

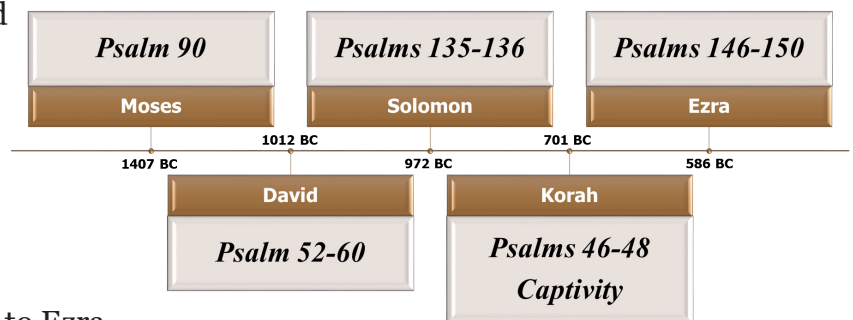
THE Psalms

I. What Is the Book of Psalms?

Collection of Hebrew lyrical poems written as prayers and songs of lament, praise or worship speaking the LORD about His creation, kingdom and people.

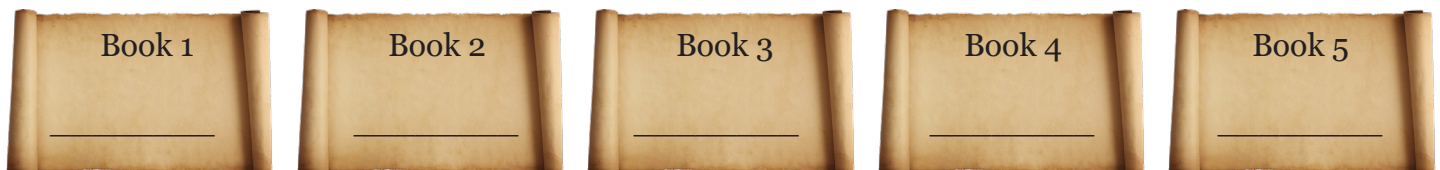
II. Who Wrote Psalms?

- 73 Psalms (almost half) from David
- 12 were by Asap
- 10 were by the sons of Korah
- 2 by Solomon (2 & 127)
- 1 by Moses (90)
- 1 by Herman
- 1 by Ethan
- 50 are anonymous
- Some of the anonymous attributed to Ezra



III. Organization of the Psalms

The Book of Psalms is actually five books (scrolls):



IV. Types of Psalms

- Hymns: Many are hymns or songs of praise (Psalms 8; 18; 30)
- _____ Psalms: Songs that express sadness to God or complaints against God's enemies (Psalm 3). Negative! However, they note God responding in love or power (Psalm 44:23-24).
- _____ (Kingship) Psalms: Psalms 2; 21; 18
- _____ Psalms: Individual (Psalms 30, 32, and 34) and Community (Psalms 67 and 124). One of the best-known thanksgiving psalms is Psalm 100.
- _____ Psalms: Psalms 1, 37, and 49 focus on the theme of wisdom, speaking of the fear of the Lord or offering words of wisdom.
- . . . Messianic (110); Penitential (32, 38, 51); Jesus' suffering (18, 22, 31, 35, 41, 69); Imprecatory; calling a curse (58, 109); Declaritive praise, descriptive praise, historical...

V. Psalms Purpose and Focus

- _____ & Glory of the LORD
- _____ with the LORD
- Savior prophecy
- _____ prophecy
- Victorious reign of the LORD

VI. Psalms for You and Me

- Songs and praise even today are in our “song book.” One of the results of being filled with the Spirit or the word of Christ is singing (Ephesians 5:18-19; Colossians 3:16-17).
- “Pray, then in this way” (Matthew 6:9). We should learn how to pray. The Jesus and the Psalms will teach us how. We can bring all our feelings to God—no matter how negative or complaining they may be—and we can rest assured that He will hear and understand. Individual and communal laments (Psalms 69; 88; 44; 74).

VII. Hallelujah!

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Psalm 146:1

“Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!”

Psalm 147:1

“Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant and praise is becoming.”

Psalm 148:1

“Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights!”

Psalm 149:1

“Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, And His praise in the congregation of the godly ones.”

Psalm 150:1-6

“Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty expanse.”

Psalms Quoted by Jesus When...

- He was asked for a sign to show who He is (Ps 78:24, John 6:32-33)
- Jews wanted to stone Him for claiming to be God. (Ps 82:6, John 10:34).
- He called Himself the chief cornerstone (Ps 118:22-23, Matt 21:42, John 2:10, Luke 20:17).
- Countering the Pharisees on several occasions (Ps 8:2, 110:1, Matt 21:16, 22:44, Mark 12:36, 14:62, Luke 20:42-43).
- Foretelling Jerusalem’s destruction (Ps 118:26; Matt 23:39, Luke 13:35).
- Talking about his betrayal (Ps 41:9, John 13:18).
- Telling that He would be hated without cause (Ps 35:19, 69:4, John 15:25).
- Pilate asked if He is the son of God (Ps 110:1, Matt 22:44, Mark 12:36).
- Dying on the cross: (Ps 22:1; Matt 27:46, Mark 15:34).
- Committing his spirit to His Father (Ps 31:5, Luke 23:46).
- Speaking about those who try to work their way into the Kingdom (Ps 6:9, Matt 7:23).
- Speaking of the hate the world has for Him (Ps. 35:19; 69:4, John 15:25)
- Speaking of the sorrow of His soul (Ps 42:5,9-11, 43:5, Matt 26:38, Mark 14:34)
- Speaking of Man’s reward for his works (Ps 62:12, Matt 16:27)
- Speaking of the manna God gave to their forefathers (Ps 78:24, John 6:31)
- Telling about the time they will see Him again (Ps 118:25-26, Matt 23:39)