

## 2. The Antiquity of Psalm Titles.

-Will consider Psalm titles outside the Psalter.

### a. Psalm titles were used in the 2nd century BC.

-Are only 2 orphan Psalms in the LXX.

-There are 32 Psalm titles in the Septuagint (LXX) which do NOT appear in the Hebrew text. The LXX translation of the Book of Psalms was made in the 2nd century BC. Therefore, Psalm titles were used at this time.

of. Psalms 10, 33, 43, 71, 91, 93-97, 99, 104-107, 111-119, 135-137, 146-150 in the LXX have titles.

### b. Psalm titles were used in the 7th century BC.

-There is a Psalm title in Habakkuk 3:1, 19b. The Book of Habakkuk was written in the 7th century BC. Therefore, Psalm titles were used at this time.

-The title in Hab. 3:1 uses the terms "prayer" and "shiggionoth" (BDB: "A wild, passionate song").

-"Prayer" is seen in 5 Psalm titles; "shiggion" occurs in the singular in Psa. 7; Lamedh of authorship.

-In Hab. 3, see some of the title at the end.

-All titles are at the beginning in Psalms.

### c. Psalm titles were used in the 8th century BC.

-There is a Psalm title in Isaiah 38:9, 20b. The Book of Isaiah was written in the 8th century BC. Therefore, Psalm titles were used at this time.

- "A writing" in Isa. 38:9 is unique title.

-See authorship ("of Hezekiah") and circumstances of writing (illness).

-v. 20b is not as clear an ending as Hab. 3:19b.

### d. Psalm titles were used in the 10th century BC at David's time.

-Again are looking for evidence of titles outside the Psalter:

1) 2 Samuel 22:1, 2a gives the title of Psalm 18.

2) 2 Samuel 23:1-7 (omit the phrase: "Now these are the last words of David.")

-The rest of v.1 is a Psalm title in the 3rd person.