



General Information

- First book in the Writings, one of three major divisions in the Hebrew Old Testament (the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings).
- Psalms is a collection of worship songs divinely inspired over an extended period of time and penned by several authors. The writer is often identified.
- Major Themes: God's presence with His people and God's Word as the fountain of worship.
- Divided into five books.
 - Book I — Psalms 1-41
 - Book II — Psalms 42-72
 - Book III — Psalms 73-89
 - Book IV — Psalms 90-106
 - Book V — Psalms 107-150
- Each book ends with a doxology of praise to the Lord. Psalm 150 functions as both a doxology to Book V but also as a conclusion to the entire book of Psalms.

Types of Psalms

Praise

- A declaration of and/or call to praise God
- The recounting of what God has done in creation and/or redemption
- Descriptions of God's acts of deliverance or His greatness and compassion

Thanksgiving

- An expression of gratitude to God for deliverance
- A joyful tone
- A description of God's acts of deliverance or of His greatness and compassion

Enthronement

- An emphasis on divine kingship and sovereignty
- The celebration of significant events in the life of a king
- The overall praise of Yahweh as King

Laments

- Cries for deliverance in the face of danger
- The expression of need and a sense of helplessness
- The transition from issuing complaints to giving expressions of confidence and praise
- The exhibition of faith in the midst of real-life experiences

Penitence

- In the early church, these were traditionally sung on Ash Wednesday
- The admission of moral failure, of having broken the covenant
- A prayer for forgiveness of sin

Imprecatory Requests

- A plea for God's righteous judgment to be executed against evildoers
- The pronouncement of curses upon enemies by God and/or the psalmist

Wisdom

- Advice for successful living
- A contrast between the righteous and the wicked
- A reflection on the brevity of life
- The presentation of instructions or lessons

READING PLAN

<u>Day</u>	<u>Psalms</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Psalms</u>	<u>Type</u>
1	Psalm 1 Psalm 2 Psalm 3		14	Psalm 31 Psalm 32	
2	Psalm 4 Psalm 5 Psalm 6		14	Psalm 33 Psalm 34	
3	Psalm 7 Psalm 8		16	Psalm 35 Psalm 36	
4	Psalm 9 Psalm 10		17	Psalm 37	
5	Psalm 11 Psalm 12 Psalm 13		18	Psalm 38 Psalm 39	
6	Psalm 15 Psalm 16 Psalm 17		19	Psalm 40 Psalm 41	
7	Psalm 18		20	Psalm 42 Psalm 43	
8	Psalm 19 Psalm 20		21	Psalm 44 Psalm 45 Psalm 46	
9	Psalm 21 Psalm 22		22	Psalm 47 Psalm 48 Psalm 49	
10	Psalm 23 Psalm 24 Psalm 25		23	Psalm 50 Psalm 51 Psalm 52	
11	Psalm 26 Psalm 27 Psalm 28		24	Psalm 53 Psalm 54 Psalm 55	
13	Psalm 29 Psalm 30		25	Psalm 56 Psalm 57 Psalm 58	

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26	Psalms 59 Psalm 60		38	Psalms 84 Psalm 85 Psalm 86	
27	Psalms 61 Psalm 62 Psalm 63		39	Psalms 87 Psalm 88	
28	Psalms 64 Psalm 65 Psalm 66		40	Psalms 89	
29	Psalms 67 Psalm 68		41	Psalms 90 Psalm 91 Psalm 92	
30	Psalms 69		42	Psalms 93 Psalm 94 Psalm 95	
31	Psalms 70 Psalm 71		43	Psalms 96 Psalm 97 Psalm 98	
32	Psalms 72 Psalm 73		44	Psalms 99 Psalm 100 Psalm 101 Psalm 102	
33	Psalms 74 Psalm 75		45	Psalms 103 Psalm 104	
34	Psalms 76 Psalm 77		46	Psalms 105 Psalm 106	
35	Psalms 78		47	Psalms 107 Psalm 108 Psalm 109	
36	Psalms 79 Psalm 80		48	Psalms 110 Psalm 111 Psalm 112	
37	Psalms 81 Psalm 82 Psalm 83				

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49	Psalms 113 Psalm 114 Psalm 116	
50	Psalms 117 Psalm 118	
51	Psalms 119:1-40	
52	Psalms 119:41-72	
53	Psalms 119:73-112	
54	Psalms 119:113-144	
55	Psalms 119:145-176	
56	Psalms 120 Psalm 121 Psalm 122	
57	Psalms 123 Psalm 124 Psalm 125	
58	Psalms 126 Psalm 127 Psalm 128	
59	Psalms 81 Psalm 82 Psalm 83	
60	Psalms 129 Psalm 130 Psalm 131	
61	Psalms 132 Psalm 133 Psalm 134	

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62	Psalms 135 Psalm 136	
63	Psalms 137 Psalm 138 Psalm 139	
64	Psalms 140 Psalm 141 Psalm 142	
65	Psalms 143 Psalm 144 Psalm 145	
66	Psalms 146 Psalm 147	
67	Psalms 148 Psalm 149 Psalm 150	
68	YOU DID IT!!!	