

The Songbook of Israel

Cultural Conversations - Jesus and Israel

The Psalms and Israel

Hebrew Poetry

- Hymns (Ps. 103, 117, 118...)
 - Invite us to praise the LORD.
- Laments (Ps. 13, 22, 88...)
 - “Songs of disorientation”
- Songs of Thanksgiving (Ps. 18, 34, 75...)
 - The sequel to Laments (structure: Thanksgiving, recounting trouble, renewed thanksgiving)
- Songs of Confidence (Ps. 16, 23, 27, 62...)
 - The middle ground between songs of lament and thanksgiving.
- Divine Kingship Songs (Ps. 47, 93, 97, 99...)
- Wisdom Songs (Ps. 1, 19, 32, 119...)
 - Didactic in nature and reflect the Wisdom literature of the Hebrew scriptures (Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes)

The Psalms as Christian Scripture

God gives us the Psalms to know Christ (Ps. 15), to hear the voice of Christ (Ps. 22), and to join our voices with Christ (Ps. 124).

“He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.”

Psalm 40:3