

The Book of Psalms: A Translation with Commentary By Robert Alter **The book of psalms niv audio** Suffice it to say that Alter is a sterling translator and his commentary on the translation -- in many cases with notes longer than the passages rendered into English -- is authoritative and thought-provoking. **The book of psalms kjv** He first translated GENESIS.

## **Is psalms a history book or a wisdom book**

Robert Bernard Alter is an American professor of Hebrew and comparative literature at the University of California Berkeley where he has taught since 1967 and has published many acclaimed works on the Bible literary modernism and contemporary Hebrew literature. **Is psalms a history book or a hymn book** This timeless poetry is beautifully wrought by a scholar whose translation of the Five Books of Moses was hailed as a godsend by Seamus Heaney and a masterpiece by Robert Fagles. **The book of psalms niv audio** He not only explains the original structure of the Psalms which you'd never guess from The King James or even some Jewish texts but he explains with reference to ancient Hebrew scribal practices and etymologies exactly how each Psalm is structured. **The Book of Psalms ebook pdf** But anyway my first instinctive reaction was to look skeptically at Alter's version and to doubt whether it represented a better version and since I'm not at all equipped to go back to original Hebrew texts and try to resolve for myself what is better or worse and I didn't initially want to grapple with such questions of which text to prefer I walked away for a while. **The book of psalms for sleep** The thing is Alter is very transparent with the reasons for the translation choices he made the sources of ambiguity and confusion and the elements that produce controversy among translators. **Is psalms a history book or a poetry book** The motives that have guided most late translations have gone along one or two basic lines: to interpret the Bible in the sense of reducing ambiguity and making it clear and specific where possible perhaps favoring some particular interpretations and in another sense of interpretation making the Bible more accessible to common readers who want simplicity and ready comprehensibility. **The book of psalms niv audio** Alter's approach is to attempt to transmit the Bible to the degree it is possible including its literary qualities and inherent ambiguities that are organic to a poetic work and also not to try to conceal the difficulties of such a task where textual errors and editorial tampering through the ages and our ignorance of some of the language of which the Bible is composed create significant obstacles to understanding and translation. **The book of psalms kjv** Now it must be admitted that for all the sparkling gems within the Psalms there is also a fair share of tedium involved in reading all of them and there's some uninspired writing in those Psalms which are mainly composed of fixed phrases and those which are stitched-together from other psalms or from fragments that were almost certainly not intended to be stitched in such a way by their original writers. **EPub The Book of psalms 1** At one point in the reading I just had to sigh and say: is every damned psalmist the victim of plotting schemers liars and unjust lawsuits? All of them? Can't they think of anything else to psalm about? Are they just repeating the same laments of the other psalmists just as teenage pop stars might crib love-song ideas from others without ever having felt the same way? How many of those who sang or recited these psalms may have been hypocrites invoking God to redeem them from wicked slander even when the slander was right? But okay I was just moaning. **What are the book of psalms** In fact maybe only thirty or so of the 150 psalms have this character and they all still have the potential to surprise when a new turn or expression appears within one particular psalm that is unique. **The book of psalms read out loud** Depending on how the reader approaches them one can find arguments for the belief that God delivers true justice in this life and just the opposite that the persecution of the just and the triumph of the wicked can be too much to bear with the knowledge that this life is so short. **Information on the book of psalms** There are psalms that impress us with the idea that much of what we see in this life is essentially illusory and transitory while most would persuade us that this life is it and for the individual the only hope is to get God's grace here and now because there's no praising God after we die. **Book of psalm or book of psalms** There are psalms that might encourage the Christian interpreter to imagine that there are

