

## The Book of Psalms: An Overview

The Book of Psalms in the Hebrew Bible is actually a collection of five different “books” containing a total of 150 Psalms of several different literary genres. The table on the back side gives an overview of several features of each of the Psalms, along with some summary statistics:

- **Books I-V:** The common division into five separate “books” of Psalms is based on the concluding doxologies and/or “Amen’s” found in 41:14; 72:18-20; 89:53; 106:48; and the entirety of Ps 150.
  - Note that **Book IV** is found **below Book III** in the chart on the other side, since both of these are much shorter than the other three books.
- **Ps#** - The Psalms are numbered from 1 to 150 in the Hebrew Bible; however, Psalms 9 & 10 really form one longer Psalm, just as 42 & 43 belong together.
  - An asterisk (\*) before the Psalm number marks the eight “Acrostic” Psalms (9/10, 25, 34, 37, 111, 112, 119, 145), those in which the first letter of each verse (or group of verses) follows the alphabetical order of the Hebrew alphabet (which is also the main reason we know Ps 9 & 10 belong together).
- **#Vv.** - The second column lists the number of verses in each Psalm, according to the versification of the *New American Bible* translation.
  - For many of the Psalms, the number of verses is slightly different (often one or two less) in the King James Version, Revised Standard Version, and other modern English translations, due to differences between the ancient Hebrew, the Greek Septuagint, and/or the Latin Vulgate versions of the Bible.
- **Type** - In the Hebrew text itself, many of the Psalms have a superscription that identifies what type of composition it is: Psalm, Prayer, Song, Praise Hymn, etc.
  - Biblical scholars are uncertain and debate what the “Maskil” and “Miktam” and “Shiggaion” are; there is greater agreement and clarity about those labeled “Song of Ascents” and “Halleluia” (Praise God).
- **Attrib.** - Many psalms are explicitly attributed to a particular biblical figure, very often (King) David, but sometimes also the Korahites, Asaph, or other individuals.
  - An ampersand (&) in this column indicates those psalms in which the superscription gives further information about the text’s historical context (e.g. Ps 102: “The prayer of one afflicted and wasting away whose anguish is poured out before the Lord”), and/or instructions (often explicitly addressed “To the Leader”) about what type of musical instruments or tune to use (e.g., Ps 4: “With stringed instruments”; or Ps 46: “According to alamoth [a tune]”).
- **Category** - Modern Scholars classify the Psalms into several different literary categories, including **Hymns, Laments, Songs of Thanksgiving, etc.**, some of which are individual (*I/me/my*), while others are communal (*we/us/our*).
  - See the table below for a complete listing of the different types, attributions, and categories of psalms, and the number of occurrences of each.

### Abbreviations and Summary:

Here is a *complete listing* of the types and attributions mentioned in the superscripts of the Hebrew Bible, as well as the categories used by some modern scholars, along with the *total number of each* that occurs among the 150 Psalms. Please note the following:

- There is some duplication, since some superscriptions mention both “psalm” and “song”; some songs are explicitly called “love song” or “sabbath song”; etc.
- The exact meaning of *maskil*, *miktam*, and *shiggaion* is unknown and/or debated among scholars.
- Some superscriptions mention the type but omit an attribution (e.g., Ps 92: “A Psalm. A sabbath song”), and vice-versa (e.g., Pss 25-28 simply say “Of David” without any identification as a “Psalm” or “Prayer,” etc.).

