

PSALMS

AT-A-GLANCE



O.T. BOOK #19



AUTHOR: MANY:

King David was the strongest contributor.



WRITTEN: 1400-450 BC

Psalms is written for all eras to enjoy and was meant to be timeless.

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Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: Of the 150 Psalms, over half were written by King David

MOST FAMOUS VERSES:

Yeah, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me. ***Psalms 23:4***

Take delight in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. ***Psalms 37:4***

Important Points about the Book:

- Psalms are poetry, generally meant to be put to music, though the translations out of their original and beautiful language often makes that hard today.
- Individual psalms were written as early as Moses' time, around 1450 BC. More were added through the time of David and Solomon around 1000 BC. Additions continued after the Babylonian captivity around 500 BC. That means the writing spanned nearly 1,000 years.
- The Psalms have always been quite popular because they apply to every time and every person. Psalms of sorrow, psalms of praise, prophetic psalms, and words of encouragement still make this one of the most popular books in the Bible.