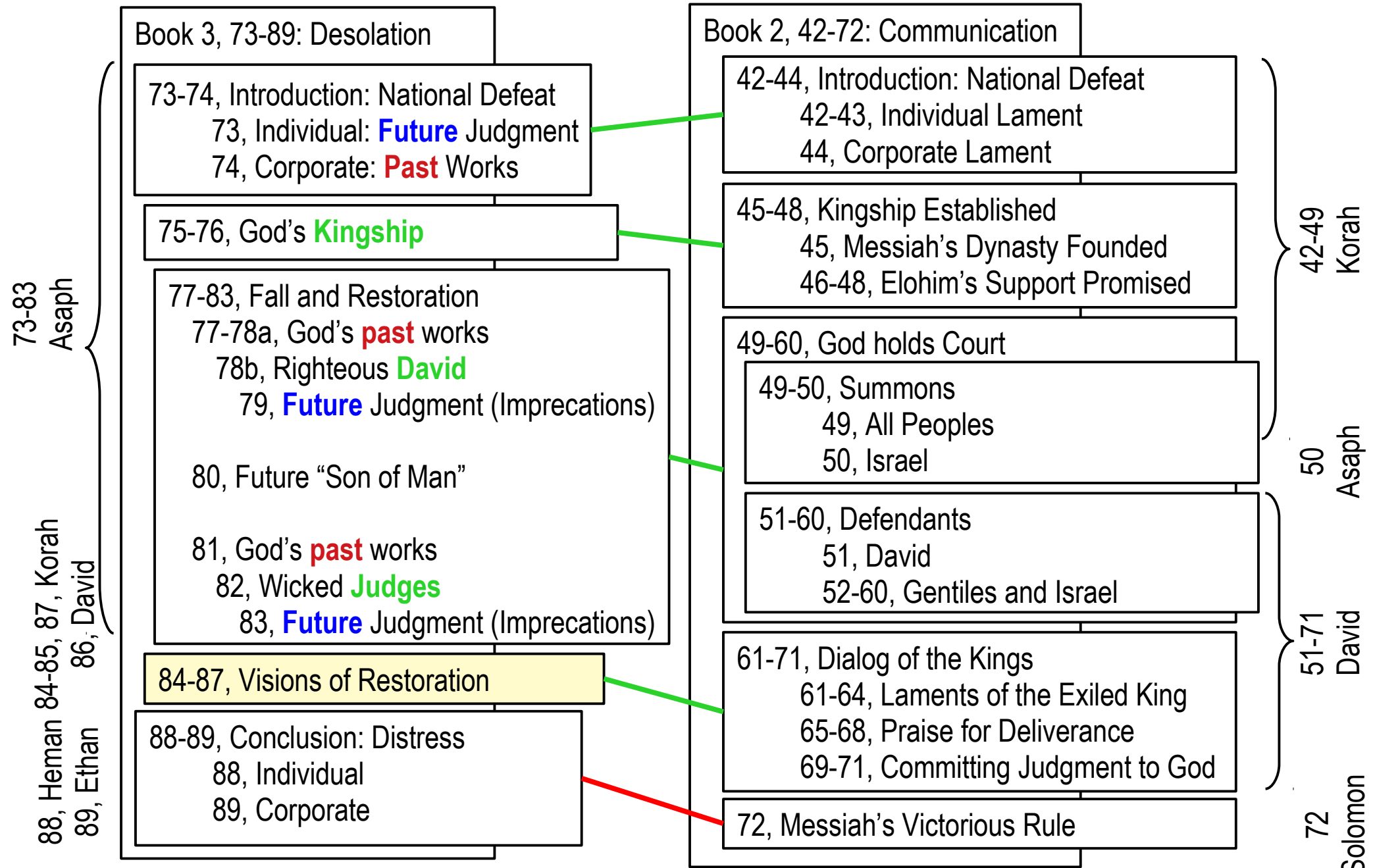


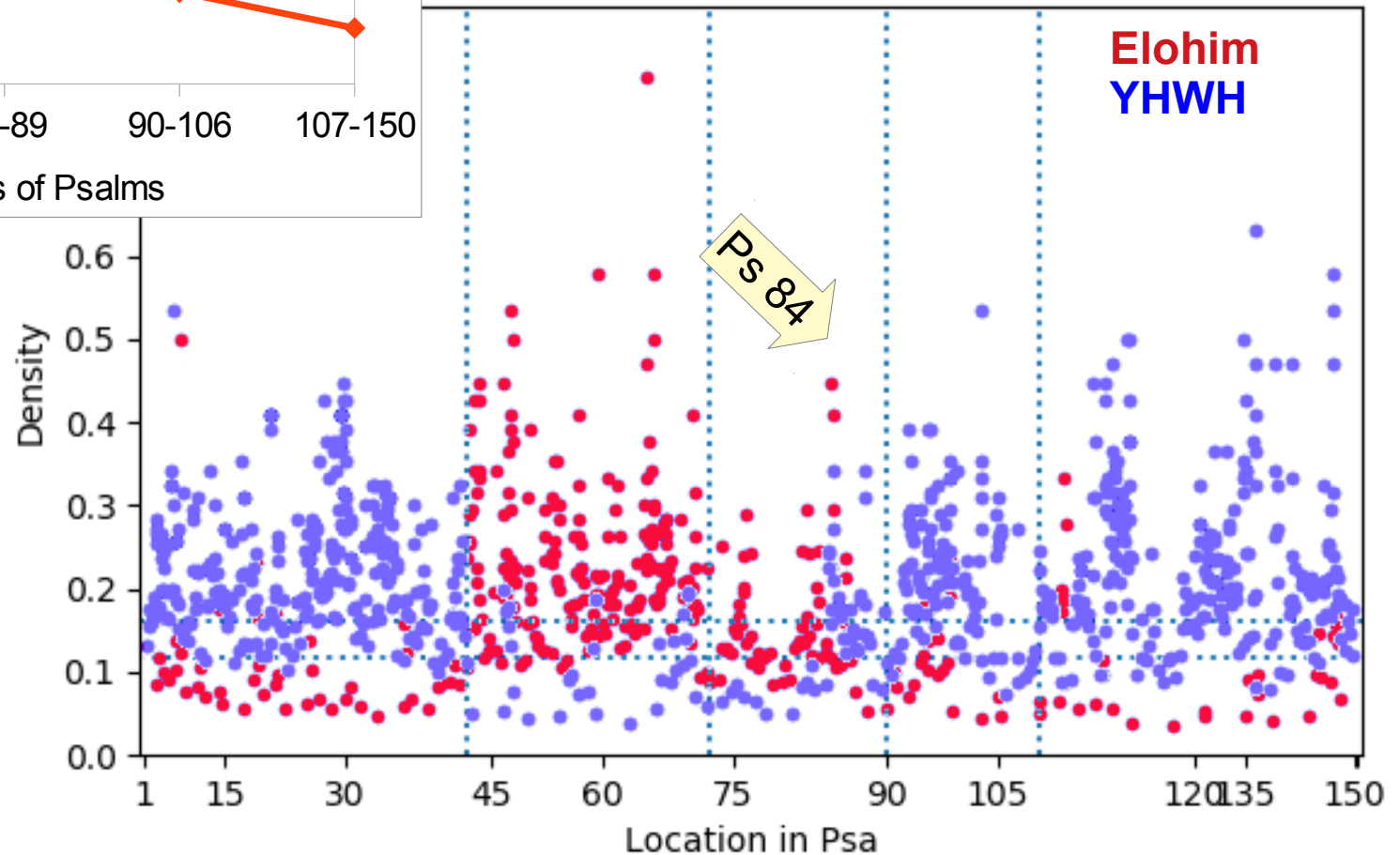
