Intro: **Celtic or Gaelic Bards** were of great importance in ancient and historic Irish/Scottish culture. They were musicians/poets. They memorized huge passages of history, legend and genealogy. Because these ancient cultures were of oral tradition, preserving history through story-telling, Bards were hired by Kings or Clan Chieftains to record history, preserve the family honor, and tell of their great works/battles. Sam Shackleton, modern Scottish Highland Bard. Old songs to music. Studies and tells history of Bards. Memorize history and could retell it for hours at a time in one sitting. Like the "Google" of their day. Tell me about the battle of "interlake". "Well, I'll sing it to ye." Legend goes, Bard watching his clan struggle in battle made his way to join in, but chieftain said You must stay alive to tell our story of courage/bravery.

Thesis: "Psalms were written & recorded to help us remember God's Story and to Praise Him."

I. Abe (1-15)

- A. Jesus is the LORD and Fulfillment of His covenant Promises.
- B. Jesus is the Promised Offspring of Abraham.
- C. Jesus will take us home to the promised land though we are sojourners.
- D. Jesus was a stranger and sojourner on earth. Homeless. He understands us.
- E. Jesus has chosen and saved us as His people, though we are nothing in ourselves.
- F. Jesus will protect us and keep us to the end.

II. Joe (16-23)

- A. Jesus ordains/allows suffering, like the famine. "Summoned". Leads to deliverance of His people.
- B. Jesus was sent ahead of his people as slave to suffer. To "die and rise" to the throne.
- C. Jesus delivers his people and provides a home for them. Though not an eternal home.
- D. Jesus Christ is LORD of God's House. He's the King. Right hand of the Father.
- E. Jesus Suffered according to God's definite plan. Even though what they intended was evil.

III. Moe (24-45)

- A. Jesus is the God above all gods.
- B. Jesus is the Redeemer of His people.
- C. Jesus is the Leader of His people. He guides our steps. Light for our paths.
- D. Jesus is THE WAY out of slavery.
- E. Jesus is the Savior of His people from our enemies.
- F. Jesus is the Provider for us in abundant and gracious ways. Ways we don't deserve or earn.

APPLICATION:

1. Jesus is Greater. He's the Greater Abraham, the Greater Joseph and the Greater Moses.

ILLUSTRATION: Sunday School. "I know the answer is Jesus, but it sounds a whole lot like a squirrel."

2. Jesus is the Answer. He's the fulfillment of every promise. He's the end of every prediction. He's the point of every story. He's the purpose of every plan.

Every promise of God finds its "Yes" and "Amen" in Jesus.

History is His Story. Jesus' Story. He wrote it and He's the Main Character.

We Remember and Retell His Story,

so that we will remember Him and what He's done, and How Great He is.

When we Remember and Retell His Story, We praise Him for who He is and What He's Done.

"Hallelu-jah Psalms"