

Categories of Psalms

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Messianic Psalms	2 (You are my Son, today I have become your Father); 22 (My God, why have you forsaken me? they have pierced my hands and feet . . . they divide my garments among them & cast lots for my clothing), 31 (In to your hands I commit my spirit - Luke 23:46), 40 (Hebrews 10:5-7 quotes vs 6-8 in relation to Jesus coming into the world to fulfill these words); 41 (v9 is quoted in the Gospels about Judas betraying Jesus as "he who shared by bread has lifted up his heel against me"); 45 (wedding of the Lamb); 69 (zeal for your house consumes me; gave me vinegar for my thirst); 80 (" . . . The son of man that you have raised up for yourself."); 109 (let another take his place of leadership); 110 (The LORD said to my Lord . . .); 118 (the Cornerstone the builders rejected . . .); 132 (to David - One of your own descendants I will place on your throne)
Unique Psalms	45 (wedding psalm), 49 (reads like a proverb - "A man who has riches without understanding is like the beasts that perish."), 55 (psalm specifically about betrayal, about being "knifed in the back" by a close companion), 72 (psalm depicting the glorious reign that Solomon prayed for that would bless the nations), 73 (Asaph's reflections on how he was tempted to desire the life of the wicked, but saw their demise in light of eternity), 78 (we won't hide these things from our children); 84 (How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty - better is one day in your courts . . . I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked); 87 (great praise for the city of Zion); 101 (commitment of David to keep Godly company around him); 104 (marvels at God's creation and the way that He both forms it and sustains it); 112 (reads like Proverbs in terms of the blessings of being righteous vs the consequences of the wicked); 114 (speaks of the way that "the land" responded to Jacob entering the Promised land and becoming the "sanctuary of God"); 115 & 118 both use the phrases "the house/people of Israel . . . / house of Aaron . . . / those who fear YHWH . . ."), 122 (exalting the goodness of Jerusalem & praying for its peace), 136 (" . . . His love endures forever"), 137 (. . . "He who seizes your infants and dashes them against the rocks."); 139 (psalm dedicated to God's intrinsic awareness and presence in every aspect of our lives)
Psalms that remember God leading the people into the Promised Land	77, 78, 81, 95, 105 (beginning at the perspective of God being faithful to fulfill his covenant to Abraham, Isaac & Jacob), 106, 114, 135, 136
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