

# Psalms: Hard-Core Data

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OT 613 – Psalms (2 credits)

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## ▶ Name

- Hebrew – *Sepher Tehillim* (Book of Praises)
- LXX – *Psalms* (poems sung to musical instruments)

## ▶ Authors

- David (73 designed in superscription, although 2 more designated as Davidic by the NT)
- Asaph (12)
- Sons of Korah (10)
- Solomon (2)
- Moses (1)
- Heman (1)
- Ethan (1)
- Anonymous (50)

## ▶ Compilers

- David – Book 1
- Hezekiah or Josiah – Books 2 & 3
- Ezra or Nehemiah – Books 4 & 5

## ▶ Date

- 15<sup>th</sup> century-5<sup>th</sup> century BC

## ▶ Classifications

- Individual Laments (introduction, lament, confession of trust, petition, declaration of vow or praise)
- Communal Laments
- Individual Thanksgiving (proclamation to praise God, summary statement, report of deliverance, renewed vow of praise)
- Communal Thanksgiving
- General Praise (magnification of God's name and greatness)
- Descriptive Praise (praise of divine attributes and acts)
- Enthronement Psalms (descriptions of God's sovereign reign)
- Pilgrimage Songs (liturgical songs for Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles)
- Royal Psalms (elements of the Davidic Covenant)
- Wisdom Psalms (instructions and exhortations in righteousness)
- Imprecatory Psalms (invocations for divine judgment on enemies)

## ▶ Structure

- Book 1 (1-41) – Doxology 41:13
- Book 2 (42-72) – Doxology 72:18-19
- Book 3 (73-89) – Doxology 89:52
- Book 4 (90-106) – Doxology 106:48
- Book 5 (107-150) – Doxology 150:1-6