

# Treasure Hunt

- What characteristics set Psalms 65-68 apart from the laments in 61-64 and 69-71?
- To what Psalm earlier in Book 2 do some of these Psalms allude?
- In Hebrew, 65:1 says “Silence is praise to thee in Zion.” How can silence be praise?
- What is the difference between the two halves of Psalm 66, and what is its significance?
- What is the difference in 66:5 between God’s “works” and his “doing”?
- What earlier passage is the basis for Psalm 67?
- What is striking about the difference between Psalm 67 and this passage?
- What is amazing about the nations’ response in 67:4?

# Psalms 61-71, Dialog of the Kings

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### 61-64, **Laments**

61, Separation from the **Sanctuary**

62, Patience before the **Wicked**

63, Seeking God in the **Sanctuary**

64, Judgment on the **Wicked**

### 65-68, Praise and Thanksgiving: **Song-Psalms**

65, Praise in the **Sanctuary**

66, Deliverance from the **Nations**

67, the **Levitical** Blessing

68, Victory over the **Nations**

### 69-71, **Laments** with **Imprecations**: LORD

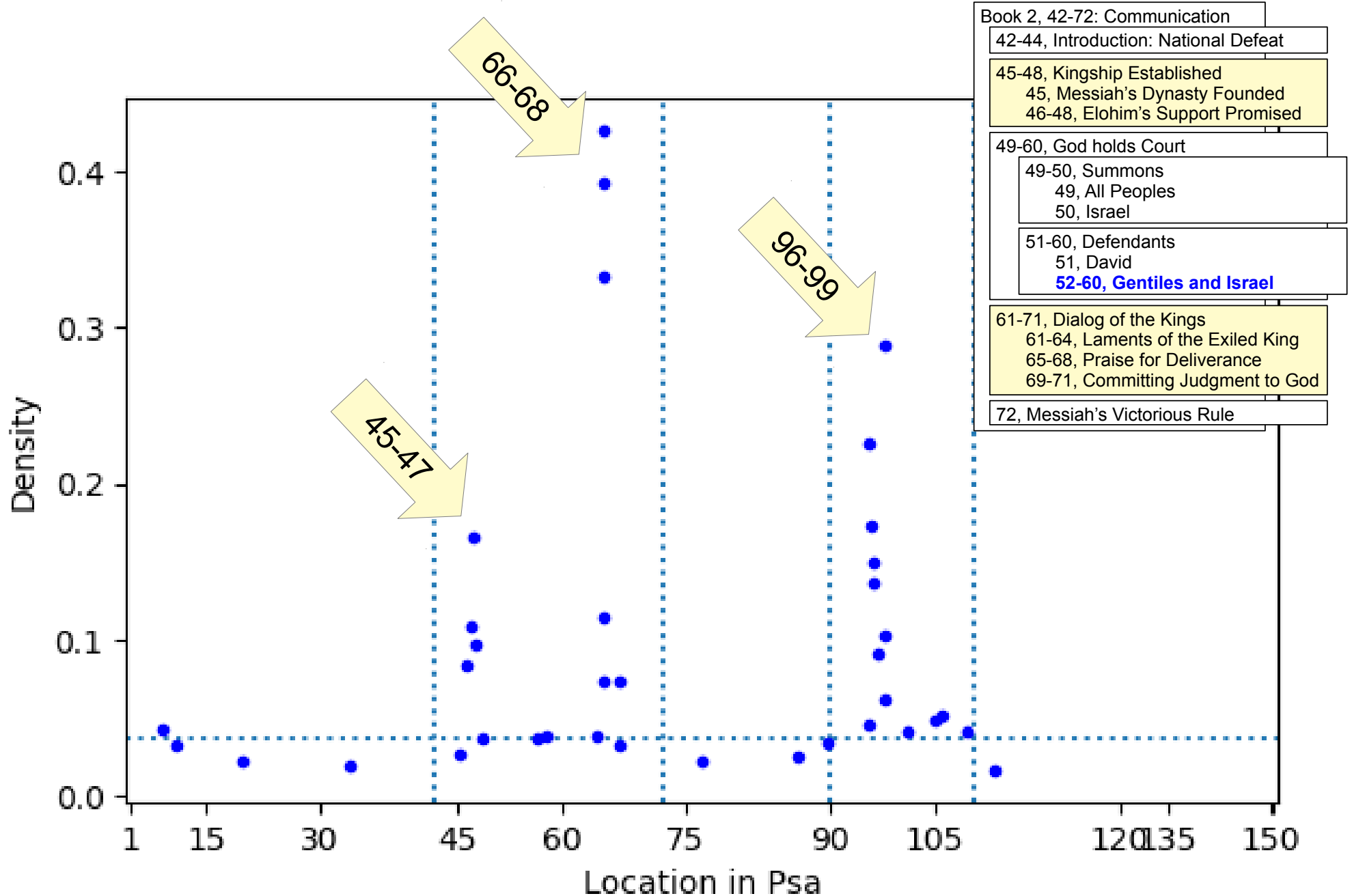
Echoes of 34-41, Songs of the Sufferer

69, Because I suffer for the Lord

70, Cry for Rapid Help (= 40:13-17)

71, Because I am aged

# “Peoples” עמים (Strong 5971) in Psalms



# Psalm 65

1 Praise waiteth for thee → Silence is praise for thee

Cf. 62:1, 6 my soul is silent before God

Hab 2:20 But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power: 7 Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples.

Psa 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; 3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

1-4, God of Grace

5-8, God of Might

9-13, God of Plenty

9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water:

Act 14:17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

# Structure of Psalm 66

## Psalm 66, Testimony brings Praise

1-12, Corporate Praise

1-4, Promise of Praise

Selah

5-7, Basis of Praise: **Come and See**

Selah

8-12, Offering Praise

13-20, Personal Praise

13-15, Promise of Praise

Selah

16-19, Basis of Praise: **Come and Hear**

20, Offering Praise

# Helpful References on Psalm 66

5 Come and see the works of God:

Psa 46:8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth. 9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

he is terrible in his **doing** toward the children of men.

Psa 14:1 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable **works**, there is none that doeth good.

1Sa 2:3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him **actions** are weighed.

18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me: 19 But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

1Co 11:27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

# Psalm 67

Num 6:22 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,  
 23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On  
 this wise ye shall bless **the children of Israel**,  
 saying unto them,

24 The LORD **ble**ss thee, and keep thee:

25 The LORD **make his face shine upon thee**,  
 and **be gracious** חן [Strong 2603] unto thee:

26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee,  
 and give thee peace.

27 And they shall put my name upon **the children  
 of Israel**; and I will bless them.

Ps 67:1 God  
**be merciful**  
 חן [Strong  
 2603] unto us,  
 and **ble**ss us;  
 and **cause his  
 face to shine  
 upon** us

Prayer for Blessing	1-2 God be merciful to us and bless us	6-7 God shall bless us
Prayer for Outreach	3 Let all the peoples praise thee	5 Let all the peoples praise thee
Prayer for God's Rule	4 thou shalt judge ... govern ...	

# References for Psalm 67

4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the peoples righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

Psa 2:2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed,

Rev 19:19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.