

Treasure Hunt

- What is the michtam (motto) of Psalm 59?
- What events lie behind Psalm 59?
- Why does David talk about the “heathen” (59:5, 8) in a Psalm about Saul?
- How does the word “strength” differ in meaning in the two occurrences of the motto?
- Who are the “dogs” in 59:6, 14?
- What is “Shushan-eduth,” and why is Psalm 59 appropriate for it?
- What events lie behind Psalm 60 and its motto?
- Why does David label Psalm 60 “to teach”?
- What are the two answers to 60:9?

Enemies of the Kingdom

Psalm	Title or (Allusion)	History	Type	Tune	People
52	Doeg the Edomite	1 Sam 21-22	Maschil	Mahalath	Gentile Individual
53	(Nabal)	1 Sam 25		Neginoth	Private Opposition
54	People of Ziph	1 Sam 23:19; 26:1		Jonath elem rechokim	
55	(Ahithophel)	2 Sam 15-17			
56	Gath (Philistine)	1 Sam 21:10-15	Michtam	Al Taschith	Gentile
57	Saul in cave	Adullam, 1 Sam 22 En Gedi, 1 Sam 24			Official Opposition
58	(Silent judges)	Saul?			
59	Saul watched the house	1 Sam 19:11		Shushan eduth	
60	Edom	2 Sam 8:13		Neginah	Gentile Nation

Psalm 59: David in the House

1-10, Plea and Judgment

1-5, Plea for **Deliverance**

1-2, Deliver me

3-4, **Complaint**

5, Imprecation

6-10, Contrasting Confidence

6-7, **Doglike enemies**

8, But Thou shalt laugh:

