

The psalms are a collection of religious poetry.





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Authorship or dedication

David

Asaph

Solomon (Ps 72; 127)

Moses (Ps 90)

Heman (Ps 88)

Ethan (Ps 89)

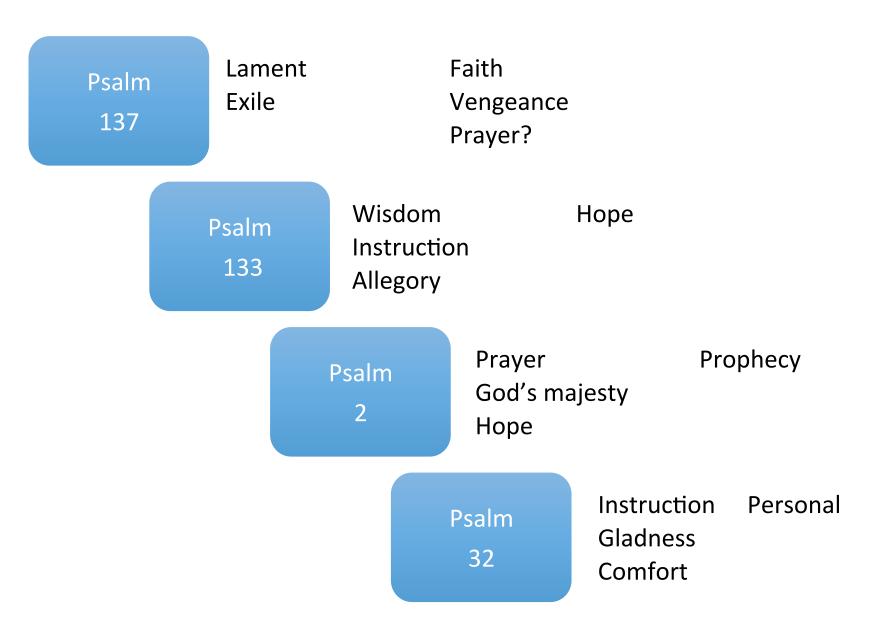
The sons of Korah (e.g. Ps 42)

"Moses gave Israel the five books of the Torah, and to correspond with them David gave them the Psalms, in which also there are five books."

- Midrash Tehillim

- Book 1: 1 − 41
 - Most of the psalms of David
- Book 2: 42 72
 - Predominately the psalms of David
- Book 3: 73 89
 - Mostly the Psalms of Korah & Asaph
- Book 4: 90 106
 - Mostly untitled Psalms (Ps 90 Moses)
- Book 5: 107 150
 - Includes the Psalms of Degrees

Examples of the diversity of the Psalms.



- 1. The Messiah in the Psalms
- 2. Prophecy in the Psalms
- 3. God's Majesty
- 4. Motivation and comfort