

# The “Songs of Ascents”

## Psalms 120-134

“Going Up”

### Ceremonial Background

Deut. 12:5-7

Deut. 16:1-17

Deut. 16:1-17	Festival	Time of Year	First Fruits
*1-8	Passover (unleavened bread)	Abib = March-April	Barley
*9-12	Pentecost (feast of weeks)	Sivan = May-June	Wheat
*13-15	Booths (ingathering)	Tishri = early October	Olive & Grapes
*16-17	Summary		

### The Ordering of these Psalms

**Psalms 120-123** - approaching Zion

**Psalms 124-133** - reflections while at the Temple

**Psalm 134** - leaving / returning home

### The “Story” or Symbolism of these Psalms

- life as a journey

### The Implicit Anticipation of these Psalms

Their Setting in the Psalter

Echoes in **Zechariah 14**?