Judgment

9-10, **Motto**

11-17, Judgment and Praise

11-13, **Judgment**

11, Scatter them

12, **Complaint**

13, Consume them

14-17, Contrasting Confidence

14-15, **Doglike enemies**

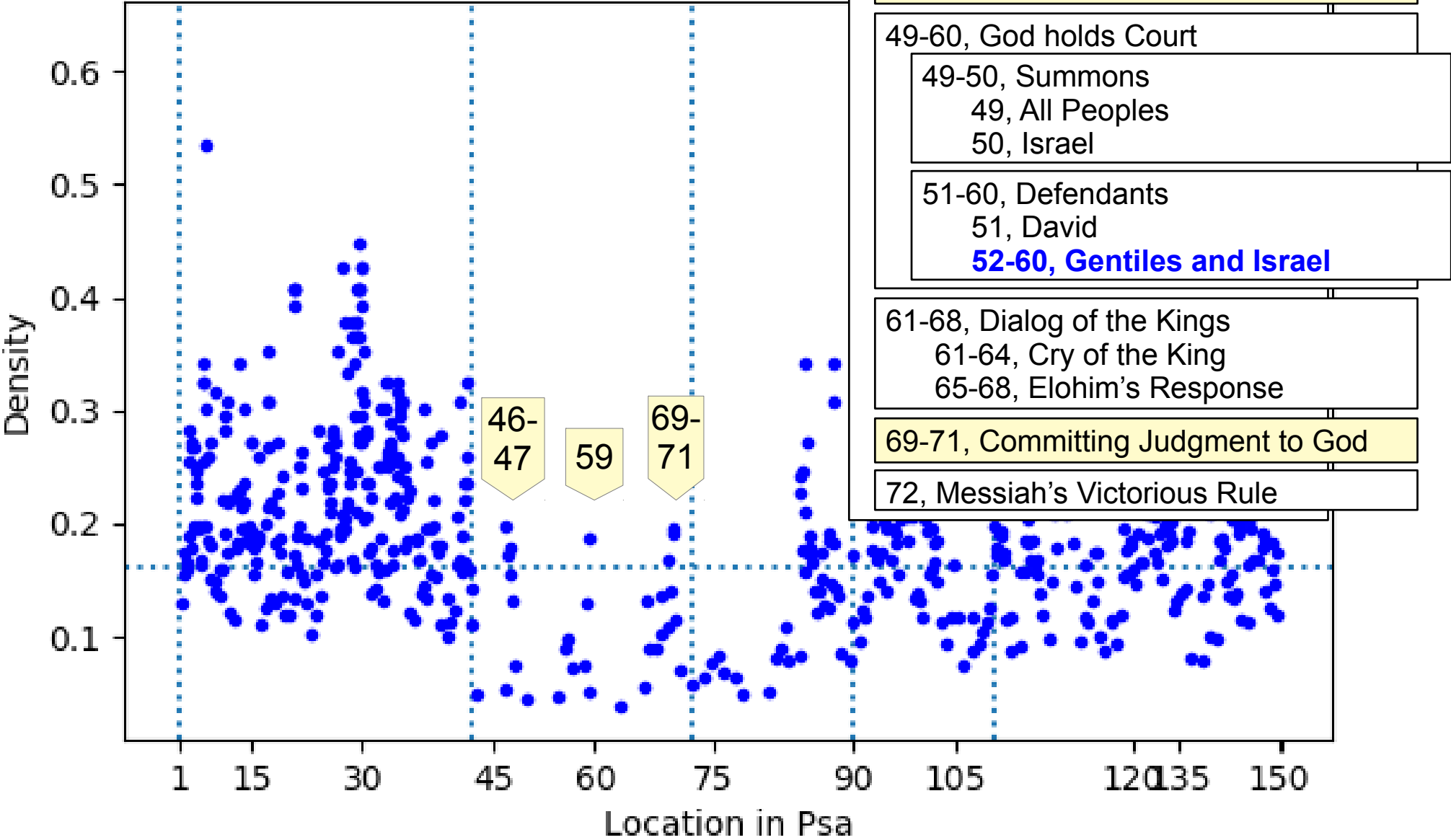
16, But I will sing: **Deliverance**

17, **Motto**

Structure of Psalm 59

1Sa 19:11 Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: ... 12 So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped. ... 14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick. 15 And Saul sent the messengers again to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him.

Distribution of יהוה “LORD” in Psalms



Helpful Parallels for Psalm 59

5 awake to visit all the heathen

Acts 17:30 the times of this ignorance God winked at.

6, 14 ... they make a noise like a **dog**, and go round about the city.

1Ki 21:23 And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, **The dogs shall eat Jezebel** by the wall of Jezreel. 24 Him that dieth of Ahab **in the city the dogs shall eat**; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.

8 But thou, O LORD, shalt **laugh** at them; thou shalt **have** all the heathen in **derision**.

Ps 2:1 Why do the heathen rage? ... 4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall **laugh**: the Lord shall **have** them in **derision**.

