

Asaph -

"Song of degrees" -
(called "steps")
(called Pilgrim Psalms)

Notes on the PSALMS

Ps. 119

22 sections
22 letters
Each section 8 verses.

"The Chief Musician"
(Supt or conductor)
(Choir-master)
(From the " " 's collection)

The LXX renders the Heb word
as "to the end" -

"Upon Alamoth" - # 46

"Al" = "upon" or sometimes
it is rendered "for" -

"Alamoth" = "maidens" -
"Song for maidens"
(for soprano voices) -

LXX seems to render it (using
another Heb. word) a psalm
concerning "secret things" -

"Upon Gittith" - # 8, 81, 88 -

"Upon Gittith" - musical direction
(a musical instrument David
came to know among the Gittites)
Heb word could mean "wine-press"

"Maschil" (13 Psalms) 32 42 44
45 52-55
74 78 88 89

to describe nature + subject matter
verb could be stem that means a
"meditation" or it might come
from another stem meaning
"to instruct" - "instruction" -
might be rendered "a skillful Psalm"
"artistic production" -

"Michtam" (Six Psalms) - Ps 16

"a golden Psalm"

artistic in form & choice in content

Selah - 70 times

a liturgical or musical note

Heb. imv of "salal" = "lift up" -

"lift up the voices in praise"

or similar to "forte" - "loud".

or fr. Heb word "salah" - "to rest" or "be quiet"
a rest or pause in the music -