

1. The Psalms present an inward journey of _____ and _____ that prepares Christians for the coming of _____ more than any other part of the Old Testament.
2. The word *psalms* is derived from the name of a _____ instrument called a “_____.” The book of Psalms actually refers to “_____.” The overall literary style of the psalms is _____.
3. What are the two types of *parallelism* found in the psalms?
4. Those who have studied the Psalms suggest that originally there were _____ “books” of the Psalms.
5. Explain the evidence which suggests that originally there were five “books” of the Psalms.
6. Traditionally it was thought that _____ was the author of the first seventy-two psalms. The historical books mention that he played a _____ instrument in the court of _____.
7. Almost _____ of the entire book of Psalms are believed to come from the period of the second _____ although the exact dates for most psalms are hard to determine. Psalm 137 is easy to date because it mentions the _____, so it can be no older than 587 B.C.
8. Psalm 29 is thought to be the _____ psalm because its poetry is similar in style to _____ poetry of an earlier era. Psalms 65 and 68 cannot have come from _____ because they are about the _____ which was built by his son, Solomon.
9. Explain the four main categories of psalms.
10. How were the psalms used? Some were used for _____ in the Temple, others were used for _____ festivals. It is presumed that _____ sang some of them, although the historical psalms may have been used by students to recall the history of _____.
11. Some psalms seem to have been used to appeal to God for _____ in settling a conflict. A dispute might be over money, _____, business, or _____.
12. The appeal of the psalms is that they help modern readers to “_____” of the Israelites despite the _____ of time and culture. They also aid _____ people of all generations in the most _____ of pain, praise, joy, and sorrow of the ancient Hebrews. Jesus himself turned for comfort to Psalm 22 at the moment of his _____.