

THE BOOK OF

# PSALMS

PSALM 2-3



# BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- The Book of Psalms is the hymnbook of Israel.
- Hebrew: Sefer Tehillim ("Book of Praises")
- English Bibles: "Psalms" from Greek, psalmoi ("songs sung to the harp")
- 150 Chapters
  - David (73)
  - Asaph (12)
  - Sons of Korah (10)
  - Solomon (2)
  - Heman (1)
  - Ethan (1)
  - Moses (1)
  - Anonymous (50)



# BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Key word: *hallelujah* "praise the Lord"
- Book of Psalms deals with a variety of human emotions.

"For every sigh, there's a psalm."



## Psalm 2

- Focuses on the ungodly who are rebellious and deviant against God reigning and ruling over them.
  - COMPARE/CONTRAST:
    - Psalm 1—**delight** in the law / Psalm 2—**defy** God's law
    - Psalm 1—**begins** with a beatitude / Psalm 2—**ends** with a beatitude
    - Psalm 1—never quoted in NT / Psalm quoted or alluded to at least **18 times** in NT
- Messianic Psalm (Ps. 8, 16, 22, 23, 40, 41, 45, 68, 69, 102, 110, 118)
  - Verse 2 "Anointed..." (meshaiah)=Christ / Messiah
- Author: King David (Acts 4:25)



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- The Voice of the Nations—Defiance (v. 1-3)
- The Voice of the Father—Derision (v. 4-6)
- The Voice of the Son—Declaration (v. 7-9)
- The Voice of the Spirit—Directive (v. 10-12)



# Psalm 3

A psalm of David when he fled from Absalom his son  
(2 Sam. 15-18)

- David's Prayer (v. 1-2)

"Selah" (71x's) = stop and consider



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- David's Praise (v. 3-4)
- David's Peace (v. 5-8)



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