

Treasure Hunt

- How did the editor mark the divisions of Psalms?
- Characterize each of the five books by its dominant authors, its use of the names of God, and the kind of psalms it contains.
- Can you give a key word that summarizes each book of the psalter?
- How do Psalms 14 and 53 illustrate the difference between the first and second books?
- Where is Psalm 14/53 quoted in the NT?
- What lesson does the NT draw from it?
- Why is it particularly appropriate for teaching this lesson?
- How could David, in 1000 BC, know about the captivities, which happened between 722 BC and 587 BC?

Five Doxologies Within the Psalms

Psa 41:13 **Blessed** *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. **Amen**, and **Amen**.

Psa 72:18 **Blessed** *be* the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.

19 And **blessed** *be* his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled *with* his glory; **Amen**, and **Amen**.

20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

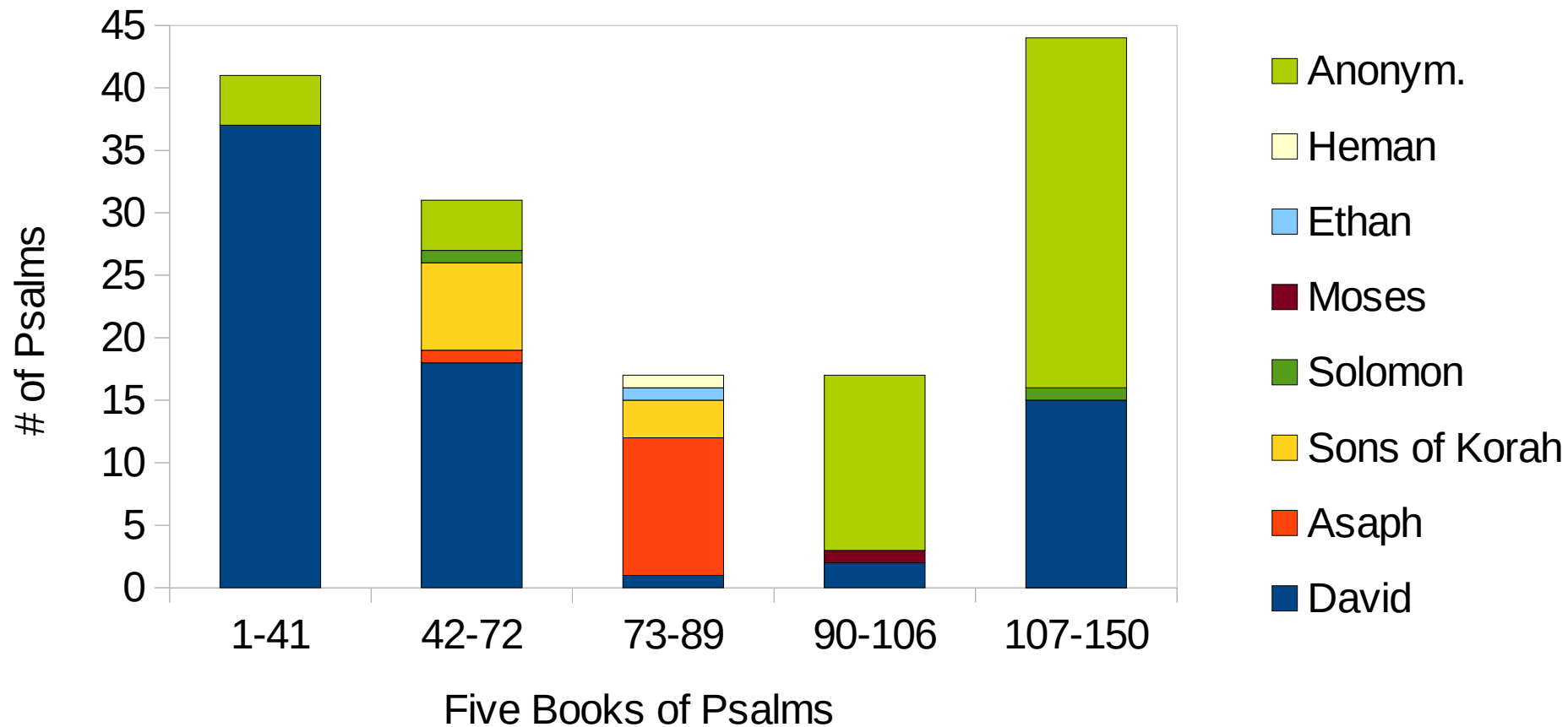
(but 18 later psalms are attributed to David!)

