

Book 2 (Psalms 42-72)

1. If Book 1 (Ps. 1-41) is primarily Davidic in authorship. Book 2 (Ps. 42-72) is taken from various sources:

- For the sons of Korah (42-49)
- Asaph (50)
- David (51-65; 68-70)
- Solomon (72)
- Four “Untitled” (43, 66, 67, 71)

2. Book 2 is all about Israel as a nation. It’s ruin, Redeemer, and restoration. This would easily correspond with Exodus (the Book of Redemption, Book 2 of Moses’ Pentateuch).

Psalm 42

1 To the chief Musician, Maschil, for the sons of Korah. As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. 2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? 3 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God? 4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar. 7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

8 Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? 10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?

11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Outline:

- A. Lament (42:1-4)
- B. Hope (42:5)
- A. Lament (42:6-7)
- B. Hope (42:8)
- A. Lament (42:9-10)
- B. Hope (42:11)

Observations:

1. “To the chief Musician” – given to Asaph or Ethan or Heman. (1 Chr. 15:17)
2. Given by David (?) – we prefer David. (Single writer – very personal vs. group)
3. “Maschil” – poetic title meaning “understanding” or “teaching.” A skillful Psalm for public instruction.
4. “the sons of Korah” – in the time of their captivity to Babylon.
5. The Psalmist desires to be in the house of God again (vv.1-4)
6. He encourages his soul to a firm hope and confidence in God (v.5-9)
7. “disquieted” – to be in great tumult or commotion. (v.5, 11)
8. (v.6) – the land of Jordan (east); the Hermonites (north); hill of Mizar (south) – no matter where David goes he will remember God.
9. His enemies reproach him (v.10)
10. His faith is in God (v.11).

Psalm 43

43:1 Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man. 2 For thou art the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? 3 O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles. 4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.



5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Outline:

- A. Lament (43:1-4)
- B. Hope (43:5)

Observations:

1. Untitled – but we believe it is connected to Psalm 42 and therefore it is Davidic.
2. (v.5) pairs with the previous verses: Ps. 42:5, 11.
3. David questioned God (42:2b; 42:9; 43:2)
4. David questioned himself (42:5; 42:11; 43:5)
5. David enemies questioned him (42:3, 42:10)
6. David prayed against his enemies (Ps. 43:1)
7. David prayed for a restoration (Ps. 43:2,3)
8. David resolved to serve God with joy (Ps. 43:4)
9. David encouraged his soul (total person) to trust in God (Ps. 43:5).

Lesson: (for both Psalm 42 & 43) - Hoping (or expecting) in the LORD's salvation (or deliverance). Hope in GOD (42:5, 11; 43:5).