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THE PSALMS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

SOME STATISTICS

About 25% of OT quotations in NT from Psalms, though book makes up only about 10% of OT in length
Acc to UBS Gk NT (3rd ed):
79 quotations of Pss in NT
335 allusions or verbal parallels to Pss in NT
Quotations from 39 different Pss: 118 and 110 most frequent (12x and 11x), then Ps 69 (5x), Pss 2, 22, 95 (4x each);
Quotations in 11 NT books, most Heb (17), Rom (14), Acts (11)
Allusions from 96 different Pss, Ps 22 most frequent (20x), then Pss 2, 69, 110 (14x each)
Allusions in 23 NT books, most in Rev (98), Lk (39), Mt (28), Acts (26), Heb (23)

TYPES OF QUOTATIONS

Fulfillment (c30x) - predicts events future to psalmist
Confirmation (c25x) - to validate theological point
Exhortation (c4x) - to motivate proper action
Exegesis (c3x) - extended discussion explaining
Biblical Language (1-2x?) - language used differently
Puzzling (c3x) - not obvious why passage used as it is

SOME DETAILS ON QUOTATIONS

FULFILLMENT

Fulfilled: by time NT writer uses passage

Ps 16:8-11 (not abandoned to decay) in Ac 2:25-31
Peter at Pentecost re/ Jesus
16:10 (ditto) in Ac 13:35
Paul at Pisidian Antioch re/ Jesus
22:1 (My God, my God...) in Mt 27:46 = Mk 14:24
Jesus' words from cross
22:18 (divide garments, cast lots) in Jn 19:24
occurred at Jesus' crucifixion
40:6-8 (sacrifice not desired) in Hb 10:5-7
Christ as replacement for animal offerings
110:1 (sit at right hand) in Ac 2:34-35
applied to Jesus by Peter at Pentecost
118:22-3 (stone builders rejected) in Ac 4:11, 1P 2:7
applied to Jesus by Peter