| Type (Headings in Hebrew Bible) |                               |       | Attribution (in HB) |              |       | Category (suggested by Modern Scholars) |                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|---------------------|--------------|-------|---|---------------------------------|-------|
|                                 |                               | Total |                     |              | Total |   |                                 | Total |
| Ps                              | Psalm / <i>Mizmor</i>         | 57    | Dav                 | David        | 73    | Hymn                                    | Hymn / Song of Praise           | 19    |
| Ps-Thnx                         | Psalm of Thanksgiving         | 1     | Asa                 | Asaph        | 12    | YHWH                                    | Hymn of the Lord’s Kingship     | 6     |
| Sg                              | Song / <i>Shir</i>            | 30    | Kor                 | Korahites    | 11    | Lam-Indiv                               | Individual Lament               | 43    |
| Sg-Asc                          | Song of Ascent                | 15    | Sol                 | Solomon      | 2     | Lam-Cmty                                | Community Lament                | 18    |
| Sg-Lv                           | Love Song                     | 2     | Ethan               | Ethan        | 1     | Royal                                   | Royal or Messianic Psalm        | 10    |
| Sg-Sab                          | Sabbath Song                  | 1     | Moses               | Moses        | 1     | Thnx-Indiv                              | Individual Psalm of Gratitude   | 8     |
| Mas                             | <i>Maskil</i> / (meaning?)    | 13    | .                   | .            | .     | Thnx-Cmty                               | Communal Psalm of Gratitude     | 8     |
| Mik                             | <i>Miktam</i> / (meaning?)    | 6     | .                   | .            | .     | Trust-Indiv                             | Individual Psalm of Confidence  | 7     |
| Hal                             | Praise God / <i>Halleluia</i> | 11    | .                   | .            | .     | Trust-Cmty                              | Communal Psalm of Confidence    | 3     |
| Prayer                          | Prayer / <i>Tephillah</i>     | 5     | .                   | .            | .     | Wisdom                                  | Wisdom Poem                     | 8     |
| Praise                          | Praise / <i>Tehillah</i>      | 1     | .                   | .            | .     | Zion                                    | Song of Zion (God’s Mountain)   | 6     |
| Shig                            | <i>Shiggaion</i> / complaint? | 1     | &                   | [extra info] | 41    | Misc.                                   | Miscellaneous, hard to classify | 12    |

### Collections within the Book of Psalms:

- An old collection of Psalms attributed to David (Ps 3–41)
- An second collection of the Psalms of David (Ps 51–72)
- A collection of Psalms attributed to the Korah musical guild (Ps 42–49; also 84–85 & 87–88)
- A collection of Psalms attributed to the Asaph musical guild (Ps 50 & 73–83)
- A collection Psalms of YHWH’s kingship (Ps 93–99)
- A collection of Psalms of Pilgrimage; a.k.a. Psalms of “Ascent” to Jerusalem (Ps 120–134)
- Psalms 1–2 function as an Introduction to the whole book
- Psalms 146–150 function as a Conclusion to the whole book.

### Miscellaneous Tidbits:

- **Shortest:** Psalm 117 (only 2 verses!)
- **Longest:** Psalm 119 (has 22 sections of 8 verses each; totalling 176 verses!)
- **Most Similar:** Psalms 14 and 53 are almost identical; Psalms 40:13-17 and 70:2-6 are also almost identical.
- **More Duplications:** Psalms 108:2-6 is identical to 57:8-12; while Psalm 108:7-14 is identical to 60:7-14.
- **Extra:** Psalm 151 (found in the OT Apocrypha)

