

## OUTLINE OF PSALMS

### 1A THE AUTHORS OF THE PSALMS

1B David composed 73 psalms – 3-9; 11-41 (except 33); 51-70 (except 66, 67); 86; 101; 103; 108-110; 122; 124; 131; 138-145

2B Asaph composed 12 psalms – 50; 73-83

3B Korah composed 11 psalms – 42-49; 84-85; 87

4B Solomon composed 2 psalms – 72 and 127

5B Heman composed Psalm 88

6B Ethan composed Psalm 89

7B Moses composed Psalm 90

8B Ezra composed Psalm 119

9B The rest – 48 of them – were composed by unknown authors

### 2A THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PSALMS

1B The Penitential psalms

1C Expression of repentance, confession, and sorrow over sin.

2C Examples: 32, **51**

2B The Imprecatory psalms

1C Prayers for judgment on the wicked

2C Examples: 7, **35**, 69, 109, 140, 144

3B The Hallelujah psalms

1C Expressions of praise to God

2C Examples: 106, 111-113, 135, 146-**150**

#### 4B The Nature psalms

1C Psalms that celebrate the glory of the creator

2C Examples: **19**, 29, 33

#### 5B The Historical psalms

1C Psalms that recount the history of Israel, especially the exodus

2C Examples: 78, **105**, 106

#### 6B The Messianic psalms

1C Psalms that set forth Messiah and His kingdom

2C Examples: **2**, 8, 16, 22-24, 40, 41, 45, 68, 69, 72, 89, 102, 109, 110, 118

#### 7B The Scripture psalms

1C Psalms which glorify the Word of God

2C Examples: **1**, 19, 119

#### 8B The Ascent psalms (psalms of degrees)

1C Psalms sung during the pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feasts

2C Examples: 120-134, esp **122**

### 3A THE STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK

#### 1B Book 1 Ps 1-41

1C Time of collection: David

Mostly Davidic psalms in this section

2C Theme: Man

3C Corresponds to the book of Genesis

2B Book 2 Ps 42-72

1C Time of collection: Hezekiah

2C Theme: Israel

3C Corresponds to the book of Exodus

3B Book 3 Ps 73-89

1C Time of collection: Hezekiah

2C Theme: Worship in the sanctuary

3C Corresponds to the book of Leviticus

4B Book 4 Ps 90-106

1C Time of collection: Ezra, Nehemiah

2C Theme: Earthly pilgrimage

3C Corresponds to the book of Numbers

5B Book 5 Ps 107-150

1C Time of collection: Ezra, Nehemiah

2C Theme: Word of God

3C Corresponds to the book of Deuteronomy

Theme: The revelation of God's glorious person, and the heart's response to Him

Key verse: Psalm 18:46 The LORD liveth; and blessed *be* my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.