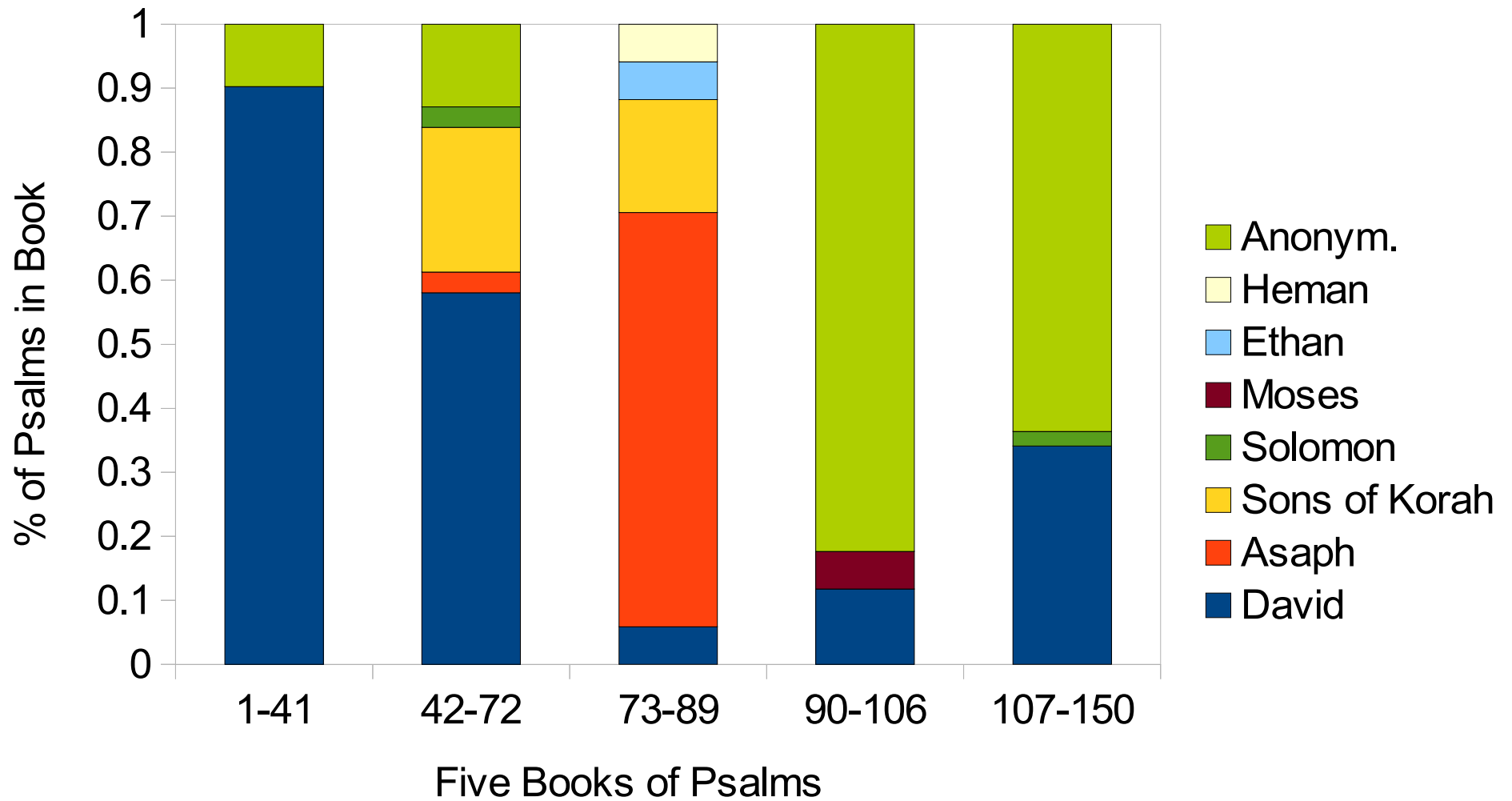
Psa 89:52 **Blessed** *be* the LORD for evermore. **Amen**, and **Amen**.

Psa 106:48 **Blessed** *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, **Amen**. Praise ye the LORD [**Hallelujah**].

