

# Old Testament Survey

## *Psalms*

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### REVIEW

#### The Wisdom Literature in the Bible

- The Wisdom Books  
Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon
- The Meaning of Wisdom  
Practical Skill at Living derived from Understanding the World and Man through the Knowledge of God's Word.
- Theme: Human Life in Relation to \_\_\_\_\_
- Emphasis: The \_\_\_\_\_ Godly Man
- Overall Purpose: How the Wise Man is to Live in a Sinful World as He Awaits God's Coming \_\_\_\_\_.

## Psalms

### *Name*

- Hebrew – tehillim “\_\_\_\_\_”
- Greek – \_\_\_\_\_ – “songs accompanied by the plucking of strings”
- Latin – psalterium – “Book of Psalms” – The \_\_\_\_\_
- The Hebrew emphasizes \_\_\_\_\_ – Praises to the LORD
- The Greek emphasizes \_\_\_\_\_ – They are Songs

### *Date*

- Date Written  
From 1410 – 450 BC  
  
Psa. 90 from the time of \_\_\_\_\_  
Psa. 137 from the time of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Psa. 126 from the time after the \_\_\_\_\_ from Exile

The Content covers the entire period of the Old Testament.

### *Authors*

- \_\_\_\_\_, Asaph, Sons of Korah, Solomon, Moses, Heman, Ethan, Anonymous

### *Purpose*

To Provide \_\_\_\_\_ of How the Righteous \_\_\_\_\_ to and \_\_\_\_\_ the LORD as They Await the Coming of His Kingdom.

## **Themes**

- God – \_\_\_\_\_, Kingdom, \_\_\_\_\_
- David – \_\_\_\_\_, Kingship, \_\_\_\_\_
- Messiah – \_\_\_\_\_ One, \_\_\_\_\_ of God, \_\_\_\_\_, Suffering Servant
- \_\_\_\_\_, Praise, Singing
- \_\_\_\_\_ – Lament, Confession, Petition, Questions, Thankfulness
- The Temple, \_\_\_\_\_
- Righteous – Those who \_\_\_\_\_ by God's Standard
- Wicked – Those who \_\_\_\_\_ against God's standard

## **Types of Psalms**

- Praise  
Thankfulness to God for \_\_\_\_\_ He Is and \_\_\_\_\_ He Does  
Hallel – Halleluiah – Praise the LORD
- Lament  
Expressing Distress or Confusion  
Ending in \_\_\_\_\_ and Praise
- Wisdom  
Conveying Practical Truths and \_\_\_\_\_
- Imprecation  
Invoking Evil on Someone, \_\_\_\_\_ Them  
Praying God's Promised Justice on the Wicked
- Messianic  
Pointing to the Messiah, the Anointed One, Jesus  
Confirmed in the \_\_\_\_\_ Testament
- Songs of Ascent  
Sang as the Israelites \_\_\_\_\_ up to Jerusalem (to the Temple) for the Appointed Feasts.  
Remembering God's \_\_\_\_\_ and Promises.
- Acrostic  
Verses follow the first letter of the \_\_\_\_\_ alphabet

## Organization of the Psalms

These books of Praise were Israel's \_\_\_\_\_

- "For the choir director"
- "On stringed instruments"

Known as \_\_\_\_\_

- Also give insight into the Background of certain Psalms
- "A Psalm of David"
- "...when Nathan the prophet came to him..."
- Verse 1 in the Hebrew

1. Book One 1-41
2. Book Two 42-72
3. Book Three 73-89
4. Book Four 90-105
5. Book Five 106-150

Evidence they are organized in an intentional \_\_\_\_\_. (like our hymnals)

- Each book ends with a \_\_\_\_\_ of Praise
- Each book has a \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm near the Middle
- There seems to be a Progression  
From the Reign of \_\_\_\_\_ to the Reign of \_\_\_\_\_ (Christ)
  - Introduction: Contrasting the Righteous and the Wicked
  - David's Personal Struggles with the \_\_\_\_\_
  - David's Personal Struggles with \_\_\_\_\_ and Temptation
  - God's \_\_\_\_\_ from David's Enemies
  - God's Judgment of Wicked \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ of the Temple and Jerusalem
  - Living in \_\_\_\_\_ – Lamenting, yet Hopeful
  - Return from Exile and Worshiping in the Temple again
  - Looking forward to the coming \_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom of God
  - Psalm 120-150 seem to grow toward a final crescendo of Praise  
when all \_\_\_\_\_ will Worship and Praise the LORD, King, Messiah

Introduction: Contrasting the Righteous and the Wicked

Psalm 1 and 2

- Begins and Ends with  
"How \_\_\_\_\_ is the man who...is righteous".
- The Righteous are Blessed by God
- The Wicked are Opposed to the Righteous and to God
- Sets the Tone and the Standard for the rest of the Psalms

## Psalm 1

- The Righteous are Blessed by God  
They Live in Accordance with God's Word  
God's Words are Constantly going through their \_\_\_\_\_  
They have \_\_\_\_\_ lives because they are Rooted in God's Word  
They are \_\_\_\_\_ by God
- The Wicked are not so  
They Reject God's Word and that \_\_\_\_\_  
They openly \_\_\_\_\_ against God's Standard  
They constantly \_\_\_\_\_ the Righteous  
They will not Stand in God's Judgment

## Psalm 2

- The Wicked Nations Oppose God's Chosen Son as King  
They \_\_\_\_\_ Plans Against God's Anointed  
They Refuse to be Held to God's Standard  
They Seek to Destroy God's \_\_\_\_\_
- The LORD Laughs at Their Futility  
But He will not Laugh \_\_\_\_\_
- He will send His \_\_\_\_\_ to Judge and Execute Judgment
- He Graciously \_\_\_\_\_ All to Submit to His Son or Perish
- How Blessed are all who take Refuge in Him!

Before the Son comes to establish His Kingdom, the Blessed man is the one who takes \_\_\_\_\_ in the coming Messiah. And in anticipation of this, he Lives his life of faith in accordance with God's \_\_\_\_\_ and, even now, \_\_\_\_\_ the coming King.

The rest of the psalms reflect the Prayers and Praises of the Blessed man as he looks forward to the coming Messiah's Kingdom.

### ***Lessons from the Psalms***

How to Express my Heart to God:

- When I am \_\_\_\_\_ as to What God is doing
- When I am \_\_\_\_\_ and need to share it in a Faithful way
- When I am \_\_\_\_\_ and need know how to Confess sin
- When I need an \_\_\_\_\_ of how to Pray
- When I need to be \_\_\_\_\_ of who God is
- When I need to \_\_\_\_\_ on the Hope God has promised
- When I cannot \_\_\_\_\_ my Love for God as I would like to