

Lesson 27: Overview of Psalms

April 19, 2006

I. Authorship and Definition

II. Distinctives and Types

A. Poetic distinctives

1. Parallelism

a. Affirming

Psalm 2—*“Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain”*

b. Opposing

Proverbs 10:1—*“A wise son causes a father to rejoice: a foolish son is a pain to his mother.”*

2. Imagery

a. Similies

Psalm 42:1—*“As a deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.”*

b. Metaphors

Psalm 23—*“The Lord is my shepherd.”*

B. Types

1. The Hymn

2. Lament

3. Thanksgiving

4. Confidence

5. Rememberance

6. Wisdom

7. Kingship

III. Yesterday's Psalms vs. Today's

A. 586BC

Psalm 137—*“By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. There on the poplars we hung our harps, for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”*

B. AD70

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