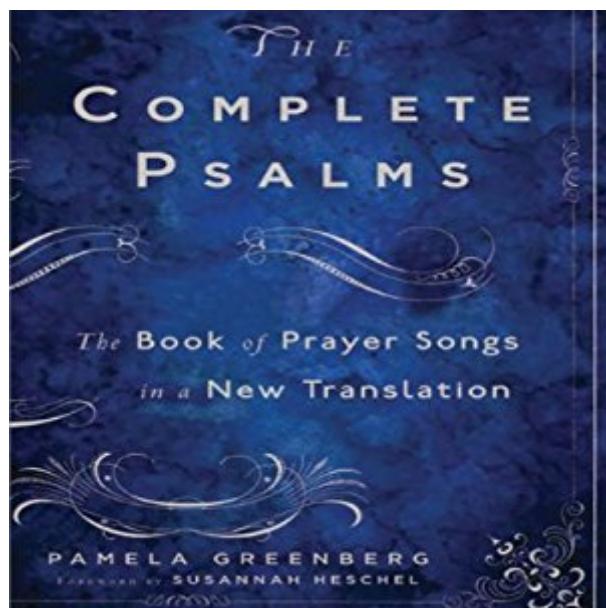


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The Complete Psalms: The Book Of Prayer Songs In A New Translation



Synopsis

In her new, complete translation of the Book of Psalms, Pamela Greenberg "favors beauty before theology," in the words of Mary Karr, writing in the Washington Post of the unpublished manuscript of this book, "breathing new life into the ancient texts." It is precisely the honesty of these prayer songs, overflowing into wild jubilance or deeply wrenching despair, that Greenberg has captured in her new translations, making them touch us so deeply. Traditional translations - from those of the medieval Jewish commentator Rashi to early Christian commentators to the King James version - have downplayed anger at God and reinterpreted the Psalms in ways that would be doctrinally more palatable, but which flatten the richness and subtlety of the Hebrew verse. Greenberg's translation aims to restore the poetry and vibrancy of the Psalms as a prayerful act, replicating their emotional passion while both wrestling with the text as living liturgy and remaining as true as possible to the originals. Her desire in this new translation is to rekindle the relevance of the Psalms, to bring to life what makes their words cry and breathe and shout - a labor of yearning, necessity, and love.

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The Complete Psalms, Pamela Greenberg's new translation is a fresh look at these traditional prayers. She gives them fresh life as she takes them from The Book to make connections, her soft turns of phrase make them real for today's believer. See the end of Psalm 1: "the road of the wrongful is covered with weeds", or Psalm 83 "God... don't stiffen into silence." She shows a

personal experience of the God who walks with us. The text can be beneficially used for occasional prayer or sharing in a group.

Although I cannot speak as a scholar in this area, I have been reading the Psalms, often aloud, in many English translations for years. When I finished THE COMPLETE PSALMS, I began again the same morning with Psalm 1. I look forward to learning more about Pamela Greenberg's thoughtful and creative work. This week, through .com, it was also my privilege to send gift copies to the libraries at Northern Illinois University and Northeastern Illinois University. Thank you and blessings...

I chose this rating because Greenberg's artistic translation expanded my delight in reading and praying with the Psalms! I especially loved her retention of the word SELAH, because it said to me..."this is really important, go back and read it again!" I appreciated her theology and loved her poetry!

Ms. Greenberg's translation of the Psalms are a great resource for spending some quality time alone with the G-d of your understanding. I have always loved the Psalms and I think you will find this a wonderful translation of them.

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A superb new translation of the Psalter that brings the Psalms alive in breathtaking ways. An essential buy.

If you love the Psalms, buy this translation! You will not regret it. I am Jewish, but bought it as a present for a Baptist friend who really loved it too.

Wonderful interpretation of the Psalms. Sensitive rendering of these songs from the heart. I love this.

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