

Psalms

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Summary: The Psalms are a "complete Bible" in themselves. Possibly every subject that pertains to God and man in creation and redemption's plan is referred to in its great themes. Most of the Psalms can be grouped into one of the following categories: Messianic, Repentance, Prayers, Acrostic, Songs of Degrees, Historical, Devotional, Worship, and Didactic. There is a Psalm for every occasion, suitable for every feeling, longing, desire, emotion, and expression in the heart and life of man. The book of Psalms is the very heart of the Bible.

Christ Seen: Christ is seen as the Beloved of God singing praise in the midst of the church (Heb 12:12).

Note: The Messianic Psalms portray the whole life story of Christ from His pre-existence to His eternal throne.

The worm

Psa 22:6 But I am a worm and not a man, A reproach of men and despised by the people.

Psalm 22 is a prophetic psalm that describes the sufferings and death of the Messiah, who is likened to a worm.

There are three Hebrew words for a worm. The one in this verse is *tola'ath*, a crimson or scarlet worm, commonly found in Israel. The female crimson worm gives birth only once. At that time, she climbs up a tree or a piece of wood, attaches her body to it, and makes a hard crimson shell. The shell is so firmly attached to the tree, that it can only be removed by ripping her apart and thus killing her.

Underneath the body and protective shell, she lays her eggs, and the baby worms feed on her until she dies. After her death, her body released a red or crimson ink that covers the babies entirely. And the babies remain crimson red for the remainder of their lives.

Then three days later, the dead mother's body loses its crimson color and turns white wax. The wax falls like snow on the ground.

Like the crimson mother worm died for her children to live, Jesus died so that we may live through him (1Jn 4:9). He also climbed on a tree and gave up His life so that His people would be cleansed by His blood (Rev 1:5), covered by it (Eph 2:13), and become white as snow (Isa 1:18).

Names of Jesus in Psalms

Psalm	Name	Fulfillment
2:2	Anointed (Messiah)	Mt 1:16
2:6-12	Only begotten	1Jn 4:9
16:10	Holy One	Ac 2:27
18:2	Deliverer	Rom 11:26
23:1; 80:1	Shepherd	Jn 10:11
24:7	King of glory	1Cor 2:8
27:1	Salvation	Lk 2:30
48:14	Guide	Rev 7:17
71:5	Hope	1 Tim 1:1
78:15-16	Rock	1Cor 10:4
In 9:3	David	Mt 1:1; Ac 13:34-36
110:4	Priest	Heb 2:17

One of the predominant themes in the Psalms is that of the Messiah.

About ten percent [16 of the 150 Psalms] are classified as messianic. They are Psalms 2, 8, 16, 22, 23, 24, 40, 41, 45, 68, 69, 72, 89, 102, 110, and 118. In addition, many of the other Psalms, while not strictly messianic in nature, refer to Christ. The various writers related much about His person, life, rejection, suffering, and resurrection. The Messianic Psalms were often quoted and further explained in the New Testament.

Messianic Prophecies in the Psalms

Psalm	Theme	Fulfillment
2:1-2	Rulers would persecute Christ.	Ac 4:25-28
2:7, 12	The begotten Son of God.	Mt 3:17; Jn 5:28-29;; Heb 1:5; 5:5
8:2	He would be praised by children.	Mt 21:15-16
8:6	All things will be subjected to Him.	Heb 2:8
16:10	His body would be resurrected.	Mt 28:7; Ac 2:24-27; 13:30-37
22:1	My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?	Mt 27:46; Mk 15:34
22:6-8	He would be despised & crucified.	Mt 27:39; 27:43; Mk 15:29; Lk 23:35
22:15	He would thirst while on the cross.	Jn 19:28
22:16	His hands and feet nailed to the cross.	Jn 20:25-27
22:18	They cast lots for His garments.	Mt 27:35-36; Jn 19:24
31:5	Into Your hands I commit My spirit.	Lk 23:46
34:20	None of his bones were broken.	Jn 19:32-36
35:11	Accused by false witnesses.	Mk 14:57
35:19	Hated for no reason.	Jn 15:25
40:7-8	He would delight to do God's will.	Heb 10:7
41:9	He would be betrayed by a friend.	Lk 22:47; Jn 13:18
45:6-7	He would rule on an eternal throne.	Heb 1:8-9
68:18	He would ascend to heaven.	Ac 1:9-11
69:4	He would be hated without cause.	Jn 15:25; Lk 23:13-22
69:9	"For zeal for Your house has consumed me."	Jn 2:17
69:21	"They gave me vinegar to drink."	Mt 27:48; Mk 15:36; Jn 19:28-29
78:2	He will speak in parables.	Mt 13:35
89:3-4 132:11	God made a covenant with David that his seed (the Messiah) would sit on his throne.	Ac 2:30
110:1	He would be seated at the right hand of God	Heb 6:17-20
110:4	He will be a priest after order of Melchizedek.	Heb 5:6
118:22-23	He is the stone the builders rejected	Mt 21:42; Mk 12:10-11; Lk 20:17
118:26	"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD."	Mt 23:39; Mk 11:9; Lk 19:38; Jn 12:13