9 Because of his strength will I wait upon thee → “His strength will I **guard** unto you”

Exo 22:7 If a man shall deliver unto his neighbour money or stuff to **keep**,

Structure of Psalm 60

Psalm 60: The Edomite Invasion

1-5, David speaks to God

1a, Complaint

1b, Plea

2a, Complaint

2b, Plea

3-4, Complaint

5, Plea

6-8, God speaks

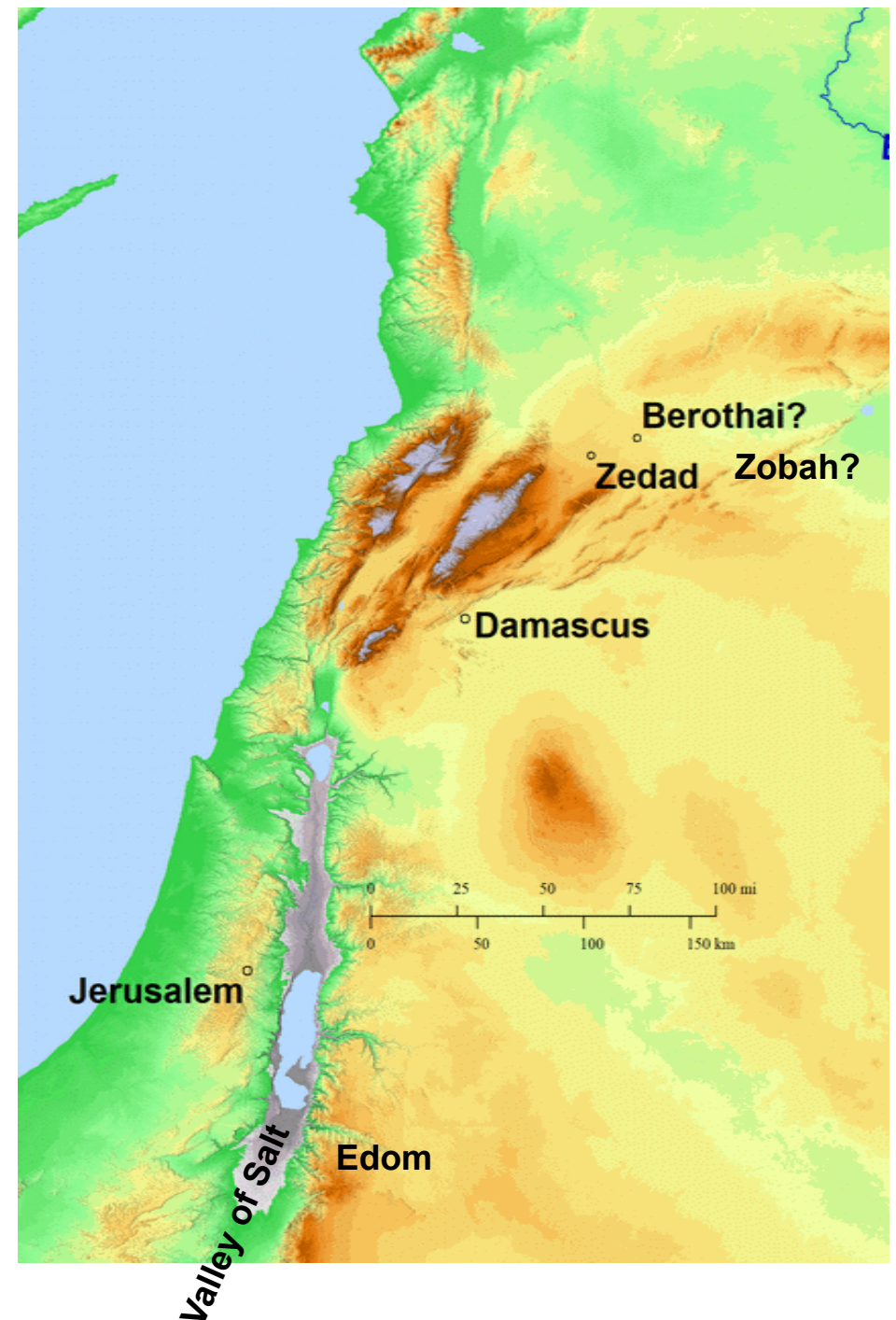
6-7, Cities of Israel

8, Gentile territories

9-12, David speaks: Confidence

9-11, to God

12, to the people



Helpful References on Psalm 60:1

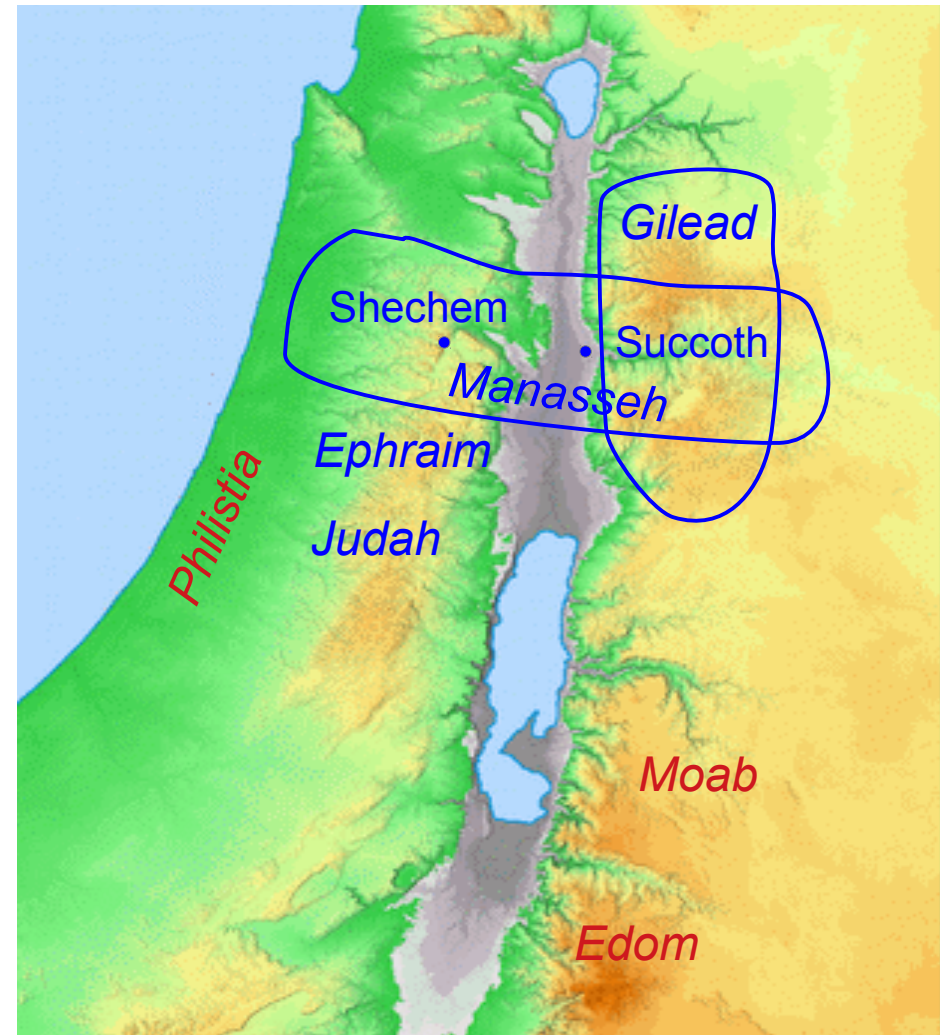
60:1 ... when he strove with **Aramnaharaim** and with **Aramzobah**, when Joab returned, and smote of **Edom** in **the valley of salt** twelve thousand.

2Sa 8:13 And David gat him a name when he returned from smiting of the **Syrians** in **the valley of salt**, being eighteen thousand men. 14 And he put garrisons in **Edom**; throughout all **Edom** put he garrisons, and all they of **Edom** became David's servants. And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

Why did God “cast off” Israel?

Psa 30:6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved. 7 LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.

60:6-8, God Claims the Land



Two Fulfillments of Psalm 60:9-12

9 Who will bring me into the strong city? **who will lead me into Edom?** ... 12 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall **tread down** (בוּס Strong 947) **our enemies.**

1Ki 11:15 For it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had **smitten every male in Edom;** 16 (For six months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had **cut off every male in Edom:**) 17 That Hadad fled, ...

Isa 63:1 **Who is this that cometh from Edom,** with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. ... 6 And I will **tread down** (בוּס Strong 947) **the peoples** in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.