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4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will <sup>x</sup>trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

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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.

Psalm  
137

Lament  
Exile

Faith  
Vengeance  
Prayer?

Psalm  
133

Wisdom  
Instruction  
Allegory

Hope

Psalm  
2

Prayer  
God's majesty  
Hope

Prophecy

Psalm  
32

Instruction  
Gladness  
Comfort

Personal

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