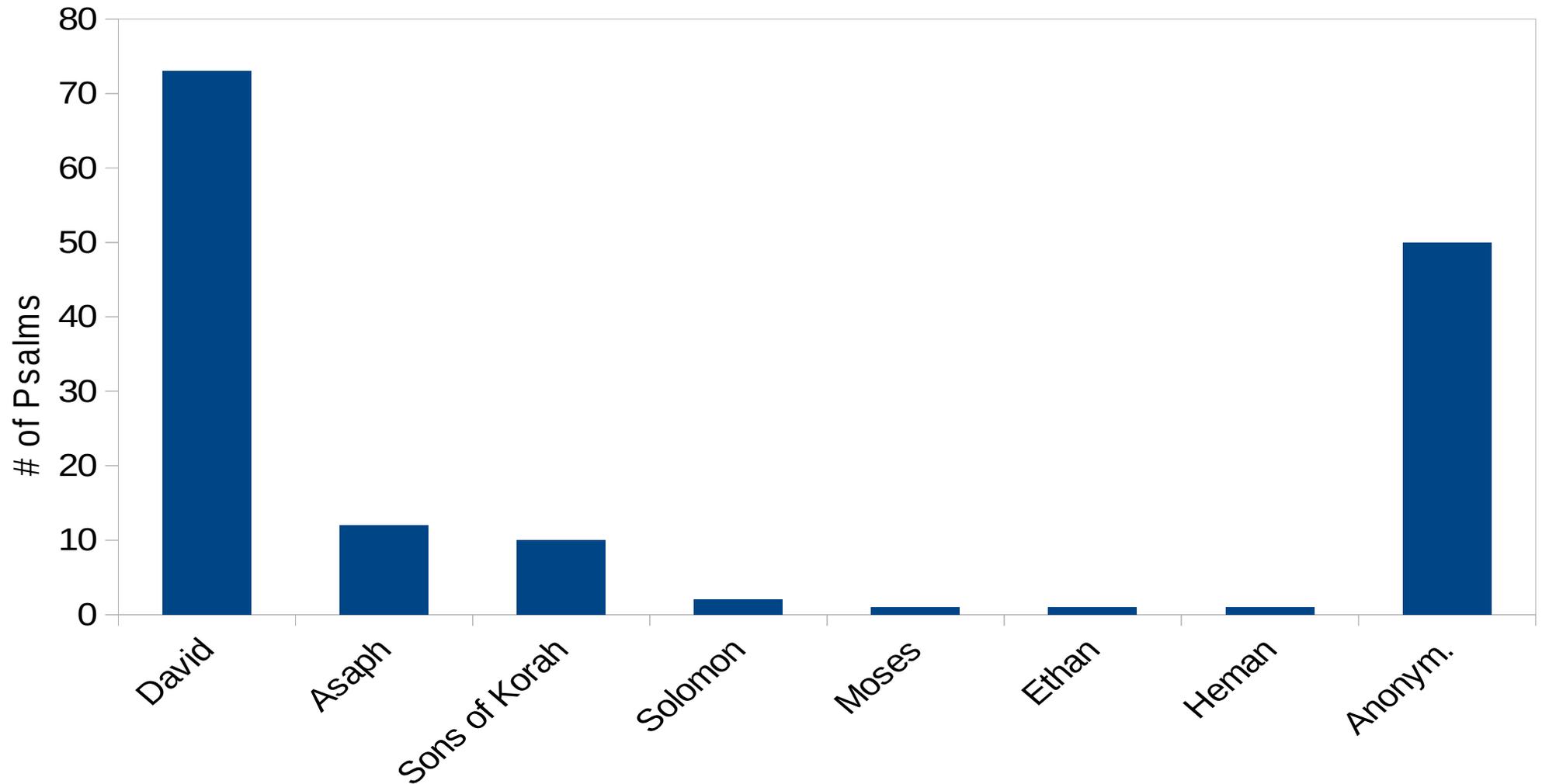


Treasure Hunt

- How many different people wrote the Psalms, and how long did it take them?
- Who wrote Psalm 2?
- How is Psalm 1 structured?
- What three contrasts does Psalm 1 draw between the righteous and the ungodly?
- What is the main lesson of Psalm 1? Of Psalm 2?
- How are the characters and themes of Psalms 1 and 2 related?
- What two themes are emphasized by setting these two Psalms side by side?
- Where else are these themes associated in the Psalter?
- What may have inspired the compiler to associate these two themes?

Who Wrote the Psalms?



When were the Psalms written?

BC

1400

90:1 A prayer of Moses, the man of God

1000

3:1 David (73x), 50:1 Asaph (12x)

72:1 Solomon (2x)

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85:1 LORD, ... thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

126:1 When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion,

137:1 By the rivers of Babylon, ... we remembered Zion.

118:26 we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD

Who wrote Psalm 2?

Act 4:24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: 25 Who **by the mouth of thy servant David** hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? 26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. (Ps 2:1-2)

Deut 6 in Ps 1:1-2

Psalm 1	Deuteronomy 6
<p>1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.</p> <p>2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.</p>	<p>Deu 6:6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.</p>

Pro 4:23 Keep thy **heart** with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Mat 15:18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the **heart**; and they defile the man. 19 For out of the **heart** proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

“like a tree planted by the rivers of water...”



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Summary of Psalm 1: The key to succeeding in life (vv. 3-4) and to being well-pleasing to God (vv. 5-6) is to occupy ourselves constantly with the word of God (v. 2) and not with the wisdom of men (v. 1).

Links between Psalm 1 & Psalm 2

LORD : law : ungodly : righteous

LORD : decree : kings : Son

Psa 1:1 **Blessed is the man** that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor **sitteth** in the seat of the **scornful**. 2 But his delight *is* in the **law** of the **LORD**; and in his **law** doth he **meditate day** and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that **bringeth** forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. 4 The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which **the wind driveth away**.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the **judgment**, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous [pl]. 6 For the **LORD** knoweth the way of the righteous [pl]: but the **way** of the ungodly shall **perish**.

Psa 2:1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people **imagine** a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the **LORD**, and against his anointed, *saying*, 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

4 He that **sitteth** in the heavens shall **laugh**: the Lord shall have them in **derision**. 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. 6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

7 I will declare the **decree**: the **LORD** hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this **day** have I begotten thee. 8 Ask of me, and I shall **give thee** the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession. 9 Thou shalt **break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces** like a potter's vessel.

10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye **judges** of the earth. 11 Serve the **LORD** with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye **perish from the way**, when his wrath is kindled but a little. **Blessed are all they** that put their trust in him.

More on Psalm 2

Background for v. 7:

2Sa 7:12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up **thy seed after thee**, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. 14 **I will be his father, and he shall be my son.**

Psa 16:8 I have set the LORD always before me: because *he is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Summary of Psalm 2: When faced with opposition from other people (vv. 1-3), our confidence must be in the Lord's words (vv. 4-6) and His promised Messiah (vv. 7-9), and we should seek to win our adversaries to serve him (vv. 10-12).

Law and King

With Pss 1-2 (Law – King), compare Pss 18-19 and 118-119 (both King – Law).

Deu 17:18 And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites: 19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: 20 That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.