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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)

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

1 BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO MEDITATES ON THE TORAH
 PSALMS = A NEW TORAH ABOUT PRAYER

2 POETIC REFLECTION ON 2 SAMUEL 7
 MESSIANIC KING
 BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN THE KING

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

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

106:48

BOOK 5

107-145

107-110 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

PRAISE & LAMENT

HALLELU-YAH 146

HALLELU-YAH 147

HALLELU-YAH 148

HALLELU-YAH 149

HALLELU-YAH 150

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



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TEACHING 5 BOOKS OF MOSES
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16-18 DAVID'S ELEVEN PSALMS

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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

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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)

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THE BIBLE IS POWERFUL!

**1 Praise the Lord, all you nations;
extol him, all you peoples.**

**2 For great is his love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the
Lord endures forever.**

Praise the Lord.

**‘I WILL MEDIATE ON YOUR PRECEPTS / STATUTES /
DECREES / LAW / DEEDS’ (PSALM 119)**

שִׁיחַ

Pronunciation: see-akh

...to ponder, i.e. (by implication) converse (with oneself, and hence, aloud) or (transitively) utter -- commune, complain, declare, meditate, muse, pray, speak, talk (with).

MEDITATING ON THE WORD OF GOD

Ask The Lord to be present and to open your eyes

Give each word the time it deserves

Consider what the writer originally meant

Consider what it means for you now

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שָׁבַח

Pronunciation: shah-bakh'

***...to address in a loud tone, i.e. (specifically) loud;
figuratively, to pacify (as if by words) -- commend,
glory, keep in, praise, still, triumph.***

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אֱמֶת

eh'-meth

Contracted from 'aman; stability; (figuratively) certainty, truth, trustworthiness -- assured(-ly), establishment, faithful, right, sure, true (-ly, -th), verity.

STRONG'S EXHAUSTIVE CONCORDANCE

6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

**JESUS IS THE PERSONIFICATION AND PERFECT
REVELATION OF THE TRUTH AND FAITHFULNESS OF
THE LORD TO US**

CHRIST-SHAPED LENSES ON PSALM 117

May Jesus be praised in every country on earth

Every people group should wax lyrical about Him

His perfect love displayed in service and sacrifice

**Furthermore Jesus has shown us God's faithful
nature and invited us know it forever!**

Hallelujah!