

Book 2: Handing over the scepter to Solomon *Psalms 42-72:* Triumph, Rejoicing & Praise

Authorship of Note

42-49 – Sons of Korah (Levites are the OT equivalent of Deacons)

*50 – Asaph

51-71 – David

72 – Solomon

5 Psalms in this book you must know –Psalm 45 (Royal wedding), 46 (Greatness of Jerusalem), 50 (Superiority of the Todah [Eucharist] to the Ola [burnt] offerings), 51 (Penitential) & 72 (Prayer to help the king)

Ps 50 RSV2CE The Acceptable Sacrifice: *The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes, he does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, round about him a mighty tempest. He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!" The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge! (Selah – probably a break in singing and/or musical direction) "Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. I do not reprove you for your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are continually before me. I will accept no bull from your house, nor he-goat from your folds. For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine. "If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world and all that is in it is mine. Do I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats? Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High; and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." But to the wicked God says: "What right have you to recite my statutes, or take my covenant on your lips? For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you. If you see a thief, you are a friend of his; and you keep company with adulterers. "You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit. You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son. These things you have done and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you, and lay the charge before you. "Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear, and there be none to deliver! He who brings thanksgiving as his sacrifice honors me; to him who orders his way aright I will show the salvation of God!"*