

Book 5: Praise & thanksgiving *Psalms 107-150*

Authorship of Note

108-110, 122, 124, 131, 133, 138-145 (15) – David

107, 111-121, 123, 125-126, 128-130, 132, 134-137, 146-150 (27) – Anonymous

127 (1) – Solomon

5 *Psalms in this book you must know* –Psalm 110 (David - Priest-King), 118 (Tadah, last Hallel Psalm), 119 (Longest, Acrostic), 136 (Great Hallel) & 150 (Praise the Lord – Halleluyah!)

Psalm 110:1 *The Lord says to my Lord (The Lord says to my lord: a polite form of address of an inferior to a superior, cf. 1 Sm 25:25; 2 Sm 1:10. The court singer refers to the king. Jesus in the synoptic gospels (Mt 22:41–46 and parallels) takes the psalmist to be David and hence “my lord” refers to the messiah, who must be someone greater than David.): “Sit at my right hand, till I make your enemies your footstool.” (Your footstool: in ancient times victorious kings put their feet on the prostrate bodies of their enemies.)*

2 The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your foes! 3 Yours is dominion on the day you lead your host in holy splendor. From the womb of the morning I begot you.

4 The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, “You are a priest for ever according to the order of Melchizedek.” (Ancient king of Salem (Jerusalem) who blessed Abraham (Gn 14:18–20); like other kings of the time he performed priestly functions. Heb 7 sees in Melchizedek a type of Christ.)

5 The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. 6 He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.

7 He will drink from the brook by the way; (Meaning uncertain. Some see an allusion to a rite of royal consecration at the Gihon spring (cf. 1 Kgs 1:33, 38). Others find here an image of the divine warrior (or king) pursuing enemies so relentlessly that he does not stop long enough to eat and drink.) therefore he will lift up his head.