuge

Pastor: You have delivered us from all our troubles

Church: We have looked in triumph over sin and death



Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.