**Type of Psalms**

Book 1: 1-41

Book 2: 42-72

Book 3: 73-89

Book 4: 90-106

Book 5: 107-150 (Songs of Ascent: 120-134)

*This division into five books reflects the five books of Torah (the Law): Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.*

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| **Type of Psalm** | **Psalm Numbers** |
| Wisdom | 1, 32, 37, 49, 73, 78, 112, 119, 127, 128, 133, 144 |
| Royal | 2, 18, 20, 21, 45, 72, 89, 101, 110, 132 |
| Individual Lament | 3, 4, 5\*, 6, 7, 9, 10\*, 11, 13, 16, 17\*, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 51, 52, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59\*, 61, 62, 63, 64, 69\*, 70\*, 71, 77, 88, 94, 101, 109\*, 120, 121, 130, 140, 141, 142, 143 |
| Community Lament | 12, 14, 44, 53, 58\*, 60, 74, 83\*, 85, 90, 106, 108, 123, 137 |
| Individual Thanksgiving | 30, 34, 41, 66, 92, 111, 116, 118, 138 |
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| General Hymn | 29, 33, 68, 100, 103, 105, 113, 114, 115, 117, 134, 135, 139, 145, 146, 147, 149, 150 |
| Creation | 8, 19, 65, 104, 148 |
| Trust | 23, 91, 121, 125, 131 |
| Zion | 48, 76, 84, 87, 122 |
| Enthronement | 93, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99 |
| Hymn/Prophetic Warning | 50, 81, 82 |
| Entrance Liturgy | 15, 24 |
| *These categories come from Walter Bruggeman’s Commentary on the Psalms.* | \* = Imprecatory Psalms – invocation of God’s anger/judgement on God’s enemies |

8/26 Wisdom – Psalm 1

9/2 Royal – Psalm 2

Trust – Psalm 91

9/9 Individual Lament – Psalm 13

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Enthronement – Psalm 98

10/7 Hymn with Prophetic Warning – Psalm 82

Entrance Liturgy – Psalm 24

### Psalm 1 (Wisdom) *NRSV*

Happy are those  
   who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
   or sit in the seat of scoffers;   
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
   and on his law they meditate day and night.   
They are like trees  
   planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
   and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.   
The wicked are not so,  
   but are like chaff that the wind drives away.   
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,  
   nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;   
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
   but the way of the wicked will perish.

### Psalm 2 (Royal) *NRSV*

1Why do the nations conspire,  
    and the peoples plot in vain?  
2The kings of the earth set themselves,  
    and the rulers take counsel together,  
    against the Lord and his anointed, saying,  
3“Let us burst their bonds asunder,  
    and cast their cords from us.”

4He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
    the Lord has them in derision.  
5Then he will speak to them in his wrath,  
    and terrify them in his fury, saying,  
6“I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.”

7I will tell of the decree of the Lord:  
He said to me, “You are my son;  
    today I have begotten you.  
8Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
    and the ends of the earth your possession.  
9You shall break them with a rod of iron,  
    and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

10Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
    be warned, O rulers of the earth.  
11Serve the Lord with fear,  
    with trembling 12kiss his feet,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+2&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-13958a)]  
or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way;  
    for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are all who take refuge in him.

### Psalm 91 (Trust) *NRSV*

1You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
    who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+91&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-15397a)]  
2will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress;  
    my God, in whom I trust.”  
3For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
    and from the deadly pestilence;  
4he will cover you with his pinions,  
    and under his wings you will find refuge;  
    his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.  
5You will not fear the terror of the night,  
    or the arrow that flies by day,  
6or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
    or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

7A thousand may fall at your side,  
    ten thousand at your right hand,  
    but it will not come near you.  
8You will only look with your eyes  
    and see the punishment of the wicked.

9Because you have made the Lord your refuge,[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+91&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-15405b)]  
    the Most High your dwelling place,  
10no evil shall befall you,  
    no scourge come near your tent.

11For he will command his angels concerning you  
    to guard you in all your ways.  
12On their hands they will bear you up,  
    so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.  
13You will tread on the lion and the adder,  
    the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

14Those who love me, I will deliver;  
    I will protect those who know my name.  
15When they call to me, I will answer them;  
    I will be with them in trouble,  
    I will rescue them and honor them.  
16With long life I will satisfy them,  
    and show them my salvation.

