

PSALMS

AUTHOR:

The book of Psalms made up of 150 psalms divided into 5 books. Each psalm stands alone in situation and authorship. Many are prefaced with a word of the circumstances in which the author wrote the poem. David wrote 73 psalms, the most by one author.

DATE:

The Psalms were written over a period of 1000 years dating from the time of Moses (1400 B.C.) to the Babylonian Captivity in 586 B.C.

AUDIENCE:

Most of the Psalms were used in worship and have served various functions. There are psalms of praise, lament, sadness, blessing, and joy. There seems to be a psalm for every situation that you may find your heart in. Reading a Psalm a day is a rewarding discipline.

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The psalms are poems or hymns with many different attitudes, including hymns, royal psalms, wisdom psalms, and prayers, that direct ones attention to God during a particular season of the soul. They are the old school worship songs, many of which are quoted in our favorite songs today.

CULTURAL FACTS:

The Psalms were used in Temple worship and personal devotion in early Judaism to draw ones heart to God and as an expression of the worshiper's experience.

