

# Special Issues in the Psalms

## Selected Scriptures

### I. The History of the Psalms

#### A. The Psalms are a collection.

1. Their number increased over time. *Ps 72:20; 86:1*
2. Their nature requires a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Psalms matters. *Ps 41, 72, 89, 106, 150*
  - b. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Psalms matters. *Ps 146-150*

#### B. The Psalms were written over the course of a millennium. *Ps 90, 137*

### II. Authorship in the Psalms

#### A. Some claim “Of David” should be understood as “\_\_\_\_\_ David,” “To David,” “\_\_\_\_\_ David,” or “Belonging to David.”

1. As in: “\_\_\_\_\_ the Choirmaster.”
2. As in “\_\_\_\_\_ the Sons of Korah.”

#### B. Others understand “Of David” to mean “\_\_\_\_\_ David.” *Isa 38:9; 2Sam 22:1; Ps 18:1; Hab 3:1; Luke 20:41-44; Ps 110:1; Rom 4:6-8*

### III. Titles in the Psalms

#### A. Psalm titles are \_\_\_\_\_.

1. They are included in all our best Hebrew manuscripts.
2. They are referenced in the New Testament. *Acts 2:25-29, 34; 13:35-36*
3. They are not unique to the Psalms. *Num 24:3-4; 2Sam 23:1; Prov 1:1; 10:1; Ecc 1:1; Song 1:1; Isa 1:1; 2:1; Ezek 19:14; Dan 4:1; Hos 1:1, etc.*
4. They are not unique to the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### B. Psalm titles are often misunderstood.

1. They have been divided \_\_\_\_\_. *Hab 3:1, 19*
2. They have largely remained a \_\_\_\_\_. *Ps 6:1; 7:1; 8:1, etc.*

### IV. *Selah* in the Psalms

#### A. *Selah* is usually at the \_\_\_\_\_ of a sentence. *Ps 3:2, 4; 4:2, 4, etc.*

#### B. *Selah* can be at the end of a clause or the entire \_\_\_\_\_. *Ps 3:8; 57:3*

#### C. *Selah* is found outside of the Psalms. *Hab 3:3, 9, 13*

#### D. *Selah* probably means: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