### Psalm 13 (Individual Lament) *NRSV*

*To the leader. A Psalm of David.*  
1 How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever?  
   How long will you hide your face from me?   
2 How long must I bear pain in my soul,  
   and have sorrow in my heart all day long?  
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

3 Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!  
   Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,   
4 and my enemy will say, ‘I have prevailed’;  
   my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

5 But I trusted in your steadfast love;  
   my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.   
6 I will sing to the Lord,  
   because he has dealt bountifully with me.

### Psalm 137 (Community Lament) *NRSV*

## 1 By the rivers of Babylon—    there we sat down and there we wept    when we remembered Zion. 2 On the willows there    we hung up our harps. 3 For there our captors    asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,    ‘Sing us one of the songs of Zion!’

4 How could we sing the Lord’s song  
   in a foreign land?   
5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
   let my right hand wither!   
6 Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth,  
   if I do not remember you,  
if I do not set Jerusalem  
   above my highest joy.

7 Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites  
   the day of Jerusalem’s fall,  
how they said, ‘Tear it down! Tear it down!  
   Down to its foundations!’   
8 O daughter Babylon, you devastator!  
   Happy shall they be who pay you back  
   what you have done to us!   
9 Happy shall they be who take your little ones  
   and dash them against the rock!

### Psalm 116 (Individual Thanksgiving) *NRSV*

### 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard    my voice and my supplications. 2 Because he inclined his ear to me,    therefore I will call on him as long as I live. 3 The snares of death encompassed me;    the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;    I suffered distress and anguish. 4 Then I called on the name of the Lord:    ‘O Lord, I pray, save my life!’

5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
   our God is merciful.   
6 The Lord protects the simple;  
   when I was brought low, he saved me.   
7 Return, O my soul, to your rest,  
   for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

8 For you have delivered my soul from death,  
   my eyes from tears,  
   my feet from stumbling.   
9 I walk before the Lord  
   in the land of the living.   
10 I kept my faith, even when I said,  
   ‘I am greatly afflicted’;   
11 I said in my consternation,  
   ‘Everyone is a liar.’

12 What shall I return to the Lord  
   for all his bounty to me?   
13 I will lift up the cup of salvation  
   and call on the name of the Lord,   
14 I will pay my vows to the Lord  
   in the presence of all his people.   
15 Precious in the sight of the Lord  
   is the death of his faithful ones.   
16 O Lord, I am your servant;  
   I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.  
   You have loosed my bonds.   
17 I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice  
   and call on the name of the Lord.   
18 I will pay my vows to the Lord  
   in the presence of all his people,   
19 in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
   in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the Lord!

### Psalm 67 (Community Thanksgiving) *NRSV*

*To the leader: with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.*  
1 May God be gracious to us and bless us  
   and make his face to shine upon us,  
          Selah   
2 that your way may be known upon earth,  
   your saving power among all nations.   
3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
   let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
   for you judge the peoples with equity  
   and guide the nations upon earth.  
          Selah   
5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
   let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has yielded its increase;  
   God, our God, has blessed us.   
7 May God continue to bless us;  
   let all the ends of the earth revere him.

### Psalm 148 (General Hymn) *NRSV*

1 Praise the Lord!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God;  
   for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.   
2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem;  
   he gathers the outcasts of Israel.   
3 He heals the broken-hearted,  
   and binds up their wounds.   
4 He determines the number of the stars;  
   he gives to all of them their names.   
5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
   his understanding is beyond measure.   
6 The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;  
   he casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;  
   make melody to our God on the lyre.   
8 He covers the heavens with clouds,  
   prepares rain for the earth,  
   makes grass grow on the hills.   
9 He gives to the animals their food,  
   and to the young ravens when they cry.   
10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse,  
   nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;   
11 but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
   in those who hope in his steadfast love.

12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!  
   Praise your God, O Zion!   
13 For he strengthens the bars of your gates;  
   he blesses your children within you.   
14 He grants peace within your borders;  
   he fills you with the finest of wheat.   
15 He sends out his command to the earth;  
   his word runs swiftly.   
16 He gives snow like wool;  
   he scatters frost like ashes.   
17 He hurls down hail like crumbs—  
   who can stand before his cold?   
18 He sends out his word, and melts them;  
   he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.   
19 He declares his word to Jacob,  
   his statutes and ordinances to Israel.   
20 He has not dealt thus with any other nation;  
   they do not know his ordinances.  
Praise the Lord!