## Book of Psalms

| Bk I (Pss 1-41) |       |        |         |      |           | Bk II (Pss 42-72) |      |        |         |      |           | Bk III (Pss 73-89) |      |           |         |      |              | Bk IV (Pss 90-106) |      |         |         |      |           | Bk V (Pss 107-150) |      |      |         |      |          |  |
|-----------------|-------|--------|---------|------|-----------|-------------------|------|--------|---------|------|-----------|--------------------|------|-----------|---------|------|--------------|--------------------|------|---------|---------|------|-----------|--------------------|------|------|---------|------|----------|--|
| Ps #            | #Vv.  | Type   | Attrib. | Etc. | Category  | #                 | #Vv. | Type   | Attrib. | Etc. | Category  | #                  | #Vv. | Type      | Attrib. | Etc. | Category     | #                  | #Vv. | Type    | Attrib. | Etc. | Category  | #                  | #Vv. | Type | Attrib. | Etc. | Category |  |
| 1               | 6     | .      | .       | .    | WisPoem   | 42/43             | 12+5 | Maskil | Kor     | &    | Lam-Indiv | 73                 | 28   | Ps        | Asa     | .    | WisPoem      | 107                | 43   | .       | .       | .    | Thanks    |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 2               | 12    | .      | .       | .    | Royal     | 44                | 27   | Maskil | Kor     | .    | Lam-Cmty  | 74                 | 23   | Maskil    | Asa     | .    | Lam-Cmty     | 108                | 14   | Ps+Sg   | D       | .    | Misc      |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 3               | 9     | Ps     | D       | &    | Lam-Indiv | 45                | 18   | Mas+Sg | Kor     | &    | Royal     | 75                 | 11   | Ps+Sg     | Asa     | &    | Thanks       | 109                | 31   | Ps      | D       | .    | Lam-Indiv |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 4               | 9     | Ps     | D       | &    | Lam-Indiv | 46                | 12   | Song   | Kor     | &    | Zion      | 76                 | 13   | Ps+Sg     | Asa     | &    | Zion         | 110                | 7    | Ps      | D       | .    | Royal     |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 5               | 13    | Ps     | D       | &    | Lam-Indiv | 47                | 10   | Ps     | Kor     | .    | YHWH      | 77                 | 21   | Ps        | Asa     | &    | Lam-Indiv    | 111*               | 10   | Hal     | .       | .    | Hymn      |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 6               | 11    | Ps     | D       | &    | Lam-Indiv | 48                | 15   | Ps+Sg  | Kor     | .    | Zion      | 78                 | 72   | Maskil    | Asa     | .    | Misc         | 112*               | 10   | Hal     | .       | .    | WisPoem   |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 7               | 18    | Shig   | D       | &    | Lam-Indiv | 49                | 21   | Ps     | Kor     | .    | WisPoem   | 79                 | 13   | Ps        | Asa     | .    | Lam-Cmty     | 113                | 9    | Hal     | .       | .    | Hymn      |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 8               | 10    | Ps     | D       | &    | Hymn      | 50                | 23   | Ps     | Asa     | .    | Misc      | 80                 | 20   | Ps        | Asa     | &    | Lam-Cmty     | 114                | 8    | .       | .       | .    | Hymn      |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 9/10*           | 21+18 | Ps     | D       | &    | Thanks    | 51                | 21   | Ps     | D       | &    | Lam-Indiv | 81                 | 17   | .         | Asa     | &    | Misc         | 115                | 18   | .       | .       | .    | Trust     |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 11              | 7     | .      | D       | .    | Trust     | 52                | 11   | Maskil | D       | &    | Lam-Indiv | 82                 | 8    | Ps        | Asa     | .    | Misc         | 116                | 19   | .       | .       | .    | Thanks    |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 12              | 9     | Ps     | D       | &    | Lam-Cmty  | 53                | 7    | Maskil | D       | &    | Lam-Cmty  | 83                 | 19   | Ps+Sg     | Asa     | .    | Lam-Cmty     | 117                | 2    | Hal     | .       | .    | Hymn      |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 13              | 6     | Ps     | D       | .    | Lam-Indiv | 54                | 9    | Maskil | D       | &    | Lam-Indiv | 84                 | 13   | Ps        | Kor     | &    | Zion         | 118                | 29   | .       | .       | .    | Thanks    |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 14              | 7     | .      | D       | .    | Lam-Cmty  | 55                | 24   | Maskil | D       | &    | Lam-Indiv | 85                 | 14   | Ps        | Kor     | .    | Lam-Cmty     | 119*               | 176  | .       | .       | .    | WisPoem   |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 15              | 5     | Ps     | D       | .    | Process   | 56                | 14   | Miktam | D       | &    | Lam-Indiv | 86                 | 17   | Prayer    | D       | .    | Lam-Indiv    | 120                | 7    | Asc     | .       | .    | Lam-Indiv |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 16              | 11    | Miktam | D       | .    | Trust     | 57                | 12   | Miktam | D       | &    | Lam-Indiv | 87                 | 7    | Ps+Sg     | Kor     | .    | Zion         | 121                | 8    | Asc     | .       | .    | Trust     |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 17              | 15    | Prayer | D       | .    | Lam-Indiv | 58                | 12   | Miktam | D       | &    | Lam-Cmty  | 88                 | 19   | Ps+Sg+Ms  | Kor     | &    | Lam-Indiv    | 122                | 9    | Asc     | D       | .    | Zion      |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 18              | 51    | .      | D       | &    | Royal     | 59                | 18   | Miktam | D       | &    | Lam-Indiv | 89                 | 53   | Maskil    | Ethan   | .    | Lam-Cmty     | 123                | 4    | Asc     | .       | .    | Lam-Cmty  |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 19              | 15    | Ps     | D       | .    | Hymn      | 60                | 14   | Miktam | D       | &    | Lam-Cmty  |                    |      |           |         |      |              | 124                | 8    | Asc     | D       | .    | Thanks    |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 20              | 10    | Ps     | D       | .    | Royal     | 61                | 9    | .      | D       | &    | Lam-Indiv |                    |      |           |         |      |              | 125                | 5    | Asc     | .       | .    | Trust     |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 21              | 14    | Ps     | D       | .    | Royal     | 62                | 13   | Ps     | D       | &    | Trust     | Bk IV              |      |           |         |      | (Pss 90-106) | 126                | 6    | Asc     | .       | .    | Lam-Cmty  |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 22              | 32    | Ps     | D       | &    | Lam-Indiv | 63                | 12   | Ps     | D       | &    | Lam-Indiv | #                  | #Vv. | Type      | Attrib. | Etc. | Category     | 127                | 5    | Asc     | Sol     | .    | WisPoem   |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 23              | 6     | Ps     | D       | .    | Trust     | 64                | 11   | Ps     | D       | .    | Lam-Indiv | 90                 | 17   | Prayer    | Moses   | .    | Lam-Cmty     | 128                | 6    | Asc     | .       | .    | WisPoem   |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 24              | 10    | Ps     | D       | .    | Process   | 65                | 14   | Ps+Sg  | D       | .    | Thanks    | 91                 | 16   | .         | .       | .    | Trust        | 129                | 8    | Asc     | .       | .    | Trust     |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 25*             | 22    | .      | D       | .    | Lam-Indiv | 66                | 20   | Ps+Sg  | .       | .    | Thanks    | 92                 | 16   | Ps+Sg-Sab | .       | .    | Thanks       | 130                | 8    | Asc     | .       | .    | Lam-Indiv |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 26              | 11    | .      | D       | .    | Lam-Indiv | 67                | 8    | Ps+Sg  | .       | &    | Thanks    | 93                 | 5    | .         | .       | .    | YHWH         | 131                | 3    | Asc     | D       | .    | Trust     |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 27              | 14    | .      | D       | .    | Lam-Indiv | 68                | 36   | Ps+Sg  | D       | .    | Thanks    | 94                 | 23   | .         | .       | .    | Lam-Cmty     | 132                | 18   | Asc     | .       | .    | Royal     |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 28              | 9     | .      | D       | .    | Lam-Indiv | 69                | 37   | .      | D       | &    | Lam-Indiv | 95                 | 11   | .         | .       | .    | Process      | 133                | 3    | Asc     | D       | .    | Misc      |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 29              | 11    | Ps     | D       | .    | Hymn      | 70                | 6    | .      | D       | &    | Lam-Indiv | 96                 | 13   | .         | .       | .    | YHWH         | 134                | 3    | Asc     | .       | .    | Misc      |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 30              | 13    | Ps+Sg  | D       | .    | Thanks    | 71                | 24   | .      | .       | .    | Lam-Indiv | 97                 | 12   | .         | .       | .    | YHWH         | 135                | 21   | Hal     | .       | .    | Hymn      |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 31              | 25    | Ps     | D       | .    | Lam-Indiv | 72                | 20   | .      | Sol     | .    | Royal     | 98                 | 9    | Ps        | .       | .    | YHWH         | 136                | 26   | .       | .       | .    | Hymn      |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 32              | 11    | Maskil | D       | .    | Thanks    |                   |      |        |         |      |           | 99                 | 9    | .         | .       | .    | YHWH         | 137                | 9    | .       | .       | .    | Lam-Cmty  |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 33              | 22    | .      | .       | .    | Hymn      |                   |      |        |         |      |           | 100                | 5    | Ps-Thx    | .       | .    | Hymn         | 138                | 8    | .       | D       | .    | Thanks    |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 34*             | 23    | .      | D       | &    | Thanks    |                   |      |        |         |      |           | 101                | 8    | Ps        | D       | .    | Royal        | 139                | 24   | Ps      | D       | .    | Misc      |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 35              | 28    | .      | D       | .    | Lam-Indiv |                   |      |        |         |      |           | 102                | 29   | Prayer    | .       | &    | Lam-Indiv    | 140                | 14   | Ps      | D       | .    | Lam-Indiv |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 36              | 13    | .      | D       | &    | Lam-Indiv |                   |      |        |         |      |           | 103                | 22   | .         | D       | .    | Hymn         | 141                | 10   | Ps      | D       | .    | Lam-Indiv |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 37*             | 40    | .      | D       | .    | WisPoem   |                   |      |        |         |      |           | 104                | 35   | .         | .       | .    | Hymn         | 142                | 8    | Msk+Pry | D       | &    | Lam-Indiv |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 38              | 23    | Ps     | D       | &    | Lam-Indiv |                   |      |        |         |      |           | 105                | 45   | .         | .       | .    | Misc         | 143                | 12   | Ps      | D       | .    | Lam-Indiv |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 39              | 14    | Ps     | D       | &    | Lam-Indiv |                   |      |        |         |      |           | 106                | 48   | Hal       | .       | .    | Lam-Cmty     | 144                | 15   | .       | D       | .    | Royal     |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 40              | 18    | Ps     | D       | .    | Lam-Indiv |                   |      |        |         |      |           |                    |      |           |         |      |              | 145*               | 21   | Praise  | D       | .    | Hymn      |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
| 41              | 14    | Ps     | D       | .    | Thanks    |                   |      |        |         |      |           |                    |      |           |         |      |              | 146                | 10   | Hal     | .       | .    | Hymn      |                    |      |      |         |      |          |  |
|                 |       |        |         |      |           |                   |      |        |         |      |           |                    |      |           |         |      |              |                    | 147  | 20      | Hal     | .    | .         | Hymn               |      |      |         |      |          |  |
|                 |       |        |         |      |           |                   |      |        |         |      |           |                    |      |           |         |      |              |                    | 148  | 14      | Hal     | .    | .         | Hymn               |      |      |         |      |          |  |
|                 |       |        |         |      |           |                   |      |        |         |      |           |                    |      |           |         |      |              |                    | 149  | 9       | Hal     | .    | .         | Hymn               |      |      |         |      |          |  |
|                 |       |        |         |      |           |                   |      |        |         |      |           |                    |      |           |         |      |              |                    | 150  | 6       | Hal     | .    | .         | Hymn               |      |      |         |      |          |  |

