

The Bible Jesus Used

A Gospel-Centered Glance at
the Old Testament

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❖ **Doxologies**

- ❖ **Book 1: Ps 41:13**. Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.
- ❖ **Book 2: Ps 72:18–19**. Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!
- ❖ **Book 3: Ps 89:52**. Blessed be Yahweh forever! Amen and Amen.
- ❖ **Book 4: Ps 106:48**. Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise Yah(weh)!
- ❖ **Book 5: Pss 146–150**. Praise Yah(weh)! (Pss 146:1, 10; 147:1, 20; 148:1, 14; 149:1, 9; 150:1, 6)

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❖ Pss 1–2 as a unified introduction

- ❖ Neither psalm has a title
- ❖ Framed by the “blessed” formula (1:1; 2:12)
- ❖ Catchwords:
 - ❖ “blessed” (1:2; 2:12)
 - ❖ “way” (1:1, 6; 2:12)
 - ❖ “sit”(1:1; 2:4)
 - ❖ “meditate/plot” (1:2; 2:1)
 - ❖ “perish” (1:6; 2:12)
- ❖ Together they appear to provide the voice of the king as representative of the people (Ps 2:7).

❖ **Ps 1: Walking with the Messiah**

- ❖ **Theme:** The psalmist motivates individuals to pursue a life rooted in God's Word by contrasting the blessed state of the righteous with the unblessed state of the wicked.

❖ **Outline:**

❖ **The blessed state of the righteous (1:1–3)**

- ❖ His *pattern* of life is not associated with rebellion (1:1)
- ❖ His *pleasure* in life is God's law (1:2)
- ❖ His *placement* in life is nourishing and his produce in life is plentiful and permanent (1:3)

❖ **The unblessed state of the wicked (1:4–6)**

- ❖ The basis of wicked people's dismal future (1:4)
- ❖ The nature of wicked people's dismal future (1:5–6)

❖ **Ps 2: Waiting in the Messiah (Eschatology)**

- ❖ **Theme: The psalmist calls the nations to take refuge in God's royal Son in order to enjoy satisfaction. Dependence on Yahweh's provision and protection through his king and his counsel provides the refuge and satisfaction to the righteous in all situations.**

❖ **Outline:**

- ❖ **The basis of the call to the blessed state of refuge in God's royal Son (2:1–9)**
 - ❖ The futility of rebellion (2:1–6)
 - ❖ The certainty of submission (2:7–9)
- ❖ **The nature of the call to the blessed state of refuge in God's royal Son (2:10–12)**
 - ❖ The call to take refuge in God's royal Son declared (2:12)
 - ❖ The blessed state of taking refuge in God's royal Son asserted (2:12)

- ❖ **Implication:** Because the only commands in Pss 1–2 relate to finding refuge in the Son, the clearest way we do this is through submitting to God’s Word, which is what guides the king.
- ❖ **Deut 17:18–20.** And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. ¹⁹ And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, ²⁰ that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.

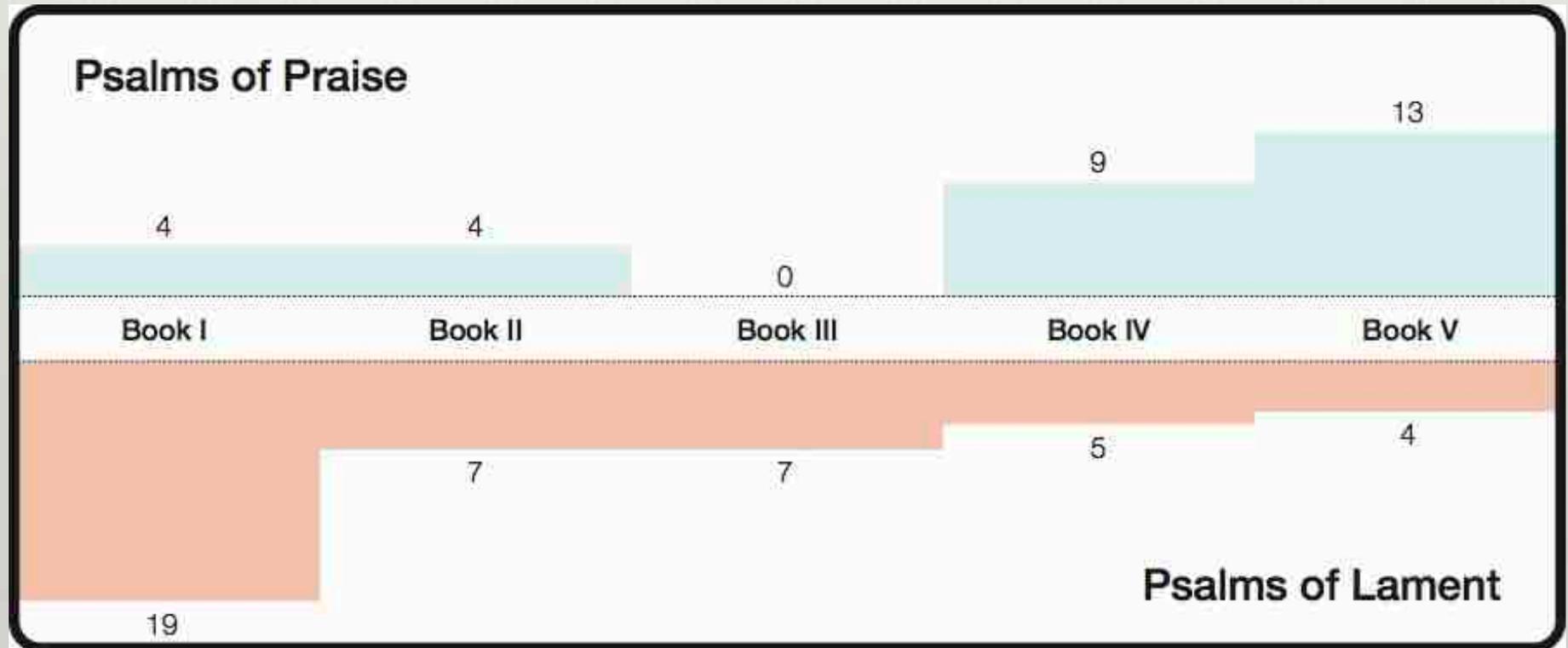
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Movement from Lament to Praise



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