PASSAGE TO WISDOM:

PSALM 90, MOSES, AND RECURSIONS IN READING

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moses Psalm 90 is traditionally attributed to Moses. However a brief examination of the text shows how improbable that is. If Moses was a real, historical person and if the Book of Exodus is based on history, Moses lived to 120 years and his brother, father and grandfather lived to similar great ages. Yet Psalm 90, verse 10 says that we live to 70 years and perhaps by reason of strength to 80 years. The anonymous author of Psalm 90 was aware that, at least in ancient times, no one lived more than 100 years. In fact, scholars say that the Psalms were written over a period of more than 200 years during and after the Babylonian Exile, although some of them are based on pre-exilic oral traditions. Psalm 90. (These are) words that Moses prayed. (He was) a servant of God. v1 *Lord, you have always been (as) a home for us. v2 You were God before the mountains were born. (You were God) before you were as a mother to the earth and the world. You always were and you always will (be God). v3 You make people go back to (being) powder in the ground (when they die). These are "words that Moses prayed". That does not mean that Moses wrote the psalm. Some Bible students think that he did. Other students think that later writers used words and ideas from "the Books of Moses"
These are the first 5 books of the Bible. This psalm makes Bible students think of Genesis 3 and Deuteronomy 32. The psalm uses "words that Moses" said, from these books. The psalm is in 4 parts.