

# Psalms

66 Books in 52 Weeks

(A Book-by-Book Overview of the Bible)

## Summary & Structure

# PSALMS

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

19

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

150

TYPE

WISDOM/POETRY



## OVERVIEW

Initially written as poetry to be set to music, the Book of Psalms is often considered the first hymnal. All psalms express emotions to or about God. The psalms were collected over 1,000 years by various scribes from 1400 BC to around 450 BC. They are organized somewhat chronologically.



WRITTEN  
1400-450 BC



TIME PERIOD COVERED  
Meant to be timeless



AUTHOR  
Multiple contributors;  
King David wrote 75  
psalms

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## Key Verse

*Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.*

*Psalms 34:8*

## Time Frame & Authorship

Moses wrote Psalm 90

David is credited with at least 73 of the Psalms

Solomon wrote Psalm 72 and 127

Asaph wrote 12 Psalms (50, 73-83)

Heman and Ethan wrote one each 88, 89

Sons of Korah wrote 11 Psalms (42, 44-49, 84-85, 87-88)

Anonymous - 50 of the Psalms are not credited with any author

## Couplet, Stanza, Poem

## Literary Tools

Parallelism (Psalm 78:1; Psalm 1:6)

Alliterations (Job 3:3)

Play of Words (Amos 5:5)

Acrostic (Psalm 119)

Symbolism/Imagery (Psalm 22:17; Psalm 18:3)

Superscriptions (*A psalm of David; Maskil; for flute accompaniment*)

Selah

## Types of Psalms

- Hymns (Psalm 8)
- Lament (Psalm 55)
- Thanksgiving (Psalm 100)
- Imprecatory (Psalm 69:23-28)
- Royal (Psalm 20, 21, 72)
- Pilgrim/Psalms of Ascent (Psalms 120-134)
- Wisdom (Psalm 1)
- Enthronement (Psalm 47, 93, 99)
- Messianic (Psalm 2, 22, 110)

## Structure

The book of Psalms is divided into five collections, each ending with a song of praise.

### Five Doxologies in Psalms

Psalm 41:13; Psalm 72:18-19; Psalm 89:52; Psalm 106:48; Psalm 150

### Pentateuch Approach to Psalms

<b>PSALMS</b>							
	1490 BC: DAYS OF MOSES	Book One 41 Psalms HUMANITY PSALMS 1-41	Book Two 31 Psalms DELIVERANCE PSALMS 42-72	Book Three 17 Psalms SANCTUARY PSALMS 73-89	Book Four 17 Psalms REIGN OF GOD PSALMS 90-106	Book Five 44 Psalms WORD OF GOD PSALMS 107-150	444 BC: DAYS OF EZRA
<b>Analogy</b>		Genesis	Exodus	Leviticus	Numbers	Deuteronomy	
<b>Content</b>		Personal	Devotional	Liturgical, Historical	General	Prophetical, Natural	
<b>Doxology</b>		Psalm 41:13	Psalm 72:18-19	Psalm 89:52	Psalm 106:48	Psalm 150	
<b>Theme</b>	We worship God for who He is and what He has done.						
<b>Key Verse</b>	19:14						
<b>Christ in Psalms</b>	Jesus Christ is anticipated, portrayed, and prophesied in such images as the coming King, the Redeemer, the loving Shepherd, and the righteous Sufferer.						

### 'Virtual Temple' Approach to Psalms ([bibleproject.com](http://bibleproject.com))

Sections 1 & 2 –David & His Royal Family

Section 3—Tragedy Israel's Exile

Sections 4 & 5 –Hope for Messiah/Temple/Kingdom

Messianic Psalms Quoted in the New Testament	
Psalms 2:1-2	Acts 4:25-28
Psalms 2:7	Acts 13:33, Hebrews 1:5, Hebrews 5:5
Psalms 2:9	Revelation 2:26-27, Revelation 12:5, Revelation 19:15
Psalms 8:2	Matthew 21:16
Psalms 8:4-6	1Corinthians 15:25-28, Hebrews 2:5-10
Psalms 16:8-11	Acts 2:25-32, Acts 13:34-37
Psalms 22:1	Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:34
Psalms 22:7-8	Matthew 27:39,43, Luke 23:35
Psalms 22:18	Matthew 27:35, Mark 15:24, Luke 23:34, John 19:23-24
Psalms 22:22	Hebrews 2:11-12
Psalms 40:6-8	Hebrews 10:5-10
Psalms 41:9	John 13:18
Psalms 45:6-7	Hebrews 1:8-9
Psalms 68:18	Ephesians 4:8
Psalms 69:4	John 15:25
Psalms 69:9	John 2:17, Romans 15:3
Psalms 69:21	Matthew 27:34, John 19:28-29
Psalms 69:22-23	Romans 11:9-10
Psalms 69:25	Acts 1:20
Psalms 78:2	Matthew 13:35
Psalms 78:24	John 6:31
Psalms 97:7	Hebrews 1:6
Psalms 102:25-27	Hebrews 1:10-12
Psalms 110:1	Mtt22:44, Mark 12:36, Luke 20:42, Acts 2:34, Hebrews 1:13
Psalms 110:4	Hebrews 5:6, Hebrews 6:20, Heb7:17,21
Psalms 118:6	Hebrews 13:6
Psalms 118:22-23	Matthew 21:42, Mark 12:10-11, Luke 20:17, Acts 4:11, Ephesians2:20, 1Peter 2:7
Psalms 118:26	Matthew 21:9, Matthew 23:39, Mark 11:9, Luke 13:35, Luke 19:38, John 12:13

## Where to Look in the Psalms

When you cannot sleep	Psalms 3 & 4
When you have sinned	Psalms 32 & 51
When you are ill	Psalms 31
When you need God's guidance	Psalms 25
When you are traveling	Psalms 121
When people create problems	Psalms 37
When you are downcast	Psalms 42 & 43
When sinners seem to succeed	Psalms 73
When you are afraid	Psalms 27 & 91
When you 'feel old'	Psalms 102
When you worry about the future	Psalms 34
When you think about death	Psalms 116
When you are in deep waters	Psalms 124 & 130
When problems seem bigger than God	Psalms 139
When you just want to praise Him	Psalms 103