



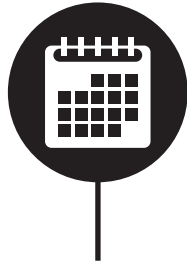
16 | PSALMS

Old Testament | PRAYER & WORSHIP



AUTHOR

Various including David, Solomon, Moses, Asaph, sons of Korah



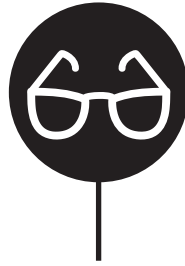
DATE

Around 1000-400BC (except Moses' psalm)



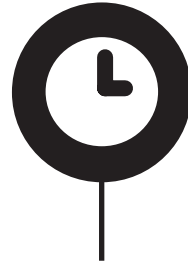
LOCATION

Israel & some in Babylon during exile



READERS

Exiled Jews



LITERATURE

Wisdom & Poetry



LENGTH

150 Chapters
2461 Verses

Psalms Overview

The book of Psalms consists of 150 psalms, filled with prayers, confessions, praises, laments, and more. Written by multiple authors spanning many centuries, these poetic pieces focus on many human emotions and highlight God's consistent, faithful nature in the midst of it all. The Psalms serve as a guide for engaging with God in all seasons, and are to be meditated

on throughout one's life.

Although the book is divided into five parts, the exact reason for this division remains unclear. Some propose that it was done to imitate the five books of the Torah (Genesis - Deuteronomy), while others suggest it was related to the circulation of groups of psalms in Israel.

Themes

- Praise & Worship
- Character of God
- Human Emotions
- Thanksgiving
- Coming Messiah
- The Bible
- Prayer

Key Verses

PSALM 19:1

- Heavens declare God's glory
- Skies proclaim His handiwork

PSALM 23:1

- Lord is my Shepherd
- I shall not want

PSALM 51:10

- Create in me a clean heart
- Renew steadfast spirit in me

PSALM 119:1

- Blessed are the blameless
- Walk in the Lord's Law
- Keep His testimonies
- Seek Him with whole heart

Psalm Types

- Lament
- Praise
- Salvation
- Historic
- Thanksgiving
- And more...
- Royal
- Messianic
- Trust
- Wisdom



Creation



The Fall



The Law



Kings



Exile



Jesus



Holy Spirit



The Return

Structure

Part One: David's Kingdom



Authors: Unknown



Authors: David | Unknown

Part Two: Exile



Authors: Sons of Korah | Asaph | David | Solomon | Unknown



Authors: Asaph | Sons of Korah | Ethan | Heman | David

Part Three: Hope for a Future Kingdom



Authors: Moses | David | Unknown



Authors: David | Solomon | Unknown

A note about the structure of the Book of the Psalms:

It's important to note that although the Psalms are divided into 5 books, it's not clear why that is. Although there are some similarities amongst the psalms in each set of books, you'll notice authors like David popping up everywhere, themes running throughout, and the key message remaining: love God's Word and praise Him, the King.