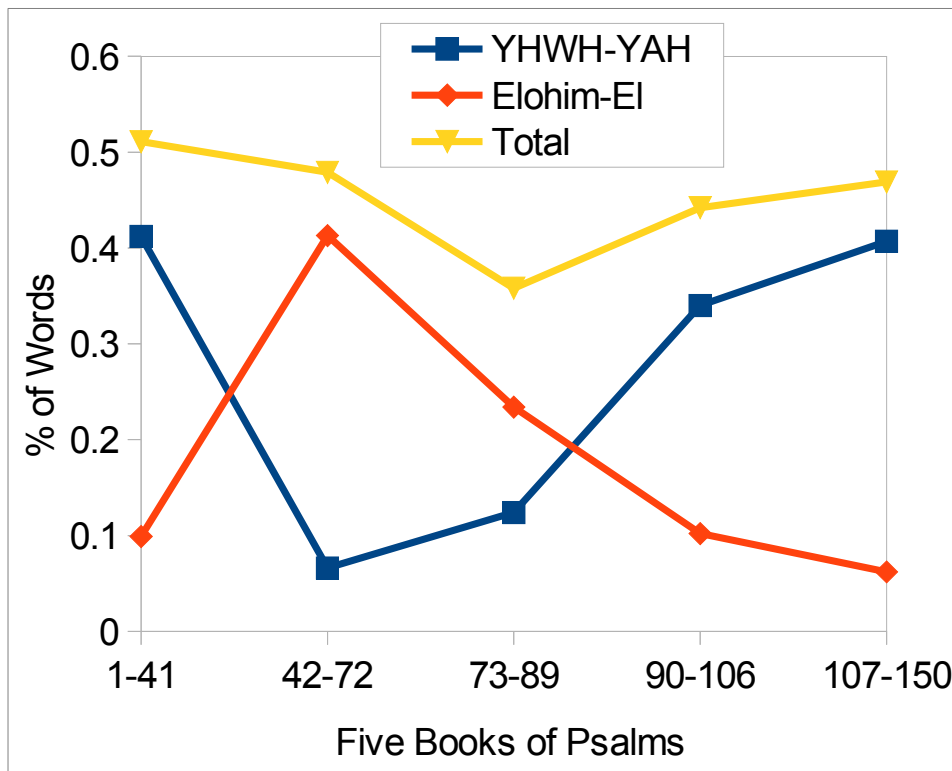
Treasure Hunt

