

Book 3: Descending into Grief *Psalms 73-89*

Authorship of Note

73-83 – Asaph (Six of them communal laments – 74, 77, 79, 80, 82 & 83)

84-85, 87-88 – Sons of Korah (85 communal lament)

86 – David

89 – Ethan the Ezrahite (communal lament)

5 *Psalms in this book you must know* –Psalm 73 (Consoling), 81 (God’s rebuke for sin), 84 (How lovely is your dwelling place), 88 (Darkness) & 89 (Hesed–Mercy)

Ps 78:67 RSV2CE Joseph Progenitor of the Tribe of Ephraim: *He rejected the tent of Joseph, he did not choose the tribe of Ephraim.*

Ps 84 RSV2CE The Joy of Worship in the Temple: *How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow find a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! Blessed are the men whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Behold our shield, O God; look upon the face of your anointed! For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in you!*