eternal rewards in an afterlife for the faithful and eternal punishments for the wicked but none can clearly and unambiguously support this and most would seem to contradict it. **Is psalms a history book or a prophetic book** They have venom akin to the serpent's venom like the deaf viper that stops up its ears so it hears not the soothsayers' voice nor the cunning caster of spells. **The book of psalms overview** Like a snail that moves in its slime a woman's stillbirth that sees not the sun before their thorns ripen in bramble still alive and in wrath rushed to ruin. **The book of psalms niv audio** I think the Catholic Bible is in sync with the Hebrew Bible but most Protestants number slightly differently often one higher or one lower (can't remember) because of uncertainty over whether one of the psalms may actually have been two psalms accidentally joined together in later manuscripts. **Is psalms a history book or a hymn book** English Having listened to Alter's translation and commentary on the Book of Genesis on the Forgotten Classics podcast I was looking forward to reading this book and finding out more about the Psalms. **Is psalms a history book or a spiritual book** The translation of the Psalms walks the hard line of conveying both the more literal sense of the words and the (to modern ears) foreign cadence and rhythm of Hebrew poetry from thousands of years ago. **Download the book of psalms** Often ideas are repeated in the Psalms to give them more vividness or more concreteness such as in Psalm 35: 5-6 where the psalmist prays for his enemies to undergo misfortune: Let them be like chaff before the wind/with the LORD's messenger driving. **The book of psalms explained** 122) Alter's comments point out sections where the text is difficult to translate due to awkward constructions which may be due as much to scribal error as to the poetic license of the author. **The book of psalms structure** Alter more or less rejects a theological interpretation of the texts and limits such comments mostly to possible liturgical uses by the ancient Hebrews or how they compare to other ancient texts and poems about the gods. **Download the book of psalms** On the other hand he often compares the Psalms to other biblical literature like Job Ecclesiastes and the Pentateuch (as well as other Psalms) to give a context for and a possible explanation of difficult passages or to highlight a contrast. **Is psalms a history book or a hymn book** The book lays aside 2500 years of Jewish and Christian reflection on the Psalms in favor of the ancient context that is less relevant to our lives today than the EXODUS then he continued and put together one book on the FIVE BOOKS OF MOSES. **The Book of Psalms Literary criticism pdf** I reacted strongly at first too but after reading in his Introduction about the concision of the original Hebrew and after reading his note on reducing syllables from the baggy lines of the King James edition I begin to see his point. **Book of psalms book** English What a marvel to make this new!!!! (And old!) English I'll do a more lengthy review of Robert Alter's massive lifework of re-translating the Hebrew Bible into English but let me just say that his book of Psalms is potent - the duende yearning and thunder of the text leaps off the page. **Book of psalms book** English Working through all 150 psalms in this book of the Old Testament wasn't nearly as surprising entertaining or informative as many of the other books I've read at least not in terms of history mythology or theology. **The Book of Psalms ebook reader** But I have to give those ancient psalmists some credit: this was the first book I've read in my long journey through the complete Bible that sometimes I honestly felt was speaking to me:

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But he also shows them in later Jewish Bibles The translations Alter makes enriches one's feeling for the original psalms, **The book of psalms explained** Those interested in how literature weaves its magic will also find it illuminating English Pseudo Psalm #1491, **Book of psalms study guide pdf** I read it while listening to songs of the Cult and Floyd, **EBook The Book of psalms 1** 8† But LOVED reading it while listening to just the iambs of my heart: **Book of psalm or book of psalms** I did enjoy the book but it was not fully satisfying for me, **Is psalms a history book or a wisdom book** It's a strange result since I liked his translation and commentary on Genesis so much: **The book of psalms structure** Perhaps the historical context is more relevant for that book of the Bible than it is for the Psalms, **The book of psalms niv audio** English I won't write much here because I'll have to

do it all again for the press release (Full disclosure: I work as an editor for Norton), **The book of psalms niv audio** A brilliant new translation and commentary of one of the Bible's most cherished and powerful books: **The book of psalm in the bible** Like the Five Books of Moses a cornerstone of the scriptural canon the Book of Psalms has been a source of solace and joy for countless readers over millennia, **Is psalms a history book or a spiritual book** The cleansing purity of its images invites reflection and supplication in times of sorrow, **The book of psalm in the bible** The musicality of its powerful rhythms moves readers to celebration of good tidings. **The book of psalms kjv** So today as it has been throughout our past this is a book to be cherished as the grounding for our daily lives: **Book of psalm or book of psalms** Robert Alter's *The Book of Psalms* captures the simplicity the physicality and the coiled rhythmic power of the Hebrew restoring the remarkable eloquence of these ancient poems. **Is psalms a history book or a spiritual book** His learned and insightful commentary shines a light on the obscurities of the text. **The book of psalms bible study explained** He is the Class of 1937 Professor of Hebrew and Comparative Literature at the University of California Berkeley, **Is psalms a history book or a hymn book** *The Book of Psalms: A Translation with Commentary* This book is actually by Robert Alter who has retranslated the Hebrew Bible from classical Hebrew to modern English. **The Book of Psalms Literary criticism definition** Besides being a noted translator of texts of ancient people's like the Babylonians he is a Professor of Comparative Literature at Berkeley and a two-time recipient of the Guggenheim. **The book of psalms niv** What makes his works so fascinating and enlightening is that he is extremely knowledgeable not only of Hebrew but of literary theory: **The book of psalm in the bible** For instance he explains how poetry is created in all languages, **The Book of Psalms ebooks online** If you've read Samuel Levin's brilliant book on poetic language you will recognize his theory of doubling in Alter's explanation of why the Psalms are poems: **Book of psalms book** It must however have structural repetitions like rhythm caused by repetitions of strong and weak beats, **EPub The Book of psalms** Alter is ever mindful of the structure of the Psalms in their original language, **The book of psalms niv audio** He notes that they are structured with half-lines he calls verses: **The book of psalm in the bible** Each is tied together by semantic similarity syntactic form and/or by opposing meaning, **The book of psalms niv audio** They do not use alliteration or other possible poetic devices: **The book of psalm in the bible** They do draw upon contemporary cultures like the Babylonian and use poetic figures from other ancient poetry: **Is psalms a history book or a spiritual book** Every language has its own poetic forms all dependent on doubling, **The book of psalms niv audio** Alter's description of versets remind me of Anglo Saxon poetry although that tradition joined their half lines with alliteration, **Book of psalms pdf free download** Alter also notes that in ancient times people read aloud and certain words in some psalms refer to such murmuring but invests it with moral meaning, **Book of psalms book** He also has tried to imitate the ancient prosody in his English translation giving us the feeling of the strength of the original, **The book of psalms kjv** The Psalms have exerted a powerful influence on English poetry through the ages not to mention their theological influence, **Book of psalms book** No academic density no convoluted sentence structures mar his explanations. **Is psalms a history book or a poetry book** However if you are religious these translations and the accompanying reasoning justifying them are an absolute must: **The book of psalms pdf** The 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history book or a wisdom book** I long to

