

# The Book of PSALMS

The Hymnbook of the Temple

Greek: A poem sung with accompaniment  
Hebrew: A book of praise songs

The book of Psalms is (s) plural Hymns vs Hymn

A Psalm is singular One would not say turn to Hymns # 23, nor Psalms # 23  
(Pet Peeve Warning: You have now improved your Biblical and theological education)

Luke 24:44 Jesus said "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me."

73 psalms are attributed to David. 2 psalms short of half the 150 psalms

Psalms is the most quoted Old Testament book in the New Testament

## In Hebrew Tradition the Psalms are in 5 Books

Most Bibles have the book divisions noted

<b>Book 1</b>	<b>Genesis</b>	<b>1 – 41</b>	The Book of Life
<b>Book 2</b>	<b>Exodus</b>	<b>42 – 72</b>	The Book of Redemption
<b>Book 3</b>	<b>Leviticus</b>	<b>73 – 89</b>	The Book of Sanctification
<b>Book 4</b>	<b>Numbers</b>	<b>90 – 106</b>	The Book of Testing and Experience
<b>Book 5</b>	<b>Deuteronomy</b>	<b>107 – 150</b>	The Book of Divine Government

The last verse of every section ends with a benediction/doxology.

### BOOK 1

Ps 1 Two men, Two ways and Two destinies

4<sup>th</sup> Century AD starting in AD 382, Jerome translated the Bible into Latin. It would become the official Bible of the Catholic church until recent years. Jerome called Psalm 1 the "Preface of the Holy Spirit"

Ps 2 Christ the coming King

:1&2 quoted by Peter in Acts 4:25-26 while praying for boldness

Ps 19 :1 The heavens declare the glory of God

:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer

## **THE MESSIANIC TRILOGY OF PSALMS 22, 23, AND 24**

- Ps 22 The Crucified Savior Prophecy before crucifixion existed Compare to Matt 27
- Ps 23 The Great Shepherd Heb 13:20 that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
- Ps 24 The Chief Shepherd 1 Peter 5:4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.
- Ps 32 Transgression- deliberate rebellion Forgiven- carried away – Scape Goat Lev.16:19-22  
John 1:21 “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world  
Sin- missing the mark Covered- by the blood - The Passover  
Iniquity- twisted, crooked nature Does not Impute-charge to your account- nailed to the cross  
Isaiah 53:6 1 John 2:2 Jesus is the propitiation for our sin
- Ps 40 Salvation, Stability and Service

## **BOOK 2 Ps 42 – 72**

- Ps 46 Martin Luther wrote “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”
- Ps 51 Create in me a clean heart Confession of David

## **BOOK 3 Ps 73 - 89**

- Ps 85 Revive us again-  
Remember the past (1-3), Praying for the present (4-7), Anticipating the promise (8-13)

## **BOOK 4 Ps 90 - 106**

- Ps 90 Issac Watts wrote “O God, Our Help In Ages Past”
- Ps 100 BB McKinney wrote “Serve the Lord with Gladness”

## **BOOK 5 Ps 107 - 150**

- Ps 119 The longest chapter in the Bible It is about the Word of God  
22 sections of 8 verses each  
1 section for each of the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet  
119:11 Your (Thy) Word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”
- Ps 127 :1 Unless the Lord build the House, they labor in vain who build it.
- Ps 139 Remember God knows you (1-4), God loves you (5-12), and God Guides you (6, 10, 12).

## **Ps 150 The Hallelujah Chorus The End The Grand Finale**

**Praise is found 13 times in 6 verses**

**The Book of Psalms Remind Us of:**

**Our Sin**

**Our Savior**

**Our Salvation**

**And Ends With, Praise the Lord!!!**