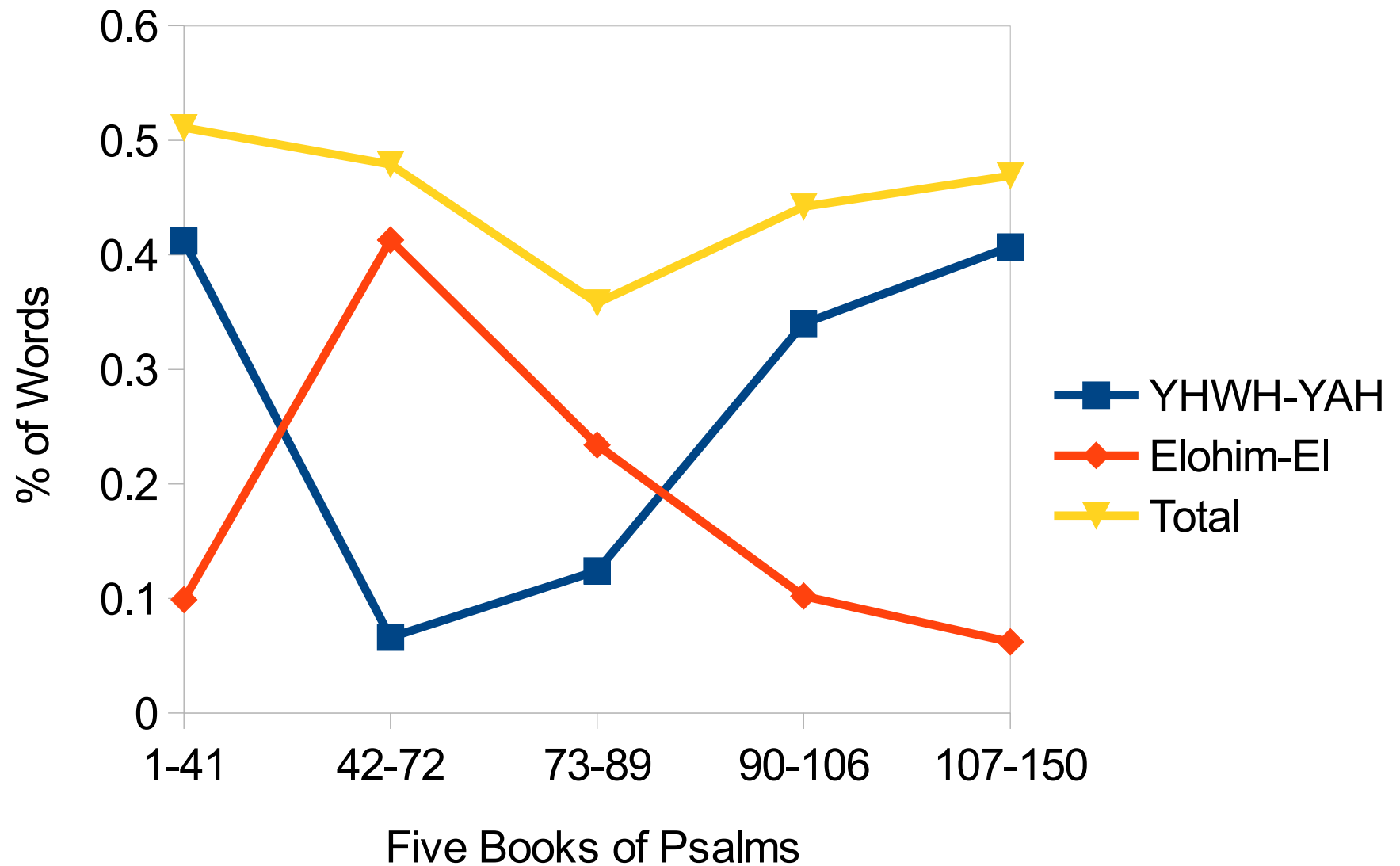
Psa 146-150 [Each begins and ends with "**Hallelujah**," "Praise ye the Lord."]

