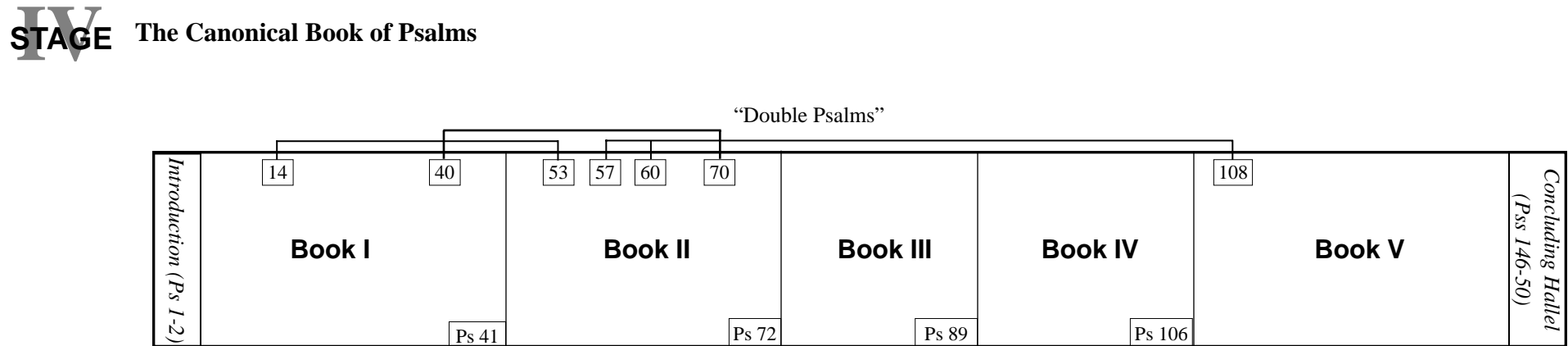
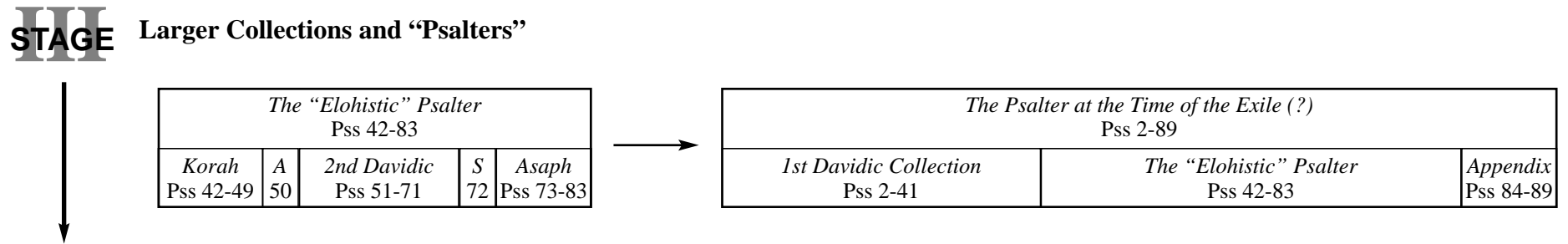
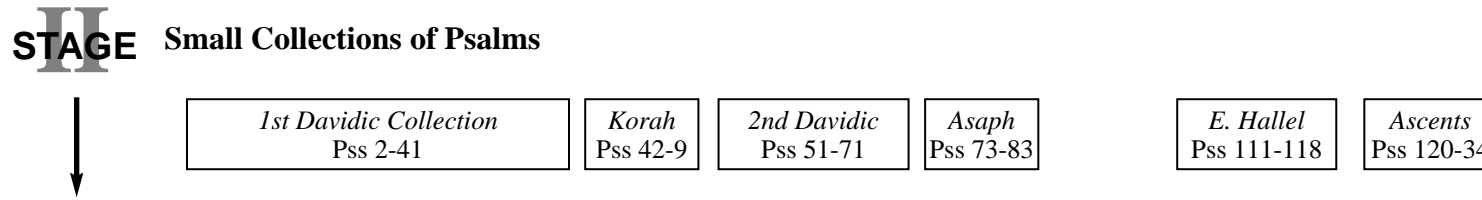
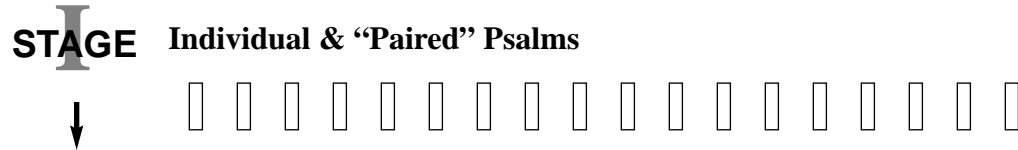


The Compilation of the Book of Psalms†



The one explicit mark of editorial activity in the Psalter is Ps 72:20, “finished are the prayers of David the son of Jesse.”

Doxologies mark off the Psalter into five “books.” “As Moses gave five books of law to Israel, so David gave five books of Psalms to Israel” (The Midrash on the Psalms)

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