

AUTHORS OF THE PSALMS

1. David - 73 (-77) Psalms

3-32, 34-41, 51-65, 68-60, 86, 101, 103, 108-110, 122, 124, 131, 138-145

-Ps. 2 thought to be David's → see Acts 4:25

-Ps. 95 thought to be David's → see Heb. 4:7

-Ps. 105-106 (acrostic) → see 1Chron. 16:8-36

2. Sons of Korah - 12 Psalms

42-49, 84, 85, 97, 88

3. Asaph - 12 Psalms

50, 73-83

4. Ethan the Ezrahite - 1 Psalm

89 (also mentioned in the titles of Ps. 39, 62, 77)

5. Heman the Ezrahite - 1 Psalm

88

6. Solomon - 2 Psalms

72, 127

7. Moses - 1 Psalm

90

8. "One Afflicted" - 1 Psalm

102

9. Unknown - 48 Psalms

(traditionally ascribed to Ezra) 1, 2, 33, 66, 67, 71, 91-100, 104-107, 111-121, 123, 125, 126, 128-130, 132-137, 146-150

Korah/ KORAHITES - that part of the Kohathite Levites descended from KORAH, the son of Izhar and grandson of Levi. Many Korahites held responsible tabernacle positions <Ex. 6:24>. The name is also spelled Korathites <Num. 26:58>. The KJV

translates as Korhites.

ASAPH - Asaph sounded cymbals before the ARK OF THE COVENANT when it was moved from the house of Obed-Edom to Jerusalem <1Chr. 15:16-19>. Asaph's family became one of the three families given responsibility for music and song in the Temple <1Chr. 25:1-9>.

Following the Captivity, 128 singers from this family returned from Babylon and conducted the singing when the foundations of Zerubbabel's temple were laid <Ezra 2:41; 3:10>.

ETHAN the Ezrahite - A renowned wise man in the time of Solomon <1King. 4:31>. OR, a descendant of Gershon and an ancestor of Asaph <1Chr. 6:42>.

HEMAN the Ezrahite - A son of Zerah and grandson of Jacob. Heman composed a meditative psalm, a prayer for deliverance from sadness <Ps. 88>

OR, a son of Joel and a grandson of Samuel the prophet <1Chr. 6:33; 15:17>.

Presented as "the singer" or "the musician," he was the first of three chief Levites to conduct the vocal and instrumental music of the tabernacle during the reign of David <1Chr. 16:41-42>.