face Alter's Wisdom Books and 5 Books of Moses, **The Book of Psalms Literary criticism meaning** I have yet to start Alter's David Story or Ancient Israel, **Book of psalm or book of psalms** I am old but too shall conquer since Robert Alter is older and the Old Testament older still: **Literary Criticism The Book of psalms 1** ♪ English Bible of Bibles! I am a convert! Not to a religion no no but to Robert Alter as translator, **Book of psalms book** I am now convinced if one is at all interested in reading the Bible as literature Robert Alter's translations are a must, **The book of psalms kjv** When I first approached one of his psalm translations it seemed odd and alien in comparison to the Catholic Douay-Rheims version I had read of the same psalm: **The book of psalms for worship** Of course it's reasonable to expect differences in different translations, **The Book of Psalms Literary criticism synonym** I wasn't even sure I wanted to try to read the whole of Psalms in a relatively short time and try to get a handle on the whole of the canon: **Book of psalms spell book** I came back later when I was in a better mood for it: **The Book of Psalms ebook free download** His notes are longer than the text they annotate and they have plenty of detail. **The book of psalms kjv** His reasoning always seemed sensible even when the notes prompted me to look skeptically at some of his choices: **The book of psalm in the bible** I was only able to be skeptical because he opened up his process for me to see and allowed for the possibility of other approaches, **What book of the bible is psalms** Alter acknowledges the King James version as the best of prior efforts to render Psalms and the Bible as a whole into English. **EPub The Book of psalms** With regards to more modern English translations he is far less satisfied and perhaps reasonably so. **Is psalms a history book or a poetry book** The poetry of the text is preserved as much as it can be and the mystery of it remains mysterious: **Is psalms a history book or a spiritual book** On the other hand it's interesting to observe the variety within the psalms including variety of philosophy and belief, **Explaining the book of psalms** At times the psalms seem to present less of a unity than a debate of ideas and perhaps these are some of the best times. **The book of psalms study guide** There are psalms that suggest the need for animal sacrifice and there are those which argue that this is not a necessity, **The Book of Psalms ebook reader** There even seem to be some psalms that suggest a sort of polytheism in that God is the greatest of gods but not the only. **Is psalms a history book or a prophetic book** while others assert strongly that there is only God or that other gods are ungod. **The book of psalms for sleep** Nonetheless God may have a bunch of other superhuman buddies up in heaven with him messengers and warriors, **Literary Criticism The Book of psalms 91** Sometimes God is modeled on other religions' storm-gods and primordial-sea-monster-defeating gods, **The Book of Psalms epub reader** But one could argue this is just a borrowing of poetic imagery: **The book of psalms for singing tunes** So yeah apparently the Psalms have been divided into five books by some of those who compiled and recorded them. **The Book of Psalms Literary criticism pdf** For whatever reason I think I found I liked the third-book psalms the best so for me most of the juiciness is in the middle: **The book of psalm in the bible** Maybe I'm just perverse in favoring the more despairing psalms: **Is psalms a history book or a spiritual book** I'm probably making a muddle of my review now or I will if I go on further: **The book of psalm in the bible** I'll just leave off with one selected Psalm as a sampler, **The book of psalms kjv** Let's see eeny meeny miney moe: Psalm 58\*For the lead player al-tashcheth a David michtam: **Is psalms a history book or a wisdom book** Do you O chieftains indeed speak justice in rightness judge humankind?In your heart you work misdeeds on earth weigh a case with outrage in your hands: **The book of psalms structure** The wicked backslide from the very womb the lie-mongers go astray from birth: **Is psalms a history book or a spiritual book** Let Him pull back His arrows so they be cut down: **Book of psalms book** The just man rejoices when vengeance he sees his feet he will bathe in the wicked one's blood. **The book of psalms explained** English Other than being mean-spirited vindictive vengeful intolerant bigoted close-minded hateful conceited and self-absorbed I think the Psalms are not bad. **Book of psalms kindle free** No where else are the Psalms presented with such precision beauty and scope as in Alter's translation: **The book of psalms explained** Like his other works the introduction is worth

