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PSALMS 001-01 THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

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PSALMS 1:1-2

MISUNDERSTANDING THE PSALMS: IMPROPER HERMENEUTICS

- MUCH OF THE TODAY'S MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT PSALMS ARISES BECAUSE OF THE ERROR OF REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY: CHURCH REPLACED ISRAEL AS GOD'S FAVORED PEOPLE
 - PSALMS ARE NOT ABOUT MAN'S IMPECCATORY CRYING TO GOD FOR REVENGE – CONTRADICTS SCRIPTURE: LOVE ONE'S ENEMIES; VENGEANCE IS GOD'S {CHRIST'S} ALONE (DE 32:35; MT 5:43-45; RO 12:19; HE 10:30)
 - MANY PSALMS DESCRIBE INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FATHER {GOD} AND SON {JESUS}
- PSALMS SPAN APPROXIMATELY 1,000 YEARS FROM MOSES TO EZRA
 - SOME PSALMISTS ARE KNOWN: DAVID; ASAPH; ETC. BUT MANY PSALMISTS ARE UNKNOWN
 - THIS PSALM WRITTEN BETWEEN PERIOD BOUNDED BY SOLOMON TO EZRA

MISUNDERSTANDING THE PSALMS: IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU

- PSALMS PRIMARILY DEAL WITH PROPER WORSHIP IN MUSIC: ALWAYS ABOUT GOD
- C. H. MACINTOSH'S, *PENTATEUCH*, GIVES MEANING OF *ASCENDING OFFERING*: FATHER-SON
 - MAN PASSIVE IN THIS PROCESS; A BYSTANDER NOT COMPREHENDING TRUE COST OF SIN TO GOD
 - PSALMS GIVES US SOME INSIGHT INTO THE OF COST OF SACRIFICE TO GOD AND SON {CHRIST}
 - GIVES US HOPE SINCE SAVED ARE ONE WITH FATHER THROUGH THE SON: WE HAVE ACCESS (JN 17; EP 3:11-22)
- PSALMS ARRANGED INTO A PSALTER BUT NOT IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER
 - PSALM 001 – CHOICE OF INDIVIDUAL ROADS {HADEREK}: SAVED OR SINNER
 - MIRRORS PROVERBS OPENING CHAPTERS: ENTICEMENT TO COMPARE; MEDITATE; CHOOSE WISELY

Book	Pentateuch Parallel	Holy Day Jewish Celebration Parallel	The Megilloth Parallels (Festival Scroll)
Book 1 (chapters 1-41)	Genesis –concerning man	Passover	Song of Solomon
Book 2 (chapters 42-72)	Exodus – concerning Israel	Pentecost	Ruth
Book 3 (chapters 73-89)	Leviticus – concerning the sanctuary	Day of Ab and Trumpets	Lamentations
Book 4 (chapters 90-106)	Numbers – concerning Israel and the nations	Feast of Tabernacles	Ecclesiastes
Book 5 (chapters 107-150)	Deuteronomy – concerning God and His Word	Purim	Esther

HISTORIC PSALTER DIVISIONS

THE ROAD OF SIN OR SALVATION

- ANCIENT RELIGIONS VIEWED MAN'S LIFE AS A ROAD, PATH, THROUGH LIFE COMPOSED OF TWO BRANCHES LEADING TO ONE'S FATE, END (RO 9:10-16; EP 1:3-14)
 - GOD REASONS WITH MAN MADE IN HIS IMAGE THOUGH ACTING LIKE AN ANIMAL (IS 1:18; PS 73:2.1-22)
 - ALL BORN IN SIN AND DESTINED TO HELL (GE 3:1-7; PS 51:5; RO 3:10-23; 6:23; RE 20:11-15)
 - GOD TAKES NO PLEASURE IN DEATH OF THE WICKED (EZ 18:32; 33:11)
 - THERE IS ONLY ONE PATH TO SALVATION: CHRIST'S SACRIFICE FOR YOUR SIN (AC 4:12; HE 1:1-4; 2:14-18)
- THERE IS NO SENTENCE OF DEATH {LAKE OF FIRE} EXCEPT BY 2-3 WITNESSES (DE 17:6; HE 10:28-31)
 - LAW; PROPHETS; AND WRITINGS {PSALMS}: WARN THAT CHRIST AS THE **ONLY** ROAD TO AVOID SIN'S JUDGMENT {SECOND DEATH} (MT 5:17; 22:34-40; LK 24:44; JN 1:45-51; RE 2:10-11; 20:14-15; 2.1:5-8)