Five Books of Psalms

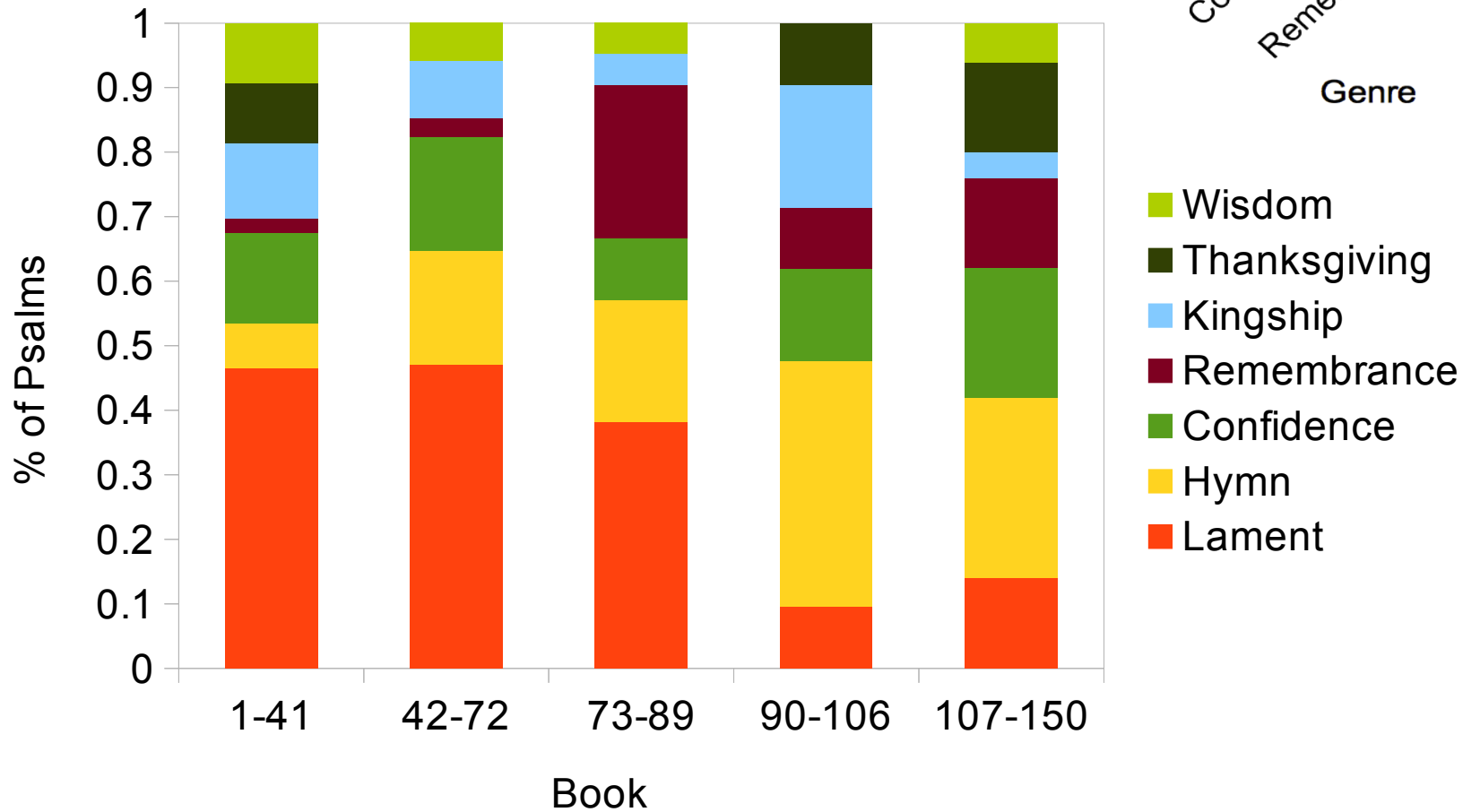
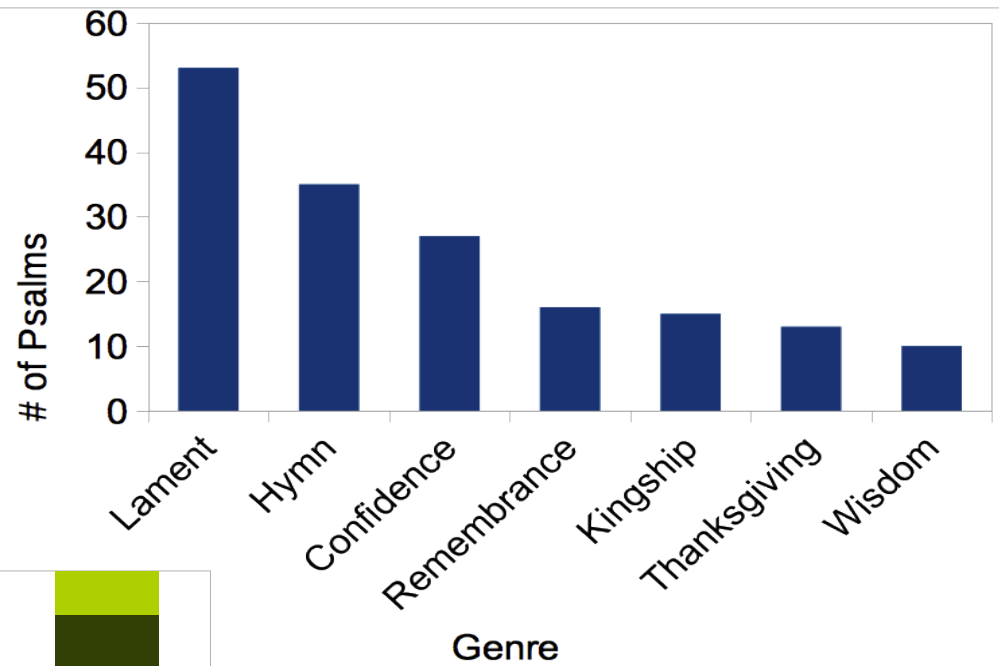




