

DELVING INTO THE PSALMS

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The Psalms: a collection of ancient Hebrew poems, songs and prayers by various writers compiled by the people of Israel some time after their exile in Babylon

Deliberately and cleverly collated into five different yet overlapping sections and themes

Served as a form of temple worship for the temple-less people God



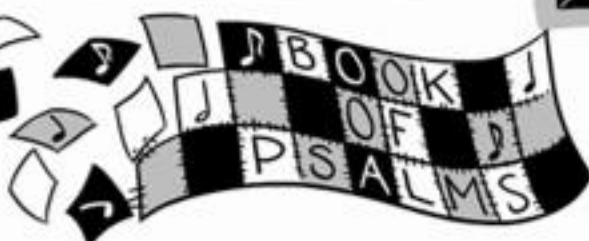
150 Hebrew Poems

DAVID (73) HEMAN & ETHAN (2)
 ASAPH (12) SOLOMON & MOSES (3)
 SONS OF KORAH (11) ANONYMOUS (49)

MANY WRITTEN FOR CHOIR...

...BUT NOT A HYMNBOOK

(SEE 1 CHRONICLES 25
& NEHEMIAH 11: 22-23)



PSALMS

Torah & Messiah

Lament & Praise

Faith & Hope



HOW LONG,
O LORD?

LAMENT

- PRAYERS OF PAIN, CONFUSION, & ANGER
- DRAW ATTENTION TO WHAT'S WRONG IN THE WORLD
- ASK GOD TO DO SOMETHING

PRAISE

- PRAYERS OF JOY & CELEBRATION
- DRAW ATTENTION TO WHAT'S GOOD IN THE WORLD
- RETELL THE STORY & THANK GOD



GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD

LAMENT & PRAISE

BOOK 1

3-41

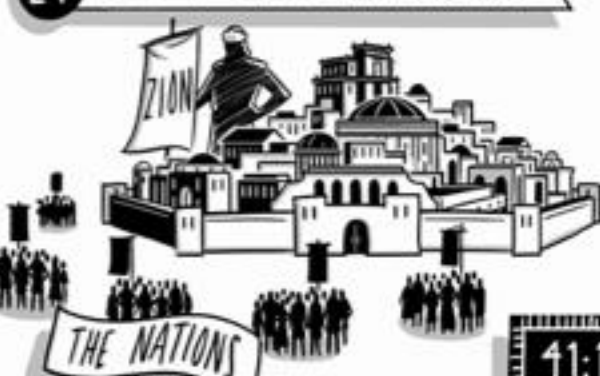
1 BLESSED IS THE ONE
WHO MEDITATES ON THE
TORAH
TEACHING
5 BOOKS OF MOSES
PSALMS = A NEW TORAH
ABOUT PRAYER

15 CALL TO COVENANT FAITHFULNESS
16-18 DAVID'S PAST DELIVERANCE
AND ELEVATION AS KING

PSALM 19
TORAH

20-23 FUTURE KING'S DELIVERANCE
AND KINGDOM OVER THE NATIONS

24 CALL TO COVENANT FAITHFULNESS



THE NATIONS

41:13

BOOK 2

42-72

42-43 HOPE FOR A
FUTURE RETURN
TO THE TEMPLE IN ZION

72 FUTURE
REIGN OF THE
MESSIANIC KING



ECHOES THE PROPHETS:
• ISAIAH 11, 45, & 60
• ZECHARIAH 9

FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM
(PS 72:17 = GEN 12:3 & 22:17)

72:18-19

BOOK 3

73-89

PROMISE OF A
MESSIANIC KINGDOM
VERSUS
EXILE & DOWNFALL
OF DAVID'S KINGDOM



DON'T FORGET
YOUR PROMISE

89:52

BOOK 4

90-106

90 MOSES
HAVE MERCY ON
YOUR SERVANTS!

93-99 THE LORD
REIGNS AS KING



106:48

BOOK 5

107-145

THE MESSIANIC KING
DEFEATS EVIL &
BRINGS GOD'S KINGDOM



113-118 THE HALLEL

118 MESSIANIC KINGDOM

SUSTAIN HOPE
IN A FUTURE
EXODUS WHEN
GOD REDEEMS
HIS PEOPLE

PSALM 119
TORAH

"GOD HAS RAISED UP A
HORN FOR HIS PEOPLE"
(118:19)



SEE 1 SAM 2:10 & PS 132:17

120-136 THE SONGS OF ASCENTS

132 MESSIANIC KINGDOM

HALLELU-YAH
PRAISE + YAHWEH

HALLELU-YAH
146
HALLELU-YAH

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PSALMS: THE PRAYERBOOK OF GOD'S PEOPLE
WHO ARE STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL TO THE TORAH,
AND WAITING FOR THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM

MAY THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL BE BLESSED FOREVER, AMEN AND AMEN



BIBLE PROJECT PSALM BOOKS BREAKDOWN...

