

Psalms: Songbook of the Faithful

“Books II-IV: Hope of Messiah’s Coming”

Psalms 42, 43, 72, 89, 90, 93-99, 106

Book II opens with two poems united in the hope of God’s close presence, a return to the atmosphere of the Temple. This is the language of anticipation for the messianic Kingdom. This division closes with a description of the future reign of the messianic King over the entire world. Echoes can be found of the prophets—Isaiah 11, 45, 60; Zechariah 9. This is the fulfillment of the promise so long ago made to Abraham—Genesis 12:3, 22:17-18.

(Book II conclusion—Psalm 72:18-19. Book III conclusion—Psalm 89:52. Book IV conclusion—Psalm 106:48.)

1. Yearning for God in Times of Trouble (Psalms 42, 43)

2. King Over All Nations (Psalm 72)