

THE PSALMS

Genre Chart

Book 1		Book 2		Book 3		Book 4		Book 5			
Comp. David/Solomon (c. 1110-930 BC) Genesis - God's Creation & Israel's Sin		Comp. Hezekiah/Josiah (c. 715-610 BC) Exodus - Israel's Ruin & God's Salvation		Comp. Hezekiah/Josiah (c. 715-610 BC) Leviticus - Israel's & God's Holiness		Comp. Ezra/Nehemiah (c. 458-445 BC) Numb. - God's Kingdom & Israel's Wandering		Comp. Ezra/Nehemiah (c. 458-445 BC) Deuteronomy - God's Word & Israel's Praise			
1	Didactic Torah	42	Individual Lament	73	Didactic Wisdom	90	Community Lament	107	Com. Thanksgiving		
2	Kingship Royal	43	Individual Lament	74	Community Lament	91	Community Trust	108	Community Lament		
3	Individual Lament	44	Community Lament	75	Com. Thanksgiving	92	Indiv. Thanksgiving	109	Individual Lament I		
4	IL	IT	45	Kingship Royal	76	Zion Pilgrimage	93	King Enthronement	110	Kingship Royal	
5	Individual Lament	46	Zion Pilgrimage	77	Community Lament	94	Community Lament	111	Praise Provider		
6	Individual Lament P	47	King Enthronement	78	Historical Salvation	95	King Enthronement	112	Didactic Wisdom		
7	Individual Lament	48	Zion Pilgrimage	79	Comm Lament I	96	King Enthronement	113	Praise Sovereign		
8	Praise Creator	49	Didactic Wisdom	80	Community Lament	97	King Enthronement	114	Praise Sovereign		
9	Individual Lament	50	Covenant Prophetic	81	Covenant Prophetic	98	King Enthronement	115	CT	TH	
10	Individual Lament	51	Individual Lament P	82	Temple Hymn	99	King Enthronement	116	Indiv. Thanksgiving		
11	IL	IT	52	Individual Lament	83	Comm Lament I	100	Praise Provider	117	Praise Sovereign	
12	Individual Lament	53	Individual Lament	84	Zion Pilgrimage	101	Kingship Royal	118	Com. Thanksgiving		
13	Individual Lament	54	Individual Lament	85	Community Lament	102	Individual Lament P	119	Didactic Torah		
14	Individual Lament	55	Individual Lament I	86	Individual Lament	103	Praise Sovereign	120	ZP	IL	
15	Temple Hymn	56	Individual Lament	87	Zion Pilgrimage	104	Praise Creator	121	ZP	IT	
16	Individual Trust	57	Individual Lament	88	Individual Lament I	105	Historical Salvation	122	Zion Pilgrimage		
17	Individual Lament	58	Community Lament	89	KR	CP	106	Historical Salvation	123	ZP	CL
18	Kingship Royal	59	Individual Lament I						124	ZP	CTh
19	DT	PC	60	Community Lament					125	ZP	CT
20	Kingship Royal	61	Individual Lament						126	ZP	CL
21	Kingship Royal	62	Individual Trust	Psalm 120-134 are Songs of Ascent				127	ZP	DW	
22	Individual Lament	63	Individual Trust	meant to be sung while on the ascent to Jerusalem				128	ZP	DW	
23	IL	IT	64	Individual Lament	for worship and span several other genres.				129	ZP	CL
24	Temple Hymn	65	Com. Thanksgiving						130	ZP	IL P
25	Individual Lament	66	Indiv. Thanksgiving						131	ZP	IT
26	IL	TH	67	Praise Sovereign					132	ZP	CP

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27	IL	IT	68	Temple Hymn					133	ZP	DW
28	Individual Lament		69	Individual Lament I					134	ZP	TH
29	PS	KE	70	Individual Lament					135	Historical Salvation	
30	Indiv. Thanksgiving		71	Individual Lament					136	Historical Salvation	
31	Individual Lament I		72	Kingship Royal					137	Comm Lament I	
32	IL P	ITh							138	Indiv. Thanksgiving	
33	Praise Creator								139	Individual Lament	
34	Indiv. Thanksgiving								140	Individual Lament I	
35	Individual Lament I								141	Individual Lament	
36	Individual Lament								142	Individual Lament	
37	Didactic Wisdom								143	Individual Lament P	
38	Individual Lament P								144	Kingship Royal	
39	Individual Lament								145	Praise Sovereign	
40	Indiv. Thanksgiving								146	Praise Sovereign	
41	Individual Lament								147	Praise Sovereign	
									148	Praise Creator	
	Lament Lament		Prayers or Cries to God in time of suffering or need						149	Praise Provider	
	P - Penitential - Confession of sin that caused suffering								150	Praise Sovereign	
	I - Imprecatory - Asking God to punish those causing suffering, that they may know Him										
	Didactic		Instructive Psalm for Godly living (Wisdom) and celebrating God's Word (Torah = Law)								
	Trust		Declaring trust in who God is, what he has done, and what he will do								
	Kingship		A reminder that God is king (Enthronement) and he uses earthly kings (Royal) to accomplish his will								
	Thanksgiving		Giving thanks to God for all his blessings								
	Praise		Hymns of praise in times of joy to God as Creator, Provider, and Sovereign over all								
	Covenant Prophetic		Remembering God's covenant with his people like the prophets								
	Historical Salvation		Remembering God's salvation throughout history								
	Zion Pilgrimage		Sung together on pilgrimage to Jerusalem (Zion)								
	Temple Hymn		Sung together before entering the temple for worship								