## **Aramaic Bible Companion**

## A TOPICAL ANALYSIS OF PSALMS BOOK 1 PSALMS 1-41

When on thinks in the abstract about the contents of Psalms 1-40 one's mind is probably next door to a tabula rasa. I imagine it may be a very real help to some to have a general guide to the song themes of these psalms. For the speaker who expounds the psalms and the reader who approaches the more detailed study afforded in the commentary a general birds eye view is a good place to start.

## **THEMES**

- 1 Facilitators of Happiness
- 2 Nations in conflict with God
- 3 God's help & how to access it
- 4 We all need space –time out
- 5 Organise a Tryst with God
- 6 Weak and weary-but praying
- 7 Righteous and honourable
- 8 The excellence of Christ
- 9 The sharp razor of judgment
- 10 God sees everything
- 11 Tried & tested but steadfast
- 12 Cruel words & pure words
- 13 How long?
- 14 God looks down & comes
- down but fools know it not
- 15 Walk speak look & give as a
- righteous person
- 16 Prophecy of Christ's
- resurrection
- 17 Kept as the apple of God's
- eye-satisfied in resurrection life
- 18 Faith under stress
- 19 God and man contrasted
- 20 Jacob's God for your troubles
- 21 The father heart of God

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- 22 The Shepherd dies
- 23 The Shepherd leads
- 24 The Shepherd returns
- 25 Lift up your hearts-
- encouragement
- 26 Integrity
- 27 A keen desire for worship
- 28 Prayer and guidance
- 29 The voice of God
- 30 Sorrow turns to joy
- 31 Broken but in God's hands
- 32 Forgiven-hidden in God
- 33 Nor army nor horse but
- Almighty God is our help
- 34 Pursuit of God-O taste and see
- 35 Don't pay back-call God in
- 36 Facets of love's jewel
- 37 Hurt & Anger v. Trust &
- Prayer
- 38 The Burden of Sin
- 39 Life is a handbreadth-a
- breathe
- 40 Singing and delighting in the
- will of God
- 41 Feed the poor and watch God
- care for you.