THREE CONDITIONS OF THE ROAD

- EACH ROAD HAS THREE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - WALKS GUIDED BY COUNSEL – ONE'S WORLDVIEW: LOST OR GOD {NEW COVENANT} (RO 1:18-28)
 - STANDS IN THE ROAD – ONLY TWO PATHS: WIDE {SIN} OR NARROW {SAVED} (MT 7:13-14; JN 10:1-5; 14:6)
 - SITS IN THE SEAT – FIGURES OF AUTHORITY SIT; WHEN FOOLS REIGN, REASON IS UPSIDE DOWN {EVIL IS GOOD; GOOD IS EVIL} {UNJUST WEIGHTS CONCEPT} (PR 28:12; 29:2; JN 19:13-16)
- SINNER'S HIGHWAY DIFFERENT FROM CHRIST'S PATH (PR 1:22-32)
 - WICKED COUNSEL TOGETHER TO CONSUME THE SAVED (PR 1:10-19; RO 1:32))
 - CHARACTERIZED BY SATAN'S DELUSION {LIES-VIOLENCE-DEGRADATION} (JN 8:44; RO 1:18-28; 2TH 2:3-12)
 - SCOFFING {SARCASM} BELITTLES BELIEVERS ELEVATING SELF {ILLUSION} (PR 1:22-23; HE 1:13; 10:12-18; 2PE 3:3-12)

TWO CHARACTERISTICS OF ONE'S ROAD MAP

- EACH PERSON GUIDED BY TWO FUNDAMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS
 - DELIGHT – INTRINSIC *HAPPINESS* REINFORCED BY LIVING CONGRUENT WITH GOD'S IMAGE (RO 1:18-28)
 - MEDITATE – SEEKING CONGRUENCY BETWEEN ONE'S LIFE AND GOD'S NATURE: GUILT (GE 3:7-11)
- ONLY THE RIGHTEOUS PERSON:
 - DELIGHTS IN PEACE WITH GOD, *NEW NATURE OF NEW COVENANT* AND MATURED BY CHOOSING GOOD OVER SIN: MATURATION IN CHRIST (JE 31:31-34; JOEL 2:28-29; 1CO 2:14-16; 2CO 5:17; EP 3:16-17; HE 5:11-14)
 - MEDITATES IN GOD'S WORD AS THE ONLY SOURCE OF **ABSOLUTE** TRUTH FORMING THE TEMPLATE FOR ALL DATA, LIFE EXPERIENCES (AC 20:27; RO 5:1-11; 2TI 2:15; 3:16-17)
- LOST PERSON FINDS ONLY INCONGRUENCE WHICH IS FEAR, EXPRESSED AS GUILT (1TI 4:1-2; 1JO 4:16-20)

DUALITY: ROADS CLEARLY CONTRASTED

- DUALITY CLEARLY CONTRASTS DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE ROADS:
 - LOST SEEK COUNSEL FROM THE LOST WHICH *APPEARS* MULTI-FACETED BUT HAS ONE FUNDAMENTAL CHARACTERISTIC: REJECTION OF CHRIST TO EMBRACE GOODNESS OF MAN
 - LOST CHOOSE SINNER'S ROAD WHICH IS MATERIALISTIC, EVOLUTIONARY AND EMPIRICAL SEEKING BETTERMENT OF SELF; I.E., AVOIDANCE OF JUDGMENT BY WORKS {TRANS TO POST HUMANISM}
 - LOST AUTHORITY SUPPRESSES GOD'S TRUTH, ELIMINATES BELIEVERS, SEEKING ESCAPEMENT OF SIN'S JUDGMENT THROUGH USE OF LOGICAL FALLACIES AS SIN IS INCOHERENT: REQUIRES GREATER FAITH
- CHARACTERISTIC OF SINNER'S ROAD
 - NO PEACE – SEEKS PEACE BUT NEVER FINDS IT: *SPIRIT'S GIFT* (IS 59:7-8; RO 3:10-18; 5:6-11; GA 5:17-24; 2TH 3:16)