the price of the book alone. **Is psalms a history book or a hymn book** He explains a powerful poetic form long forgotten (especially with the KJV's prose translation), **EBook The Book of psalms 23** But with that you get the sparse beauty of his Hebrew translations. **The book of psalms read out loud** As noted above I'm not a big fan of the Psalms themselves but they are a pivotal work in the Western Canon: **The Book of Psalms ebook free download** This book is indispensable to the serious reader of the Bible. **The book of psalms niv** The introduction covers the historical and literary background of the Psalms. **Book of psalm or book of psalms** The discussion gets a bit technical especially reviewing the nuances of the Hebrew language and the various purposes styles and quirks of ancient poetry: **The book of psalms explained** The text is rather dense and requires a re-reading to get a better sense of it all: **The book of psalms for singing pdf** [6]May their way be darkness and slippery paths/ with the LORD's messenger chasing them, **The book of psalms study** He's honest enough to admit when he is making intelligent guesses and presents his decisions well enough to be persuasive, **Psalms is the book of what** For example in Psalm 37:25 the psalmist says A lad I was and now I am old/ and I never have seen a just man forsaken. **Is psalms a history book or a spiritual book** 132) Alter points out this is the exact opposite of what Job argues in his book that the suffering of a man is not necessarily because he has done something evil, **The Book of Psalms epub pdf** Alter puts it this way: The Job poet challenges this received wisdom and proposes a more complicated indeed paradoxical moral vision. **Is psalms a history book or a prophetic book** 132 footnote to verse 25)The footnote ends there and left me wanting more, **The book of psalms new king james version** It left me wanting a deeper exploration if not some final say on the matter: **The book of psalms read out loud** I gather that the BOOK OF PSALMS is the next step in what could be the greatest single-handed translation of The Bible in our times: **The book of psalms study** SPOILER ALERT: 23:4 reads Though I walk in the vale of death's shadow / I fear no harm / for You are with me, **The book of psalm in the bible** / Your rod and Your staff -- / it is they that console me. **The book of psalms study guide** English Most important book I've read in the last two or three years, **Book of psalms book** Made me fall in love with the Hebrew Bible more than ever before, **What religion is the book of psalms** It took me forever because I only read one per day (and inevitably missed a lot of days) but it was worth it to take my time, **The book of psalms explained** I'm going right back to the beginning and reading it again even as I move on to other Alter OT translations: **EPub The Book of psalms 1** I will probably keep reading this in perpetuity for the rest of my life: **The book of psalms for singing** Works surprisingly well for out loud reading recitation and singing. **What book of the bible is psalms** That is for the first time since the first page of Genesis was finding real spiritual perspective insight and comfort in the Old Testament and that's saying something: **The book of psalm in the bible** Some more of my thoughts with some specific spiritual gems can be found here. Christians will find them as enlightening as non-Christians. For Alter. To you Robert. I lift my pen. 2א. And work to compose tonight before midnight a Sunday psalm.3א. I read your book in bed and in the bath. 4א. I read it until I fell asleep until my fingers pruned. 5א. I read it while listening to songs of Patti Smith. 6א. I read it while listening to songs of Frank Black. 9א .7א. I loved the book.

## **The book of psalms for dummies**

If not less interesting. Robert Alter is a widely acclaimed literary scholar. No there are no rhymes. Poetry does not have to have rhyme. Nor does it have to depend on unusual words. From these he demonstrates what each psalm originally meant.Alter writes well. You don't have to be religious to enjoy this book. However this in no way is an anti-Christian work. 10א. I loved the book with its context commentary and poetry. 11א. I loved your footnotes and the transparency of your work. 12א. Your struggles and stumbles your power and poetry. 14א .13א. That inside your heart beats a mystic and an intellectual. 16א .15א. But later I alone would study Alter in the Evening. 17א. I would feather

the edge of Psalms with Post-It flags. 19צ .18פ. To mark a footnote that quickened my reading. .20ק  
22 ש .21ג. I wasn't sure at first. What we receive is worthy of the transmission. Which one will it be? I  
haven't decided yet. God smash their teeth in their mouth. The jaws of the lions shatter O  
Lord. Let them melt away like water run off. And man will say Yes there is fruit for the just. Yes  
there are gods judging the earth.\*Note that not all Bibles number the psalms the same way. My  
rating is more based on Alter's wonderful translation. The effort is worth it. (p. (p. (p. More than just  
saying they don't agree. Many of the psalms are repetitive and kind of banal. English