Versus in Psalms fulfilled in Jesus Christ:

2:1-2, 7-9, 12; 3:3, 7-8; 4:3, 7-8; 5:12; 7:8; 8:2, 6; 16:10; 17:7; 18:43; 20:7; 22:1, 6-10, 13-18; 23:1-4; 24:7-10; 31:5; 34:20; 35:11, 19; 37:4-6; 40:7-8; 45:2-9, 11, 16-17; 47:2, 5-9; 68:18; 69:7-12, 20-21; 17:1-4; 87:1-7; 89:4-45; 96:4-6, 13; 27:1-6, 9; 98:1-3, 9; 99:1-5; 100:3, 5; 102:18-28; 110:1-7; 118:22; 132:17-18;

The Psalms have many prophetic words about our victory in Jesus Christ

He will defeat the enemy.

Psa 89:20-23 "I have found David My servant; With My holy oil I have anointed him, 21 With whom My hand will be established; My arm also will strengthen him. 22 "The enemy will not deceive him, Nor the son of wickedness afflict him. 23 "But I shall crush his adversaries before him, And strike those who hate him.

Psa 60:12 Through God we shall do valiantly, And it is He who will tread down our adversaries.

Psa 97:1-3 The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; ... Fire goes before Him And burns up His adversaries round about.

Psa 108:13 Through God we will do valiantly, And it is He who shall tread down our adversaries.

Psa 136:23-24 Who remembered us in our low estate, For His lovingkindness is everlasting, 24 And has rescued us from our adversaries, For His lovingkindness is everlasting;

Psa 107:2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the adversary

He shatters the teeth of the enemy

Psa 3:7-8 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God! For You have smitten all my enemies on the cheek; You have shattered the teeth of the wicked. 8 Salvation belongs to the LORD; Your blessing be upon Your people!

Psa 57:4-6 My soul is among lions; I must lie among those who breathe forth fire, Even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows And their tongue a sharp sword. 5 Be exalted above the heavens, O God; Let Your glory be above all the earth. 6 They have prepared a net for my steps; My soul is bowed down; They dug a pit before me; They themselves have fallen into the midst of it.

Psa 58:3-7 The wicked are estranged from the womb; These who speak lies go astray from birth. 4 They have venom like the venom of a serpent; Like a deaf cobra that stops up its ear, 5 So that it does not hear the voice of charmers, Or a skillful caster of spells. 6 O God, shatter their teeth in their mouth; Break out the fangs of the young lions, O LORD. 7 Let them flow away like water that runs off; When he aims his arrows, let them be as headless shafts.

Victory in the name of the Lord

Psa 20:5-8 We will sing for joy over your victory, And in the name of our God we will set up our banners. May the LORD fulfill all your petitions. 6 Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven With the saving strength of His right hand. 7 Some boast in chariots and some in horses, But we will boast in the name of the LORD, our God. 8 They have bowed down and fallen, But we have risen and stood upright.

Psa 33:16-17 The king is not saved by a mighty army; A warrior is not delivered by great strength. 17 A horse is a false hope for victory; Nor does it deliver anyone by its great strength.

Ps 44:4-8 You are my King, O God; Command victories for Jacob. 5 Through You we will push back our adversaries; Through Your name we will trample down those who rise up against us. 6 For I will not trust in my bow, Nor will my sword save me. 7 But You have saved us from our adversaries, And You have put to shame those who hate us. 8 In God we have boasted all day long, And we will give thanks to Your name forever.

Psa 45:3-5 Gird Your sword on Your thigh, O Mighty One, In Your splendor and Your majesty! 4 And in Your majesty ride on victoriously, For the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; Let Your right hand teach You awesome things. 5 Your arrows are sharp; The peoples fall under You; Your arrows are in the heart of the King's enemies.

Psa 98:1 O sing to the LORD a new song, For He has done wonderful things, His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him.

We escape the trapper's snare.

Psa 91:3 For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper And from the deadly pestilence.

Psa 124:7 Our soul has escaped as a bird out of the snare of the trapper; The snare is broken and we have escaped. 8 Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.