

Introduction to Book 3 (Psalms 73 – 89)

Overall Outline of the Book of Psalms – divided into their five sections with additional information:

Book 1	Book 2	Book 3	Book 4	Book 5
1-41 (41)	42-72 (31)	73-89 (17)	90-106 (17)	107-150 (44)
Davidic Psalms	Davidic; & Sons of Korah (7) Pss. 42; 44- 49; 84-85; 87-88) & Asaphic Ps. (1) Ps. 50.	Davidic & Sons of Korah (4) Pss. 84, 85, 87, 88. & Asaphic Pss. (11) Pss. 73-83 Heman Ps. 88 Ethan Ps. 89	Davidic (2) Pss. 101; 103. Mosaic (1) Ps. 90. Untitled Pss. (104)	Davidic (11) Pss. 118-110. 138-145 Hezekiah (10) Pss. 120, 121, 123, 125, 126,128, 129, 130, 132, & 134
Key word – Man	Key word – Deliverance	Key word – Sanctuary	Key word – Wanderings	Key word – Law (Word of God)
Man’s attempt at obedience (Ps.1) Man’s failure (Ps. 2) Man’s Saviour – the Son of Man (Ps. 8)	Israel’s ruin, Redeemer, and redemption (Ps. 68:4). Begins with a cry for deliverance and ends with Israel’s King reigning over them.	Terms like Sanctuary, Congregation, Assembly, Zion are frequently used.	Begins with Moses the man of the wilderness (Ps. 90) and ends with Israel’s rebellion in the wilderness (Ps. 106)	The Bible’s chapter on the Bible - 119;
Matches: Genesis.	Matches: Exodus	Matches: Leviticus	Matches: Numbers	Matches: Deuteronomy
Closing Benediction: 41:13	Closing Benediction: 72:18-19	Closing Benediction: 89:52	Closing Benediction: 106:48	Closing Benediction: 150:6

The Context of Asaph – The Levite, Seer, and Psalmist.

1. Psalm 74 contains the first prophecy of the destruction of Solomon’s temple in accordance with Deut. 28:49-50.
2. Asaph was a Levite – 1 Chr. 16:4-5.
3. Asaph was a “seer” – 2 Chr. 29:30.
4. Asaph lived under Saul (no Tabernacle), David (Tabernacle re-established), and Solomon (dedication of the Temple, 2 Chr. 5:12).
5. He was appointed in charge of Levite worship in the Tabernacle at the start of David’s reign in Jerusalem (2 Sam. 5:4; 1 Chr. 16:4-5). Asaph was thirty years old when he was assigned by David (who was then 37 years old) – Levites were required to be at least 30 years old to serve (Num. 4:3; 1 Chr. 23:3). At the dedication of the Temple he would have been 74 years old.
6. The “sons of Asaph” (involved in Hezekiah’s and Josiah’s revivals, and Zerubabbel’s return and foundation laying of the 2nd Temple).
7. Asaph prepares the Israelites with theological, Christological, and eschatological truths to warn them of the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple, revenge on Israel’s enemies, and the restoration of Jerusalem and place of worship in the Millennial Temple.
8. Asaph’s closing words to his collection: Psalm 83:18 *“That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.”*