

# The Organization of the Psalter

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Ps 1 — An invitation to embrace Torah (wisdom) and go the way of the righteous

Ps 2 — An invitation to believe and submit to the Lord's "Anointed" who will come to judge the earth and reign as King

## Double Introduction

### Book 1: 3-41

- All are Davidic Pss, except 10 & 33 which have no superscription
- But Ps 10 is an acrostic continuation of Ps 9
- Ps 33 has thematic connections with Ps 32  
(note especially 32:11 with 33:1, and 32:10 with 33:21-22)

### Book 2: Pss 42-72

- 42-49 = Korah Collection
  - Ps 43 is probably part of Ps 42 (note 43:5)
  - Ps 42-45 are Maskil Psalms
- Ps 50 – Asaph Psalm (but mentions adultery)
- 51-71 = Mostly Davidic Pss
  - But Pss 67 & 71 have no superscription
  - Pss 52-55 = Maskil Pss
  - Pss 56-60 = Mikhtam Pss
- 72 = Solomonic (but points to the Messianic King & Kingdom)

### Book 3: Pss 73-89

- 73-83 = Asaph Collection
- 84-85 = Korah Collection
- 86 = Prayer of David
- 87-88 = Korah Collection
  - Pss 88 and 89 are both Maskil Pss
- 89 = Psalm of Ethan on the Davidic Covenant
  - 89:46 "How long, O LORD?" (frustration that God is not fulfilling the Davidic Cov promises)

The Kingdom Depicted!

The Kingdom Promises??

### Book 4: Pss 90-106

- 90 = Psalm of Moses
- 91 = No superscription
- 92 = For Sabbath (no author)
- 93-99 = Kingship of Yahweh Pss
- 100 = Psalm of Thanksgiving (no author)
- 101 = Davidic Psalm
- 102 = Prayer of the Afflicted (no author)
- 103 = Davidic Psalm
- 104-105 = No superscription
- 106 = No superscription / Hallelujah Ps

Answer to Ps 89:  
God is a Secure Refuge, But the Problem is With the Nation's Sin

### Book 5: Pss 107-145

- 107 = No superscription
- 108-110 = Davidic Pss (linking words & themes)
- 111-113 = Hallelujah Pss
- 114-118 = No superscription
- 119 = Torah Psalm (acrostic pattern)
- 120-134 = Psalms of Ascent (pilgrimage)
- 135-137 = No superscription (Ps 137 is a psalm of the Baby. Exile)
- 138-145 = Davidic Pss (Ps 145 is a Ps of total adoration for the Lord)

## Grand Conclusion

Pss 146-150  
Hallelujah Psalms

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD."

Comp. 106:1 with 107:1

Ps 145:12-13 — "The glory of the majesty of Your kingdom."