

Structure of The Book of Psalms

| Section | Intro | Book 1 | Book 2 | Book 3 | Book 4 | Book 5 | Conclusion |
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| Chapters | 1-2 | 3-41 | 42-72 | 73-89 | 90-106 | 107-145 | 146-150 |
| Focus | | David & Solomon | | Exile | Future Hope | | |
| Theme | 1- Torah 2- Messiah | God delivers those who fear Him (God beside us) | Judge, King, Executor, Rescuer (God before us) | God is Faithful to Israel, Temple worship (God around us) | God as creator and ruler: sovereign (God above us) | Savior, Deliverer God of All (God among us) | Hallelujah |
| Hebrew | | Genesis | Exodus | Leviticus | Numbers | Deuteronomy | |
| Doxology | | Psalm 41:13 | Psalm 72:20 | Psalm 89:52 | Psalm 106:48 | | |
| Jesus | 2 | 8,16,22,34,35,40,41 | 45,68,69,72 | 89 | 93-99 | 109,110,118 | 148 |
| Notes | | It is also a group of psalms that mostly uses "Yahweh" (or "Jehovah") instead of "Elohim" (God). | 1) The lack of Davidic influence and the prominence of Korah indicate that this book was composed and compiled during the time of Solomon. 2) Korah was a Levite, and the sons of Korah might have been constituted a temple guild of musicians. | Book III uses the frequent inscription about Asaph. 1) May have been a choir director of some sort or musician for temple worship. | 1) Yahweh is dominant. 2) Many Psalms 93-100: | 107-110 - God will deliver 1) The Hallel - The worldwide kingship of Yahweh, 113-118: songs for Passover night, Psalm 119 - Longest chapter - Alphabet poem about the Torah | 148 - chiasm Messianic |
| | | Call to live faithfully under God - 15 | | | | | |
| | | David as King 16-18 | 3) Book II (73-89) uses both Elohim (73-83) and Yahweh (84-89). | 2) It is suggested by Stuart Perowne that these fit the time of King Hezekiah. | | | |
| | | Psalm 19 - (Torah) | | | | 2) Songs of Ascent - 120-136. ; sung as people neared Jerusalem at the end of their pilgrimage. | |
| | | Messiah as King - 20-23 | | | | | |
| | | Call to live faithfully under God - 24 | | | | | |