Interesting Facts About Psalms

MEANING: “Book of Praises.”

AUTHOR: A number of authors.
• Almost half (73 Psalms) are attributed to David.
• 12 were by Asap.
• 10 were by the sons of Korah.
• 2 by Solomon. (2 & 127)
• 1 by Moses. (90)
• 1 by Herman.
• 1 by Ethan.
• 50 are anonymous.
• Some of the anonymous Psalms are attributed to Ezra.

TIME WRITTEN: The Psalms were written over a wide span of time from Moses (1410 B.C.) to the post exilix community under Ezra and Nehemiah (400 B.C.)

POSITION IN THE BIBLE:
• 19th Book in the Bible
• 19th Book in the Old Testament
• 2nd of 5 Poetical books (Job - Song of Solomon)
• 47 Books to follow it.

CHAPTERS: 150
VERSES: 2,461
WORDS: 43,743

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT PSALMS:
■ Every one of the 150 Psalms contains some note of praise to God.
■ Psalms is the longest, and perhaps the most widely used, book in all the Bible.
■ The Book of Psalms contain such diverse subjects as:
  • Jubilation
  • War
  • Peace
  • Worship
  • Judgment
  • Messianic prophecy
  • Praise
  • Lament

■ The Book of Psalms is actually five books:
  • Book 1 - Psalms 1-41
  • Book 2 - Psalms 43-72
  • Book 3 - Psalms 73-89
  • Book 4 - Psalms 90-106
  • Book 5 - Psalms 107-150

■ There are ten types of Psalms
  • Individual Lament Psalms
  • Communal Lament Psalms
  • Individual Thanksgiving Psalms
  • Communal Thanksgiving Psalms.
  • General Praise Psalms
  • Descriptive Praise Psalms
  • Enthronement Psalms
  • Pilgrimage Psalms
  • Royal Psalms
  • Wisdom and Didactic Psalms

■ There are five different types of Messianic Psalms:
  • Typical Messianic
  • Typical Prophetic
  • Indirectly Messianic
  • Purely Prophetic
  • Enthronement

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.”
Psalm 23:1