Names of God in the Psalms



Genres of the Psalms



Robertson's Outline

Book 1, Pss 1-41: **Confrontation** between Israel's Messianic king and his opposition.

Book 2, Pss 42-72: **Communication** of Messiah's claims to the Gentiles

Book 3, Pss 73-89: **Devastation** of God's people by the Gentiles

Book 4, Pss 90-106: **Maturation** of hope in the Lord as king

Book 5, Pss 107-150: **Consummation** of the Messianic kingdom

O. Palmer Robertson, *The Flow of the Psalms*. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2015

God (אלהים Strong 430) vs. LORD (יהוה Strong 3068)

Psa 14:1 <A Psalm of David.>

The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God.* They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is none that doeth good.*

2 **The LORD** looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and seek God.*

3 They are all gone aside, they are *all* together become filthy: *there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*

4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon **the LORD**.

5 There were they in great fear: for **God** is in the generation of the righteous.

6 Ye ~~have shamed~~ may shame the counsel of the poor, because **the LORD** is his refuge.

7 Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion! when **the LORD** bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

Psa 53:1 <Maschil, A Psalm of David.>

The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God.* Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: *there is none that doeth good.*

2 **God** looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were *any* that did understand, that did seek **God**.

3 Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; *there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*

4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread: they have not called upon **God**.

5 There were they in great fear, **where no fear was:** for **God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee:**

thou hast put *them* to shame, because **God hath despised them.**

6 Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion! When **God** bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

To the Chief Musician on Neginoth

Psalm 14/53 in Romans 3

Romans 3	OT Sources
<p>Rom 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.</p>	<p>Ps 14/53:1 there is none that doeth good. 2 ... to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. 3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.</p>
<p>13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit;</p>	<p>Psa 5:9 their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.</p>
<p>the poison of asps is under their lips:</p>	<p>Psa 140:3 ... adders' poison is under their lips.</p>
<p>14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:</p>	<p>Psa 10:7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud:</p>
<p>15 Their feet are swift to shed blood: 16 Destruction and misery are in their ways: 17 And the way of peace have they not known:</p>	<p>Isa 59:7 Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: ... wasting and destruction are in their paths. 8 The way of peace they know not;</p>
<p>18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.</p>	<p>Psa 36:1 there is no fear of God before his eyes.</p>

Comparison of 14:5-6 and 53:5

14:5 There were they in **great fear**:

for God is in the generation of the righteous.

6 Ye ~~have shamed~~ may **shame** the counsel of the poor, **because the LORD** is his refuge.

53:5 There were they in **great fear**, where no fear was:

for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee: thou hast put them to **shame**, **because God** hath despised them.

Understanding 14:7

The salvation of Israel
... out of Zion

Psa 20:1 The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; 2 Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;

David and the Captivity:

Deu 30:1 And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee, 2 And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul; 3 That then the LORD thy God will **turn thy captivity**, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.

Summary of Psalm 14: Faced with oppression (v. 4) from a universally wicked world (vv. 1-3), God's people can take refuge in him now (vv. 5-6), and look forward to his future deliverance (v. 7).