

**Psalms Overview** - religious poetry for prayer, worship, and instruction

Acrostic - alphabetic poem (stanzas start with each letter in succession)

Bicola - two-line verse

Synonymous parallelism - two lines say almost the same thing

Antithetical parallelism - two lines say the opposite

Synthetic parallelism - Any other relationship between the two lines

Categories

Laments - suffering and crying to God for help (individual or communal) (44, 60)

Thanksgiving- hymns praising God for his general goodness and greatness (150)

Wisdom-glory to God's law/instruction, a sound guide for living life (1, 19, 119)

Royal - glorify the king or praise God for putting the king in place (2, 45, 89, 110)

Zion - glorify Zion (aka Jerusalem) (46-48, 84, 132)

Messianic - prophecies of Jesus (22)

Imprecatory - call down curses on enemies (137)

**Covenants Overview** - family bond sealed with an oath (break, reject/ disobey God)

**Adamic** - Adam and Eve, creatures from the ground, God wanted children & made covenant with them. **Covenant of creation**. Broken (Gen 3).

**Noahic** - Flood ended hatred/evil, saved Noah & his family with pairs of animals in the ark. After flood, God made a covenant with Noah adopting him as a son. **Covenant of water**. Broken (Gen 9).

**Abrahamic** - God decided to work with one man & his family through which to bring all human beings back into the family of God. **Covenant of cutting**. Broken (Gen 27-37).

1. Covenant-Between-the-Pieces (Gen 15)
2. Covenant of Circumcision (Gen 17)
3. Covenant of Sacrifice of Isaac (Gen 22)

**Mosaic** - God sent Moses, lead from Egypt to Mt. Sinai to give Ten Commandments. **Covenant of law**. Broken (Ex 32 & Deut 1-2), law extended as penance (Deut 4-28).

**Davidic** - David, man after God's own heart (1 Sam 13:14) - open to the Spirit (perm. gift 1 Sam 16:13), cont. w/ Solomon, broken by both (2 Sam 11 & 1 Kgs 11).

**New (Eucharistic)** - Prophets foretold, Jesus brought thru last supper/passion/death/resurrection. **Covenant Hierarchy**: King & Queen, Steward & Officers (Apostles & Bishops).

***Contrast of Davidic & Mosaic Covenants***

Category	Mosaic	Davidic
Location	Sinai (Horeb)	Zion (Jerusalem)
Sanctuary	Tabernacle (Tent)	Temple (Stone)
Instruction Form	Law	Wisdom
Type State	National Republic	International Kingdom
Liturgy Style	Silent	Musical
Preferred Sacrifice	Burnt Offering ('ola)	Thank Offering (todah)