### Psalm 65 (Creation) *NRSV*

*To the leader. A Psalm of David. A Song.*1 Praise is due to you,  
   O God, in Zion;  
and to you shall vows be performed,   
2   O you who answer prayer!  
To you all flesh shall come.   
3 When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,  
   you forgive our transgressions.   
4 Happy are those whom you choose and bring near  
   to live in your courts.  
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,  
   your holy temple.

5 By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,  
   O God of our salvation;  
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
   and of the farthest seas.   
6 By your strength you established the mountains;  
   you are girded with might.   
7 You silence the roaring of the seas,  
   the roaring of their waves,  
   the tumult of the peoples.   
8 Those who live at earth’s farthest bounds are awed by your signs;  
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it,  
   you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of water;  
   you provide the people with grain,  
   for so you have prepared it.   
10 You water its furrows abundantly,  
   settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers,  
   and blessing its growth.   
11 You crown the year with your bounty;  
   your wagon tracks overflow with richness.   
12 The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
   the hills gird themselves with joy,   
13 the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
   the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
   they shout and sing together for joy.

### Psalm 48 (Zion) *NRSV*

*A Song. A Psalm of the Korahites.*1 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised  
   in the city of our God.  
His holy mountain, 2beautiful in elevation,  
   is the joy of all the earth,  
Mount Zion, in the far north,  
   the city of the great King.   
3 Within its citadels God  
   has shown himself a sure defence.

4 Then the kings assembled,  
   they came on together.   
5 As soon as they saw it, they were astounded;  
   they were in panic, they took to flight;   
6 trembling took hold of them there,  
   pains as of a woman in labour,   
7 as when an east wind shatters  
   the ships of Tarshish.   
8 As we have heard, so have we seen  
   in the city of the Lord of hosts,  
in the city of our God,  
   which God establishes for ever.  
          Selah

9 We ponder your steadfast love, O God,  
   in the midst of your temple.   
10 Your name, O God, like your praise,  
   reaches to the ends of the earth.  
Your right hand is filled with victory.   
11   Let Mount Zion be glad,  
let the towns of Judah rejoice  
   because of your judgements.

12 Walk about Zion, go all around it,  
   count its towers,   
13 consider well its ramparts;  
   go through its citadels,  
that you may tell the next generation   
14   that this is God,  
our God for ever and ever.  
   He will be our guide for ever.

### Psalm 98 (Enthronement) *NRSV*

*A Psalm.*  
1 O sing to the Lord a new song,  
   for he has done marvellous things.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
   have gained him victory.   
2 The Lord has made known his victory;  
   he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.   
3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
   to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
   the victory of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
   break forth into joyous song and sing praises.   
5 Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
   with the lyre and the sound of melody.   
6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
   make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
   the world and those who live in it.   
8 Let the floods clap their hands;  
   let the hills sing together for joy   
9 at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming  
   to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
   and the peoples with equity.

### Psalm 82 (Hymn with a Prophetic Warning) *NRSV*

*A Psalm of Asaph.*  
1 God has taken his place in the divine council;  
   in the midst of the gods he holds judgement:   
2 ‘How long will you judge unjustly  
   and show partiality to the wicked?  
          Selah   
3 Give justice to the weak and the orphan;  
   maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.   
4 Rescue the weak and the needy;  
   deliver them from the hand of the wicked.’

5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding,  
   they walk around in darkness;  
   all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 I say, ‘You are gods,  
   children of the Most High, all of you;   
7 nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
   and fall like any prince.’

8 Rise up, O God, judge the earth;  
   for all the nations belong to you!

### Psalm 24 (Entrance Liturgy) *NRSV*

*Of David. A Psalm.*  
1 The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,  
   the world, and those who live in it;   
2 for he has founded it on the seas,  
   and established it on the rivers.

3 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
   And who shall stand in his holy place?   
4 Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
   who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
   and do not swear deceitfully.   
5 They will receive blessing from the Lord,  
   and vindication from the God of their salvation.   
6 Such is the company of those who seek him,  
   who seek the face of the God of Jacob.  
          Selah

7 Lift up your heads, O gates!  
   and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
   that the King of glory may come in.   
8 Who is the King of glory?  
   The Lord, strong and mighty,  
   the Lord, mighty in battle.   
9 Lift up your heads, O gates!  
   and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
   that the King of glory may come in.   
10 Who is this King of glory?  
   The Lord of hosts,  
   he is the King of glory.  
          Selah