\* Acrostics (22 sections begin with 22 letters of Hebrew alphabet)

# An Overview of Non-Canonical Jewish and Early Christian Literature

## NON-BIBLICAL ANCIENT JEWISH LITERATURE:

### Old Testament Apocrypha

Seven complete books and various additions to existing books are *not* considered biblical or “canonical” by Jews or Protestants (who call them “Old Testament Apocrypha”); but these *are* considered part of the Old Testament canon by Catholic and Orthodox Christians (who call them “Deuterocanonical Books”):

- **Judith**
- **Tobit**
- **1 Maccabees**
- **2 Maccabees**
- **Wisdom of Solomon**
- **Ecclesiasticus (a.k.a. Sirach)**
- **Baruch**
- **Additions to Daniel:**
  - Prayer of Azariah & Song of Three Jews (Dan 3:24-90)
  - Susanna (Dan 13)
  - Bel & the Dragon (Dan 14)
- **Additions to Esther**
- **Letter of Jeremiah (Baruch 6)**

Some Orthodox Churches include in their Bibles a few other writings that are not accepted as canonical by Catholics:

- **1 Esdras**
- **2 Esdras (a.k.a. 4 Ezra)**
- **3 Maccabees**
- **4 Maccabees**
- **Prayer of Manasseh**
- **Psalm 151**

### Old Testament Pseudepigrapha

Several ancient Jewish writings are attributed to various biblical figures, although they were almost certainly not written by the purported authors, but rather by anonymous writers several centuries later:

- *1 Enoch* (Ethiopic Apocalypse of Enoch)
- *2 Enoch* (Slavonic Book of the Secrets of Enoch)
- *4 Baruch* (a.k.a. Paraleipomena Jeremioi)
- Apocalypse of *Abraham*
- Apocalypse of *Adam*
- Apocalypse of *Moses*
- Book of *Jubilees*
- Books of *Adam and Eve* (Latin version)
- Life of *Adam and Eve* (Greek & Slavonic versions)
- Letter of *Aristeas*
- Martyrdom of *Isaiah*
- *Joseph and Aseneth*
- Psalms of *Solomon*
- Pseudo-*Phocilides*
- Revelation of *Esdras*
- Second Treatise of the Great *Seth*
- *Sibylline Oracles*
- Story of *Ahikar*
- Testament of *Abraham*
- Testament of *Solomon*
- Testaments of the *Twelve Patriarchs*

