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At-A-Glance

An Overview of the Books of the Bible

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PENMAN: Moses, David, Solomon, + POSITION: OT - Wisdom

PERIOD: 1440-586 BC PLACE: Israel (primarily)

PHASE: Between Moses - Captivity PUBLIC: Israel (mankind)

KEY POINTS:

To provide poetry for the expression of praise, worship,
and confession to God

Often parallel events in history

1	ANTE-DILUVIAN PHASE	Creation – 2349 B.C.	Gen. 1:1 - 8:12
2	POST-DILUVIAN PHASE	- 1921 B.C.	Gen. 8:13 - 11:26
3	PATRIARCH PHASE	- 1706 B.C.	Gen. 11:26 - 46:7
4	EGYPTIAN BONDAGE	- 1491 B.C.	Gen. 46:8 - Ex. 14:31
5	WILDERNESS WANDERING	- 1450 B.C.	Ex. 15:1 - Josh. 3:17
6	CONQUEST OF CANAAN	- 1430 B.C.	Joshua 4:1 - Judges 3:9
7	THE JUDGES	- 1095 B.C.	Judges 3:10 - 1 Sam 10:17
8	UNITED KINGDOM	- 975 B.C.	1 Sam 11:1 - 1 Kings 11:43
9	DIVIDED KINGDOM	- 721 B.C.	1 Kings 12:1 - 2 Kings 17:41
10	JUDAH ALONE	- 586 B.C.	2 Kings 18:1 - 25:30
11	BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY	- 536 B.C.	2 Chr. 36:22 - Ezra 1:4
12	THE RESTORATION	- 432 B.C.	Ezra 1:1 - Nehemiah 13:31
13	BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS	- 5 B.C.	
14	COMING OF IMMANUEL	- 29/30 A.D.	Matthew; Mark; Luke; John
15	THE CHURCH	- Current	Acts 2:1 – Revelation 22:21

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PARTICULARS:

The name, "Psalms" and "Psalter" came from the Septuagint
Hebrew title is Tehillim (meaning "praises" Ps 145)

Written to be sung or spoken

Hebrew poetry is characterized by rhythm (of words and tones)
and by parallelism, or contrasts

- Not meter (accented syllables) or rhyming like western poetry.

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Section	Book 1: Psalm 1-41	Book 2: Psalm 42-72	Book 3: Psalm 73-89	Book 4: Psalm 90-106	Book 5: Psalm 107-150
Main Author(s)	David	David & Korah	Asaph	Anonymous	David
Main Compiler	David	Hesekiah		Ezra / Nehemiah	
Typical Likeness to Pentateuch	Genesis (Man)	Exodus (Redemption)	Leviticus (worship)	Numbers (Wonderings)	Deuteronomy (Word of God)
Benediction of Praise	Psalms 41:13	Psalms 72:18, 19	Psalms 89:52	Psalms 106:48	Psalms 150:1-6
Span of Authorship	About 1,000 Years				

David wrote 73 psalms, Asaph wrote 12; the sons of Korah wrote 9; Solomon wrote 2; Heman (with the sons of Korah); Ethan, and Moses each wrote one; 51 psalms are anonymous. The NT ascribes two anonymous psalms (Ps 2 & 95) to David

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Types of Psalms

Type	Psalms	Act of Worship
Individual and Communal Lament	3-7; 12; 13; 22; 25-28; 35; 38-40; 42-44; 51; 54-57; 59-61; 63; 64; 69-71; 74; 79; 80; 83; 85 ; 86; 88; 90; 102; 109; 120; 123; 130; 140-143	Express need for God's deliverance
Thanksgiving	8; 18; 19; 29; 30; 32-34; 36; 40; 41; 66; 103-106; 111; 113; 116; 117; 124; 129; 135; 136; 138; 139; 146-148; 150	Make aware of God's blessings Express thanks
Enthronement	47; 93; 96-99	Describe God's sovereign rule
Pilgrimage	43; 46; 48; 76; 84; 87; 120-134	Establish a mood of worship
Royal	2; 18; 20; 21; 45; 72; 89; 101; 110; 132; 144	Portray Christ the sovereign ruler
Wisdom	1; 37; 119	Instruct as to God's will
Imprecatory	7; 35; 40; 55; 58; 59; 69; 79; 109; 137; 139; 144	Invoke God's wrath and judgment against His enemies

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- Messianic prophecy
– 22 to 24 "C.C.C"
- "Coming One"
- (see chart)

KEY PASSAGES:

1:1-2; 8:1,3-4; 19:1,14

23:1-6; 46:10

90:1-2; 100:1; 119:105

KEY PHRASES:

"For the Lord is good" (100:5)

"Praise" (157x)

"Praise the Lord" (22x)

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JESUS

Psalm	Portrayal	Fulfilled
2:7	The Son of God	Matthew 3:17
8:2	Praised by children	Matthew 21:15, 16
8:6	Ruler of all	Hebrews 2:8
16:10	rises from death	Matthew 28:7
22:1	Forsaken by God	Matthew 27:46
22:7, 8	Derided by enemies	Luke 23:35
22:16	Hands and feet pierced	John 20:27
22:18	Lots cast for clothes	Matthew 27:35, 36
34:20	Bones unbroken	John 19:32, 33, 36
35:11	Accused by false witnesses	Mark 14:57
35:19	Hated without cause	John 15:25
40:7, 8	Delights in God's will	Hebrews 10:7
41:9	Betrayed by a friend	Luke 22:47
45:6	The eternal King	Hebrews 1:8
68:18	Ascends to heaven	Acts 1:9-11
69:9	Zealous for God's house	John 2:17
69:21	Given vinegar and gall	Matthew 27:34
109:4	Prays for enemies	Luke 23:34
109:8	His betrayer replaced	Acts 1:20
110:1	Rules over His enemies	Matthew 22:44
110:4	A priest forever	Hebrews 5:6
118:22	The chief stone of God's building	Matthew 21:42
118:26	Comes in the name of the Lord	Matthew 21:9

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GREAT LESSONS:

Adoration and respect for God – spirit of worship

Blessings – His love endures forever

The Lord is our help and strength in storms of life

The Law of God is good and perfect

Beautiful portraits of the Messiah

Repentance and godly sorrow (38:18; 51:10)

Personal application for almost any life situation

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PRACTICAL APPLICATION (HOW DOES THIS BOOK APPLY TO ME?)

MY FAITH:

- Learning the importance of fearing God
- God's word provides guidance and builds faith (Rom 10:17)
- Words and thoughts for how to pray to God / praise Him
- Prophecy of the Messiah fulfilled

MY ACTIONS:

- Praise God with spirit and understanding
- Go to the Psalms for strength and for comfort