



Author: King David; Asaph; the Sons of Korah; Moses; others

Time: 11th to 6th centuries BC

Purpose: To express hope in the Lord God for salvation, using prayers and praises spoken by God's people at the tabernacle and temple or by individuals

Outline:

Book One: Psalms 1–41

intensely personal psalms of David

Book Two: Psalms 42–72

psalms of David and the kingdom; nationalistic

Book Three: Psalms 73–89

psalms of Asaph and the Sons of Korah; nationalistic

Book Four: Psalms 90–106

anonymous psalms and laments

Book Five: Psalms 107–150

songs of ascents and praise; psalms of David

Key Verses: The Shepherd Psalm (ch. 23); sincere repentance (51:7–12); the Lord reigns (ch. 110); the Psalm of the Word (119:105–107); the Mission Psalm (145:4–13)

Key People: King David; the nation of Israel; "the righteous"

Places: Chiefly Jerusalem

The Psalms

The Prayer Book of the Bible

Psalm 150

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¹ Praise the LORD! = *Hallelu-Yah!*

Praise God in His sanctuary;
praise Him in His mighty heavens!

² Praise Him for His mighty deeds;
praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

³ Praise Him with trumpet sound;
praise Him with lute and harp!

⁴ Praise Him with tambourine and dance;
praise Him with strings and pipe!

⁵ Praise Him with sounding cymbals;
praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD! = *Hallelu-Yah!*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

The End of the Psalter: Psalms 146–150

Called the "Hallelujah Psalms" or the "Final Hallel"

- Why cap the Book of Psalms like this?
- How much praise is offered here? Count!
- Why begin and end this Psalm with praise?

Connections

Let's make connections to

- Exodus 3:13–15
- The Second Commandment
- The Lord's Prayer
- Song & instruments in Scripture

Praise the Lord!

What enables us to praise Him? What leads us into praise?

- Where?
- Why?
- How?
- Who?

Everything that has breath!

-- back to the beginning and forward to the end!

The book of Psalms is a miniature Bible, a miniature history of God's people. It expresses all the feelings and experiences they will ever have. It is fitting that this book ends where our history and our experience will end—in the sanctuary of our God, singing joyful hallelujahs forever. For this we gladly shout, "Praise the Lord!"

Coming u next . . . Living Nativity!