

The “Songs of Ascents”

Psalms 120-134

“Going Up”

Ceremonial Background

Deut. 12:5-7

Deut. 16:1-17

Deut. 16:1-17	Festival	Time of Year	First Fruits
*1-8	Passover (unleavened bread)	Abib = March-April	Barley
*9-12	Pentecost (feast of weeks)	Sivan = May-June	Wheat
*13-15	Booths (ingathering)	Tishri = early October	Olive & Grapes
*16-17	Summary		

The Ordering of these Psalms

Psalms 120-123 - approaching Zion

Psalms 124-133 - reflections while at the Temple

Psalm 134 - leaving / returning home

The “Story” or Symbolism of these Psalms

- life as a journey

The Implicit Anticipation of these Psalms

Their Setting in the Psalter

Echoes in **Zechariah 14**?