ALL ARE ON THE ROAD OF ACCOUNTABILITY (JE 21:8)

- CHRIST IS THE WAY, THE ROAD (JN 14:6)
 - EVERYONE STARTS ON THE WIDE, BROAD SINNER'S HIGHWAY (MT 4:14-16)
 - JESUS PUTS THE SAVED ON HIS PATH; CHRISTIANS WERE FIRST KNOWN AS PEOPLE OF *THE WAY* (AC 22:3-8)
 - PERSECUTION OF CHRIST'S BELIEVERS IS PERSECUTION OF CHRIST WHO IDENTIFIES WITH THEM
- DO NOT BLASPHEME CHRIST'S NAME BY DOING WRONG AS THE JEWS (RO 2:24; 1PE 4:12-19)
 - CHRISTIANS WILL SUFFER BECAUSE THE WORLD HATES CHRIST
 - BE CAREFUL NOT TO DO EVIL, WILLFULLY SIN, WHICH BLASPHEMES CHRIST'S NAME TO THE LOSS
 - CHRIST WILL JUDGE THE SAVED: SALVATION IS NOT A *GET OUT OF JAIL FREE CARD* (2CO 5:10)

SATAN'S DELUSION: ROAD LESS TRAVELED

- ROBERT FROST'S PSALM, *THE ROAD NOT TAKEN*, IS THE DILEMMA OF MAN'S DELUSION OF CHOICE {FROM SIN}
 - SPEAKS OF A TRAVELER CHOOSING TO TAKE A ROAD BECAUSE IT WAS NOT AS TRAVELED GIVING THE IMPRESSION OF BEING DIFFERENT, AN ICONOCLAST, THAT IRREVOCABLY CHANGED HIM
- STORY BEHIND THE PSALM
 - FROST AND FRIEND WERE ACCOSTED BY A FARMER WHILE WALKING IN AN ENGLISH WOOD
 - FROST STOOD HIS GROUND BUT HIS FRIEND BACKED DOWN AND WAS ASHAMED
 - FRIEND JOINED ARMY AND DIED IN WWI WHILE FROST ESCHEWED THE WAR
 - BOTH MEN APPARENTLY DIED IN SIN: NEITHER CHOSE THE *PATH OF CHRIST*

SATAN'S DELUSION: ROAD GOES EVER ONWARD

- J. R. R. TOLKIEN, *ROADS GO EVER ON*, SPEAKS TO THE ROAD EACH PERSON TRAVELS: LIFE
 - IN THIS SENSE HE IS THE SAME AS ROBERT FROST AND THE PSALMIST
- TOLKIEN DRESSES HIS ROAD IN GNOSTIC PAGANISM BESPEAKING OF GRAND ADVENTURES
 - TOLKIEN FOUGHT IN IN THE TRENCHES OF WWI
 - HE UNDERSTOOD THAT EACH DECISION BROUGHT HIM ALONG THE PATH TO HIS PRESENT STATE
 - THE ROAD, LIFE, GOES ON AND EACH TRAVELS ALONG THE ROAD UNTIL THEIR END COMES
 - TOLKIEN ENVISIONED DEATH AS A LIGHTED INN AND AFTERLIFE AS NEW ADVENTURES IN MYSTICISM
- FOR TOLKIEN THERE IS ONLY DEATH & ADVENTURE WHICH IS PURPOSELESS WITHOUT CHRIST

CHRIST'S ROAD OF PEACE{ISH}

- ROAD OF CHRIST IS NOT PAVED WITH GOOD INTENTIONS BUT WITH HIS BLOOD BY WHICH **HE** PURCHASED YOUR SALVATION
 - CHRIST CARRIES YOU WHILE THE LOST SEEK YOUR DESTRUCTION (MT 5:10-12; 10:34-38; 11:28-30)
 - SCOFFERS SHAME YOU FOR BEING SAVED (HE 13:12-13)
 - ONE CHOSE SIN'S ROAD {FROST-TOLKIEN}; ONE CHOSEN FOR CHRIST'S ROAD (LK 23:39-43)
- WHICH ARE YOU? RESTLESS OR AT PEACE?
 - CHRIST IS ROAD LESS TRAVELED WHOSE END IS PEACE

