



I. Overview of the Book of Psalms.

- A. Understanding the Psalms: A Journey through Faith, Hope, and God's kingdom.
- B. The Book of Psalms is known to the Jews as the _____ division of the Hebrew Scriptures. *Luke 27:44*
- C. Who all wrote the Psalms?
 - _____ Psalms are explicitly attributed to David, and many believe King David wrote 12 others that are that not labeled and don't explicitly name him as the author.
- D. Did you know that the Book of Psalms is actually divided into ____ Smaller books?

When we go deeper into these five minibooks of psalms, we see two themes with an emphasis on...

- 1) The coming _____ (Jesus Christ)
- 2) God's Holy Word!

Book One: Psalms 1-41 – The _____ King and His Future Kingdom.

This first section sets the stage, introducing David as a model of faithfulness and a symbolic figure of the future Messiah King.

Book Two: Psalms 42-72 - The Messiah's _____ in Zion.

This minibook within Psalms 42-72 expresses a deep longing for a future return to the temple in Zion and the establishment of the Messiah's rule and truth.

Book Three: Psalms 73-89 – The Messianic _____ and the _____ of God's People.

While this section concludes with the grand promise of a Messianic Kingdom, it also openly recounts the downfall of David's kingdom and the painful exile of God's people. It ends with a heartfelt plea to God not to forget His solemn promises in His word to David, highlighting the tension between present suffering and future hope.

Book Four: Psalms 90-106 – The Merciful Proclamation of _____ in God's Kingdom.

This minibook in Psalms 90-106 opens with the only psalm attributed to Moses (Psalm 90), a prayer for mercy after the people's rebellion. It then powerfully declares that the LORD reigns as the true King of the world.

Book Five: Psalms 107-150 – The Mighty Savior King Who Will Defeat All _____.

The final book emphasizes that God hears the cries of His people and will one day send the Messianic King to defeat all evil and establish His Kingdom fully as foretold throughout His word.

E. The Heartbeat of the Psalms: _____.

Poems of Lament: These Psalms speak to the **pain, confusion, and anger** caused by a broken world and human sin.

Poems of Praise: In contrast, these Psalms highlight **what is good in the world** and joyfully recount God's benevolent actions in our lives.

II. Now, let's turn attention to Psalm 96!

A. Sing unto & Bless the LORD. ***Ps 96:1***

- 1. We sing about, and declare and honor those we love.
 - a. Make melody in your heart. ***Eph 5:19; Col 3:16***
- 2. _____ His name.
 - a. Do you bless His name? Don't just say "God bless you", bless the Holy Name of the LORD!
 - 1) Bless Him for His blessings to you! ***Deut 8:10***
 - 2) Bless His name when you worship Him in church, at home, and praise His name throughout your day! ***1Ch 29:20***
 - 3) Bless The LORD when He guides and teaches you from His word and by His Spirit! ***Ps 16:7***
 - 4) Bless the LORD with your soul, with all that is within you! ***Ps 103:1-2 & 22***

1. Blessing His Name!
2. Declaring His Glory & shewing His salvation every day!
3. Giving Him Glory due His Name!
4. Truly be worshipping Him with our whole hearts and lives!
5. Getting ready for His soon return for those who have received Him as Savior and Lord!