

# PSALMS IN PROPHECY II - DEC1997

## SECOND RECORDING ON PSALMS BY Dr. MARTIN

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These notes, composed from 2013 on, are based on taped lectures given between 1977 and 1997 by Dr. Ernest L. Martin, Ph.D., formerly the Head of Theology for the Worldwide Church of God; he resigned in January 1974 because of his unresolved doctrinal issues with the administration. Sadly Dr. Martin died in January 2002, a great loss to the world and to those who seek Biblical truth.

The five divisions of the Psalms, 1-41, 42-72, 73-89, 90-106, 107-150 were assembled and organized by Ezra in the 5<sup>th</sup> Century B.C.

Principally to be read, sung and performed in the Temple by the 24 courses of priests and Levites, they tell of praise, reflection, joy, punishment and salvation.

They are all prophetic to a greater or lesser degree, and are directed mainly to Israel, but have implications for the world. They are by no means haphazard, but have a clear purpose which reflects God's Harmony, Design, Organisation, and Consistent message.

The five divisions reflect the Holy Day seasons, the Passover, Pentecost, the 10<sup>th</sup> of Ab in the 5<sup>th</sup> month corresponding to August. Trumpets, Tabernacles when Ecclesiastes was read, Purim which was at the end of the year when Esther was read.

The Megilloth was the women's area of the Temple, where Ecclesiastes was one of the five books that were read there which has the theme of Wisdom which is female.

The number 5 is significant in the whole of the Bible. The Law consisted of five books, the Psalms had five divisions, the Gospels and Acts made up the New Covenant Law.

Division I: 1-41 Psalm I was the introduction to the 1<sup>st</sup> division. That left 40, which is a very symbolic number in the whole of the Bible, and is involved with trials, judgment, and experience. Psalm 22, the middle of this group is about punishment, and Psalm 23 is about Salvation.

Psalm 42 is the introduction to the second division leaving 30 more Psalms.

Psalm 72:18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. 19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.

Verse 20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

Psalm 72 ends the Psalms of David who selected the first two divisions. 1<sup>st</sup> division – 40, 2<sup>nd</sup> division 30, 40+30=70 the average lifespan of humankind, and the age at which David died.

The 72 were sung by 24 courses of singers for one and a half years, then repeated for another one and a half years, then a “Sabbath” year making 7 years.

The 1<sup>st</sup> division is connected to Passover, freedom from bondage. The 2<sup>nd</sup> division is connected to Pentecost, Salvation and new beginnings. The 3<sup>rd</sup> division 73-89 related to the 10<sup>th</sup> of Ab in the fifth month relates to destruction, when Lamentations was read. The first Temple of Solomon was destroyed on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Ab by Nebuchanezzar , the Romans under Titus destroyed the second Temple of Herod in 70 A.D. on exactly the same day, the 10<sup>th</sup> of Ab. It emphasizes that God is in charge. Incidentally, Columbus set sail on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Ab as the Jews were expelled from Spain, and it was a Jew who first saw the New World.

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The 4<sup>th</sup> division 90-106 is introduced by the Psalm of Moses, and the theme of the division is the Millennium. Psalm 90 tells of destruction, just before the Millennium then the theme is protection and God reigning.

There are 17 Psalms in the 3<sup>rd</sup> division and 17 Psalms in the 4<sup>th</sup> division. Add up all the numbers in 17 and it comes to 153.

$1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17= 153$

Is the number 153 one of the fingerprints of God? Yes.

John 21:3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. 4 But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. 5 Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. 6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side

of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea. 8 And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits, or three hundred yards) dragging the net with fishes. 9 As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. 10 Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught. 11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: (153) and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken. 12 Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. (Note: Jesus ate food after His resurrection, and God eats food in His Palace in Heaven at His table!)

The Hebrew language has 22 letters, and each letter has a number associated with it, like we can with our alphabet, a=1, b=2 c=3 etc.

The phrase "Sons of God" in Hebrew letters adds up to 153.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Division is 44 Psalms or 2x22 is a recap of the first four divisions.

The books of the Song of Solomon, Ruth, Lamentations on destruction, Ecclesiastes with its theme of Wisdom which is female, and Esther were sung in the Megilloth, or the women's section of the Temple at Purim which was the end of the civil year.

Leviticus II, all the animals mentioned were desert animals. In Deuteronomy 14 all the animals were of a countryside nature.