

## THE WRITINGS OF OTHER PSALMISTS

Besides David, several others wrote Psalms. Although not all of these lived during the United Kingdom, their most well known writings are mentioned here so as to give a more complete picture of the Book of Psalms. These may be classified as follows:

### A. Psalms Before David's Time:

1. By whom was Psalm 90 written? See title of Psalm.  
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2. Although the author of Psalm 91 is not given, many feel that it is a companion to Psalm 90, and was written by the same author. Compare the first verse of each Psalm with Deuteronomy 33:27. What do you notice?  
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### B. Psalms Probably of David's and Solomon's Time:

1. Read Psalm 1. Who is described by the portraits of the tree and the chaff?  
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2. Glance briefly through Psalm 119. Which of these portraits is enlarged upon here?  
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3. Read Psalms 42 and 43. Of what other Psalm that we have studied do these Psalms remind you? See page 37.  
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4. Compare Psalm 42:4 and 43:3-4 with Psalm 84. For what does the author long in each case?  
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5. Although no author is named for any of the above Psalms, do you see anything in them to remind you of David's time?  
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6. From the titles of the following Psalms, list their authors:
  - a. Psalm 78: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Psalm 88: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Psalm 89: \_\_\_\_\_
7. From I Chronicles 14:16-19, tell who these men probably were:  
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8. Notice that Psalm 78 is a summary of Israel's history. In whose time did the author probably live? Psalm 78:67-72  
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9. Another Heman and another Ethan are mentioned in I Chronicles 2:1-6. Notice that they were grandsons of Judah, and lived about the time Jacob's family went to Egypt. How do we know that the Ethan who wrote Psalm 89 lived during David's time or later? Psalm 89:20, 35-36  
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**C. Psalms Probably of the Divided Kingdom Period:**

1. Read II Chronicles 32:1-2, 6-9, 19-23. Then read Psalm 46. Do you think this Psalm could have been written after this experience?  
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2. Read Psalm 121. How does this remind you of what Hezekiah did in II Chronicles 32?  
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3. Since no author is given for either of these Psalms, the date of their writing cannot certainly be determined. But many think they were written at the time of Hezekiah, and possibly by him.  
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**D. Psalms of the Captivity and Restoration:**

1. Read Psalm 137:1-4. Where and when was this Psalm written?  
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2. Read Psalm 126:1-3. When might this Psalm have been written? (Note: Some think this was written by Hezekiah at the time mentioned above. Notice how this could be true. See especially verse 4.)  
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1. Read Psalm 107:1-9. What had God done for the people when this was written? Psalm 107:??  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Throughout the ages of Israel's history, what prompted the writing of each Psalm? How are Psalms different from the rest of the Bible?  
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2. Should people today write and sing songs about their personal relationship to God, and their great experiences with Him?  
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