

# PSALMS “Let Everything That Has Breath Praise the Lord” (Ps 150:6)

**THE THEME OF THE PSALTER IS MAN'S PRAISE OF YAHWEH!**

Dates Written:  
1450–444 B.C.

Each Book ends with a **Doxology**

Each Book centers around **WORSHIP**

Each Book shares a topical likeness to the **PENTATEUCH**

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Possible Stages of Collection

	BOOK I	BOOK II	BOOK III	BOOK IV	BOOK V
	41 psalms	31 psalms	17 psalms	17 psalms	44 psalms
	1	41	42	72	73
	89	90	106	107	150
	41:13	72:18-19	89:52	106:48	150:6
	<b>ADORING WORSHIP</b>	<b>WONDERING WORSHIP</b>	<b>CEASELESS WORSHIP</b>	<b>SUBMISSIVE WORSHIP</b>	<b>PERFECTED WORSHIP</b>
	<b>GENESIS</b> –man–	<b>EXODUS</b> –Israel–	<b>LEVITICUS</b> –sanctuary–	<b>NUMBERS</b> –Moses and Wilderness–	<b>DEUTERONOMY</b> –Law and Land–
	mainly (or all) DAVID	mainly DAVID and KORAH	mainly ASAPH	mainly ANONYMOUS	mainly DAVID
	First Group by King David	Books II and III Were Added During the Reigns of Kings Hezekiah and Josiah		Miscellaneous Collections Compiled In the Times of Ezra and Nehemiah	

**Types of Psalms:**

1. Nature
2. Pilgrim
3. Lament
4. History
5. Didactic
6. Messianic
7. Penitential
8. Hallelujah
9. Imprecatory
10. Supplication
11. Thanksgiving

Chart adapted from Irving L. Jensen, *Jensen's Survey of the Old Testament* (Chicago: Moody, 1978), 280.