([BIBLEPROJECT.COM/GUIDES/BOOK-OF-PSALMS](https://bibleproject.com/guides/book-of-psalms))

Psalms 1-2: Introduction to the Key Themes of Psalms

Psalms 3-41: The Foundation of Covenant Faithfulness

Psalms 42-72: Hope for the Messianic Kingdom

Psalms 73-89: Hope for the Messiah After Exile

Psalms 90-106: The God of Israel as the King of All Creation

Psalms 107-150: Songs of Ascent and Poems of Praise

PSALMS THROUGH JESUS LENSES...

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

PSALM 1

The Godly and the Ungodly

2 But as the chaff is blown away by the wind, so will the ungodly be driven away from the presence of the Lord.
3 And as the chaff is blown away, so will the ungodly be driven away from the presence of the Lord.
4 The ungodly are like the chaff, which the wind will drive away.
5 Therefore, the ungodly will not stand in the judgment, nor will the ungodly be in the presence of the Lord.
6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly will perish.

PSALM 2

The Kings of the Earth

Why do the kings of the earth rebel against the Lord, and say, "We will not submit to him."
2 The kings of the earth have rebelled against the Lord, and say, "We will not submit to him."
3 Let us break their bonds, and we will not be bound by them.
4 The Lord shall laugh at them, for he knows their counsel.
5 Then shall he say to them, "I will laugh at their folly."
6 For he has said, "I will laugh at their folly."
7 I will laugh at their folly, for they have said, "We will not submit to him."
8 Therefore, the Lord shall laugh at them, for he knows their counsel.
9 Then shall he say to them, "I will laugh at their folly."
10 For he has said, "I will laugh at their folly."
11 Therefore, the Lord shall laugh at them, for he knows their counsel.

PSALM 3

The Security of God's Protection

A Psalm of David,

when he fled from Absalom his son.

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me; many are they that rise up against me.
Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God.
But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me, and the lifter up of mine head.
I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he brought me out of my distress.
I laid me down and slept; I awaked, for the LORD sustained me.
I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about.
Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.
8 Salvation belongeth unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah.

PSALM 4

David Prays for God to Hear Him

To the chief Musicians on Sargath.

A Psalm of David.

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.
2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye love vanity, glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah.
3 But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear that when I call unto him.
4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.
5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.
6 There be many that say, What will show us thy good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.
7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in any time that their corn and their wine increased.
8 I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

**PSALMS QUOTED BY JESUS AS RECORDED IN
THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**

**THE PURPOSE OF (MOST PROBABLY THE TAX
COLLECTOR / DISCIPLE) MATTHEW'S GOSPEL IS
USUALLY DESCRIBED AS EXPLAINING THE KINGDOM
OF GOD, JESUS AS GOD WITH US AND THE
PROMISED MESSIAH AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE
STORY OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE**

PSALMS QUOTED IN MATTHEW

Matt. 5:5 (Ps. 37:11)

Matt. 7:23 (Ps. 6:8)

Matt. 21:16 (Ps. 8:2)

Matt. 21:42 (Ps. 118:22–23)

Matt. 22:44 (Ps. 110:1)

Matt. 23:39 (Ps. 118:26)

Matt. 27:46 (Ps. 22:1)

HOW JESUS USED THE PSALMS TO REVEAL THE KINGDOM OF GOD

**5 Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.**

THE KINGDOM IS AT HAND

Matthew has provided us with the genealogy of Jesus - Davidic (royal) and Abrahamic (promise)

He has given details about His birth and early life, including His exile in and return from Egypt

He has reinforced His Messianic 'credentials' with John the Baptist and the wilderness temptation

‘THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT’

THE COUNTER CULTURAL KINGDOM OF GOD IS HERE!

