**The Psalms – An Overview**

Biblical scholar categorizes the Book of Psalms as one of the poetical or wisdom books in the Hebrew Bible / Old Testament, separated into five divisions. The term means “hymns” or “songs.” The other books in this group are Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon.

**For this class, our classification will be (according to themes):**

Ascents (Pilgrimage)

Psalm 120

Psalm 123

Adoration (Praise)

Psalm 8

Psalm 27

Lament / Supplication

Psalm 22

Royal / God as King

Psalm 24

**(Other categories include a number of themes that may overlap. For example, wisdom, thanksgiving, and Zion)**

Authors

David, Son of Jesse

Asaph

### Ethan

Heman

Moses

Solomon

Sons of Korah

### There are 73 writings attributed to David, 12 to the Sons of Korah, 12 to Asaph, 2 to Solomon, 1 to Heman, 1 to Ethan, and 1 to Moses.

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#### Notes

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