### Other Ancient Jewish Literature:

- *Dead Sea Scrolls* – biblical and sectarian texts, especially but not only from Qumran (ca. 200 BC – 68 AD)
- *Philo of Alexandria* – Jewish philosopher and exegete (ca. 20 BC – ca. 50 AD); hundreds of important works
- *Flavius Josephus* – Jewish general and historian (ca. 37 – ca. 100 AD): Jewish War; Antiquities of the Jews; etc.
- *Rabbinic Literature* – Mishnah, Tosefta, Midrashim, Targumim, Talmudim, etc. (ca. 200 – 1000 AD)

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## Rulers in the Hellenistic and Maccabean Eras

**Note:** The hyperlinked names are mentioned in the Bible; see the explicit references below the chart.  
 Dates (all BCE) refer to years of reign, not lifespans. Some dates are uncertain or approximate; overlapping dates are due to co-regencies.

| Hellenistic (Greek) Rulers:  |   | Jewish High Priests (in Jerusalem):   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Alexander the Great (336-323 BCE)</b><br><b>Wars of the Diadochi (323-305)</b>  |   | Jaddua (ca. 350-320 BCE)<br>Onias I (ca. 320-290)   |
| <u><b>Ptolemaic Rulers (in Egypt):</b></u><br><b>Ptolemy I</b> "Soter" (305-282; a.k.a. Ptolemy Lagi)<br>Ptolemy II "Philadelphus" (282-246)<br><br>Ptolemy III "Euergetes" (246-221)<br><u><b>Ptolemy IV "Philopator"</b></u> (221-204)<br><br>Ptolemy V "Epiphanes" (204-180)<br>Cleopatra I (180-176)<br><u><b>Ptolemy VI "Philometor"</b></u> (180-145)<br><u><b>Cleopatra II</b></u> (175-116)<br>Ptolemy VII "Neos Philopator" (145)<br><u><b>Ptolemy VIII</b></u> "Euergetes II Physcon" (145-116)<br>Cleopatra III (116-101)<br>Ptolemy IX "Soter II Lathyrus" (116-107, 88-80)<br>Ptolemy X "Alexander I" (107-88)<br>Cleopatra Berenice (101-88)<br>Ptolemy XI "Alexander II" (80)<br>Ptolemy XII "Auletes" (80-59, 55-51)<br>Cleopatra VII (51-30)<br>Ptolemy XIII (51-47)<br>Ptolemy XIV (47-44) | <u><b>Seleucid Rulers (in Syria):</b></u><br>Seleucus I "Nicator" (312-281)<br>Antiochus I "Soter" (281-261)<br>Antiochus II "Theos" (261-246)<br><br>Seleucus II "Callinicus" (246-225)<br>Seleucus III "Soter Ceraunos" (225-223)<br><u><b>Antiochus III</b></u> "the Great" (223-187)<br><br><u><b>Seleucus IV</b></u> "Philopator" (187-175)<br><u><b>Antiochus IV</b></u> "Epiphanes" (175-164)<br><u><b>Antiochus V</b></u> "Eupator" (164-162)<br><u><b>Demetrius I</b></u> "Soter" (162-150)<br><u><b>Alexander</b></u> "Epiphanes" (Balas; 150-145)<br><u><b>Demetrius II</b></u> "Nicator" (145-141, 129-125)<br><u><b>Antiochus VI</b></u> "Epiphanes Dionysius" (145-142)<br><u><b>Trypho</b></u> (142-138)<br><u><b>Antiochus VII</b></u> "Sidetes" (138-129)<br><br><i>[descendants of Demetrius II and Antiochus VII fight for control, with many different rulers and some rival claimants until the Romans come in 65 BCE]</i> | Simon I (ca. 290-275)<br>?Eleazar (ca. 275-260?)<br>?Manasseh (ca. 260-245?)<br>Onias II (ca. 245-220)<br>Simon II "The Righteous" (ca. 220-198)<br><br>Onias III (ca. 198-174)<br><br>Jason (174-171)<br>Menelaus (171-161)<br>Alcimus (161-159)<br>[No high priest in Jerusalem, 159-152]<br>Jonathan Maccabeus (152-142)<br>Simon Maccabeus (142-135)<br>John Hyrcanus (135-104)<br>Aristobulus (104-103)<br>Alexander Jannaeus (103-76)<br>[Alexandra Salome ruled 76-67;<br>with son Hyrcanus II as high priest]<br>Aristobulus II (67-63)<br>Hyrcanus II (63-40)<br>Antigonus (40-37) |