**11 But the meek will inherit
the land
and enjoy peace and
prosperity.**

MEEKNESS AND MAJESTY

The truth that the meek shall inherit the land had been 'laced' into the wisdom of the people of God

Meekness is definitely not weakness - it requires great strength to resist pride and arrogance

Jesus Himself was 'meek (gentle) and lowly (humble) of heart' (Matt 11:29)

Meekness and majesty, Manhood and deity, In perfect harmony, The Man who is God
Lord of eternity, Dwells in humanity, Kneels in humility and washes our feet

**Oh what a mystery, Meekness and majesty, Bow down and worship,
For this is your God, This is your God**

Father's pure radiance, Perfect in innocence, Yet loves obedience, To death on a cross
Suffering to give us life, Conquering through sacrifice, And as they crucified prays
"Father forgive"

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible, Love indestructible, In frailty appears
Lord of infinity, Stopping so tenderly, Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne

GRAHAM KENDRICK, MEEKNESS AND MAJESTY

**23 Then I will tell them plainly,
'I never knew you. Away from
me, you evildoers!'**

JESUS HAS THE AUTHORITY JUDGE

JUDGE JESUS

We will all, one day, stand before the Lord and face the true, righteous and merciful judge

The previous verse speaks of those who will say they even cast demons out in His name

We shouldn't be enamoured with 'impressive' gifting or ministries - only with knowing Jesus

**8 Away from me, all you who
do evil,
for the Lord has heard my
weeping.**

SORRY PSALM

Psalm 6 is a 'penitent' psalm of King David

'Evil doers' can be translated as 'workers of lawlessness' - those who choose to go against the ways of The Lord

It should rightly grieve us when our conscience recognises that we have done wrong

**115 Away from me, you
evildoers,
that I may keep the commands
of my God!**

KEEP HIS COMMANDS

Jesus did not need to say sorry to The Father for any sin or wrongdoing on His own behalf

He is the only human ever to perfectly keep the commands of the Lord

When Jesus used this quote it was to distinguish those who understood His kingdom

**WHAT REALLY MATTERS IS KNOWING JESUS
AND BEING KNOWN BY HIM**

16 “Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked him. “Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read, “From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise’?”

**JESUS ACCEPTS PRAISE AS 'LORD' FROM THOSE
CONSIDERED THE LEAST**

**2 Through the praise of
children and infants you have
established a stronghold
against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the
avenger.**

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES !

God's kingdom again is revealed to be counter-intuitive to the normal way of the world

Through Christ's example and grace, God's strength is made perfect in our weakness (2 Cor 12:9)

Do you hear what those children were saying?!

**42 Jesus said to them, “Have you
never read in the Scriptures:
“ ‘The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvellous in our eyes’**

CHRIST ALONE, CORNERSTONE

The content is when Jesus is sharing the parable of the tenants - challenging the Pharisees

Jesus knew that His own put would reject Him and put Him to death

He also knew that He was to become our salvation and the foundation of our faith

**22 The stone the builders
rejected has become the
cornerstone;**

**23 the Lord has done this,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

**AS THE PSALMIST THANKED GOD FOR HIS
SALVATION, SO DO WE! EVEN MORE-SO!**

**44” ‘The Lord said to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies
under your feet.” ’**

**1 The Lord says to my lord: a
“Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet.”**

ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS? ! !

Jesus directly quoted King David here to challenge the Pharisees and literally shut them up!

They were awaiting the Messiah who they knew would be descended from King David

Jesus asked them how it could be that David would call him Lord if he is one of his sons...



**HAVING ALREADY AFFIRMED THE VOICE OF THE LEAST,
JESUS NOW SILENCES THE POWER HUNGRY RELIGIOUS ELITE!**

**39 For I tell you, you will not
see me again until you say,
'Blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord.'**

WHOA!

This comes at the end of the 'seven woes' Jesus gives as a warning to the teachers of the law

The reference to Psalm 118:26 is either related to the 'Triumphal Entry' or the coming second advent of Jesus, or both!

One day every tongue shall confess Jesus is Lord

**26 Blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we
bless you.**

**BLESSED IS JESUS - THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE
NAME OF THE LORD**

46 About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lemasabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

**1 My God, my God, why have
you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving
me, so far from my cries of
anguish?**

HE WHO BECAME SIN FOR US

The final time in Matthew's gospel where Jesus is recorded as quoting a psalm

In the pain and anguish that He experienced as He took the punishment for our sin upon that cross, psalm 22 was one of the things He cried out

Jesus experienced the fullness of human suffering

BUT NOT THE END OF THE STORY!

**JESUS AND THE PSALMS IN MATTHEW HELP US TO
RECOGNISE JESUS - HIS MISSION, HIS SUFFERING, HIS
SALVATION, HIS KINGDOM**