

# **P.T. BIBLE SURVEY**

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- ◎ Who wrote it?
  - David wrote 75 Psalms
  - Other authors include Asaph, the sons of Korah, Solomon, Moses, Heman, and Ethan.
  - Fifty of the Psalms are anonymous.

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- The present book of Psalms is comprised of 5 books. (See Book Outline)

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## ◎ Location of Events:

- Various locations throughout history.



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## ◎ General Outline:

- The five books of Psalms correspond to the five books of Moses (the Pentateuch), each section ending with a doxology.
  - **Book 1 - Psalms 1-41 (41 Psalms)**
    - Genesis - Man and Creation
  - **Book 2 - Psalms 42-72 (31 Psalms)**
    - Exodus - Deliverance and Redemption
  - **Book 3 - Psalms 73-89 (17 Psalms)**
    - Leviticus - Worship and Sanctuary

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## ◎ General Outline cont.:

- **Book 4 - Psalms 90-106 (17 Psalms)**
  - Numbers - Wilderness and Wandering
- **Book 5 - Psalms 107-150 (44 Psalms)**
  - Deuteronomy - Scripture and Praise

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## ◎ Categories of Psalms

- Lament psalms - Prayers for God's deliverance
- Thanksgiving psalms - Praise to God for His gracious acts.
- Enthronement psalms - Describe God's sovereign rule.
- Pilgrimage psalms - Sung by travelers to Jerusalem for Jewish festivals.

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## ◎ Categories of Psalms cont.

- **Royal psalms** - Portrays the reign of both the earthly king and the heavenly King of Israel.
- **Wisdom psalms** - Instructs in wisdom and righteousness.
- **Imprecatory psalms** - Invokes God's wrath and judgment against one's enemies.
- **Messianic psalms** - Anticipates the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
  - Ancient Jewish songbook showcases prayers, praise, and complaints to God.

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## ◎ Cast of Characters:

- **God:** the Lord is praised throughout the Psalms
- **David:** composer of many of the Psalms
- **Cush the Benjamite:** an enemy of King David; perhaps a follower of Saul
- **Jeduthaun:** appointed Israel's director of music by king David
- **The Sons of Korah:** a family of Levites
- **Asaph:** a prominent musician in King David's court

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- ◎ Where is the work of Christ?
  - Both Christ's first and second comings are prophesied. For example, Psalm 22 looks ahead to the crucifixion, and Psalm 2 looks forward to the time that His kingdom is universally acknowledged.



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## Verse to Remember

**“Let everything that has breath praise  
the Lord. Praise the Lord.”**

**(Psalm 150:6)**

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## ◉ Interesting Facts:

- The shortest Psalm is Psalm 117 with just two verses. It is also the midpoint of the bible with 594 chapters before it and 594 after.
- Psalm 119 is both the longest psalm and the longest chapter in the Bible with 176 verses.
  - Its 176 verses are divided into 22 stanzas, one for each of the 22 characters that make up the Hebrew alphabet.
  - Each stanza contains 8 verses.

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- ◎ What is my take away?
  - We can always find a song of praise, a heart of thanksgiving, and solace in the psalms.

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## ◎ Home Study

- Read a chapter daily in Psalms this week.
- Study the One Sentence Summary.
- Recite your memory verses daily.