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

BOOK OF PSALMS

PSALMS

Torah & Messiah Lament & Praise Faith & Hope

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

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

HOW LONG, O LORD?

LAMENT & PRAISE

BOOK 1

3-41

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 TEACHING 5 BOOKS OF MOSES
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20-23 **FUTURE KING'S DELIVERANCE AND KINGDOM OVER THE NATIONS**

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THE NATIONS

41:13

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

72 **FUTURE REIGN OF THE MESSIANIC KING**

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

72:18-19

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73-89 **PROMISE OF A MESSIANIC KINGDOM**

VERSUS

EXILE & DOWNFALL OF DAVID'S KINGDOM

DON'T FORGET YOUR PROMISE

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BOOK 4

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90 **MOSES**

HAVE MERCY ON YOUR SERVANTS!

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"LET THE TREES CLAP, LET THE MOUNTAINS & RIVERS SING"

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DEFEATS EVIL & BRINGS GOD'S KINGDOM

EVIL

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



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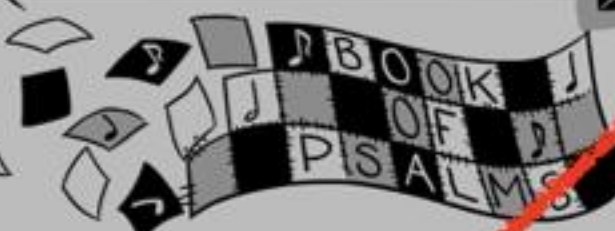
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Definitions

Summary

Synonyms



delve



in British English

(dɛlv  )

verb (*mainly intr*; often foll by *in* or *into*)

1. to inquire or research deeply or intensively
(for information, etc)
he delved in the Bible for quotations
2. to search or rummage (in a drawer, the pockets, etc)

**“A PSALM OF DAVID. WHEN HE WAS IN THE DESERT
OF JUDAH.”**



JUDEAN WILDERNESS

The scene of authorship of Psalm 63 for David was the desert / wilderness of Judea

He had fled to escape - either from Saul (1 Samuel 23-24) or from Absalom (2 Samuel 15-16)

This almost definitely the same area where Jesus fasted and was tempted/tested in the wilderness

**1 You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.**

**SEEK, AND FIND, THE LORD IN THE PLACE WHERE
YOU FIND YOURSELF**

GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD

'ě·lō·hîm 'āt·tāh 'ê·lî (creator / maker / god(s), You are the god of me)

Who, or what, is the god of You?

David was literally parched... may your need (thirst) drive you toward The Lord, not further from Him

WHAT DO YOU LONG FOR?

SO MY SOUL LONGS FOR YOU, LORD

As a lifelong fan longs for their team to win a cup...

As a teen longs for the new game console release...

As a thirsty deer pants for fresh water...

As a wounded soldier longs for healing...

As a victim of trafficking longs for freedom...

As the Christ longed for His cup to be taken...

**EVEN IF THE CIRCUMSTANCE WE ARE IN DOESN'T
CHANGE, YET STILL WE CAN SEEK, KNOW HIM AND
CHOOSE TO PURSUE HIS WILL**

THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

**We can consider the 'dry and parched' land
allegorically - in a spiritual sense**

**But Christ promises us water that does not run dry
and that can overflow from within us**

**We can seek and know His presence at any time
and in any place...**

**2 I have seen you in the
sanctuary and beheld your
power and your glory.**

**WHEN THINGS FEEL DRY, REMEMBER WHO GOD IS
AND TIMES OF REFRESHING IN HIM**

PRESENCE PEOPLE

David was remembering and longing for the temple sanctuary where he had tasted God's presence

Jesus told us that worship and our experience of God's presence is no longer about geography

The temple of the Lord is not found in a building but in the body of Christ; the Living Stones

**3 Because your love is better
than life,
my lips will glorify you.**

WHAT IS THE MOST WONDERFUL THING ON EARTH?

NOTHING IS BETTER THAN THE LOVE OF GOD

PROCLAMATION PEOPLE

Our worship to Him is a response to revelation

The psalmist knew the truth that the love of God is better than anything this life can offer

When you find something wonderful - your lips have to declare it!

**4 I will praise you as long as I
live, and in your name I will lift
up my hands.**

PRAISE PEOPLE

King David's life was not a perfect picture of pure worship but he had a heart after God and was determined to respond to the goodness of God with praise throughout his days

**The lifting of hands - praise, surrender, looking up
Our praise should be physical as well as verbal**

**5 I will be fully satisfied as with
the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth
will praise you.**



WE CAN GET FULL SATISFACTION...

**FROM THE HUNGER AND HEAT OF THE WILDERNESS DAVID
COULD SEE FULL SATISFACTION THROUGH THE EYES OF FAITH**

**6 On my bed I remember you;
I think of you through the
watches of the night.**

**WE DECIDE WHAT WE MEDIATE ON THROUGH THE
‘WATCHES OF THE NIGHT’**

PREMEDITATED PEOPLE!

Our beds often become the place of worry but we need to take those thoughts captive

The psalms keep bringing us back to this theme of meditation; running things around in our minds

Strategise in advance how to take hold of unhelpful thoughts and fill your mind with God's Word

**7 Because you are my help,
I sing in the shadow of your
wings.**



**IN THE HEAT OF THE DESERT, WE FIND REST UNDER
THE SHADOW OF HIS WINGS**

**8 I cling to you;
your right hand upholds me.**

**THIS IS A TWO WAY RELATIONSHIP - WE CLING TO
HIM, ONLY TO FIND HE WAS HOLDING US ALL ALONG!**

**9 Those who want to kill me
will be destroyed;
they will go down to the
depths of the earth.**

**10 They will be given over to
the sword and become food
for jackals.**

WE CAN TRUST IN THE JUSTICE OF THE LORD

TRUST IN THE LORD

David had fled for his life - either from King Saul who was threatened by him, or from his own son Absalom, who sought to usurp him

Rightly or wrongly he believed he would be vindicated and his oppressors punished

When we are mistreated, we can still trust God

JESUS RAISED THE BAR EVEN HIGHER

GUARD YOUR OWN HEART

Jesus was by no means gentle in His words toward the unjust, the proud, the oppressors

Yet, as He was crucified he said 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do' (Luke 23:34)

You must look after your own heart and trust God to be the righteous judge of others

**11 But the king will rejoice in
God;
all who swear by God will
glory in him,
while the mouths of liars will
be silenced.**

See the difference between the mouth that praises God, and the mouth that forges lies. The first shall never be stopped, but shall sing on forever. The second shall be made speechless at the bar of God. O Lord, we seek you and your truth; deliver us from all malice and slander, and reveal to us your own self, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

CHALRES SPURGEON

THERE IS NO BETTER WAY THAN GOD'S WAY...

... WHICH IS REVEALED TO US IN CHRIST

CHRIST-SHAPED LENSES ON PSALM 63

**It is Jesus we declare, proclaim, trust in, glory in,
swear by, rejoice in, cling to, praise, rest in, sing for,
meditate on, find satisfaction in, seek, long for,
thirst after, in whom we find abundance of life**

**Let us now fix our desire upon Him above all other
things - seek first His Kingdom and righteousness**