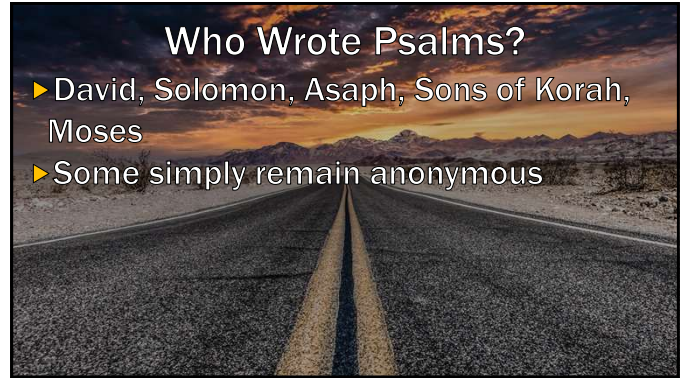
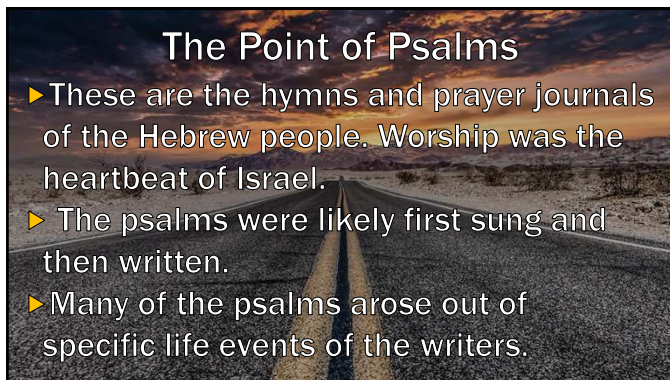




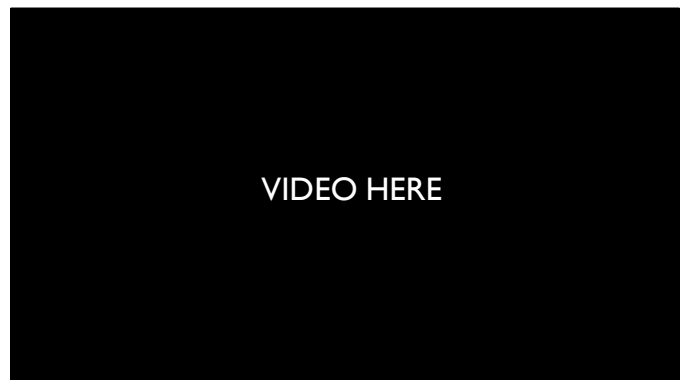
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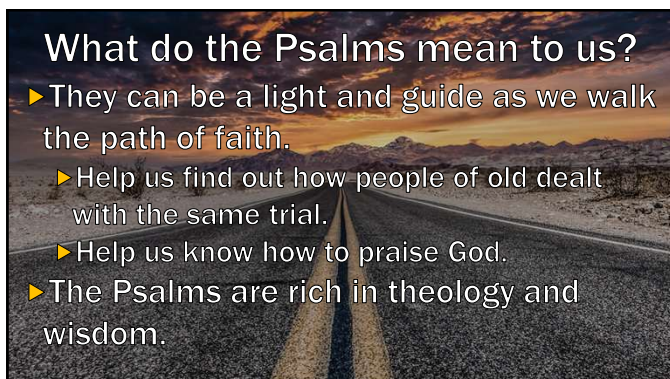
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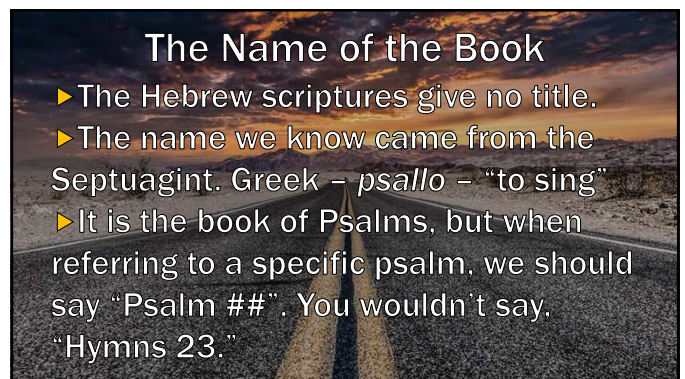
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The Division of the Psalms–5 Books

- ▶ Book 1 (1-41): mostly psalms of David
- ▶ Book 2 (42-72): identified with the Sons of Korah
- ▶ Book 3 (73-89): mostly community laments
- ▶ Book 4 (90-106): YHWH's kingship
- ▶ Book 5 (107-150): largest group

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Types of Psalms

- ▶ Thanksgiving
- ▶ Lament
- ▶ Praise
- ▶ Royal
- ▶ Wisdom
- ▶ Liturgical

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How Do We Read the Psalms?

- ▶ The Psalms are about God first.
- ▶ The Psalms are Hebrew poems, so we read them by asking questions:
 - ▶ What is the overall effect of the psalm?
 - ▶ What is the structure of the psalm?
 - ▶ What are the figures of speech and how do they work?
 - ▶ What are the themes and theology?

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