- Compare and contrast the authors of Psalms 84-87 with those of 73-83.
- To what other Psalm is Psalm 84 closely related, and under what circumstances was it probably written?
- What three sources of blessing does Psalm 84 identify?
- What paradox about turning is in Psalm 85, and to what historic period does it probably belong?
- How does Psalm 85 begin to answer the lament of 77:8?
- What is unusual about the presence of Psalm 86 in book 3 of the Psalter, and why would the editor put it there?
- What word is particularly characteristic of Psalm 86, and what does it indicate?
- How does Psalm 86 answer the laments of Psalms 74 and 83?

Book 3: Desolation



The Transition from Elohyim to YHWH in Book 3



Structure of Psalm 84

Psalm 84, Seeking Blessing

1-4, God's **House**

4a, **Blessed** ...

4b, **Selah**

5-8, **Pilgrimage**

5, **Blessed** ...

8, **Selah**

9-12, God's **Presence**

12, **Blessed** ...

2 **My soul longeth**, yea, even fainteth **for the courts of the LORD**:

Psa 42:4 When I remember these things, **I pour out my soul in me**: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday. ... 3 O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; **let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles**. 4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

Structure of Psalm 85

Psalm 85, Asking and Hearing

1-3, **God's** Past Acts

4-8, The **Psalmist** Speaks

4-7, Request for Revival

8, Resolve to Listen

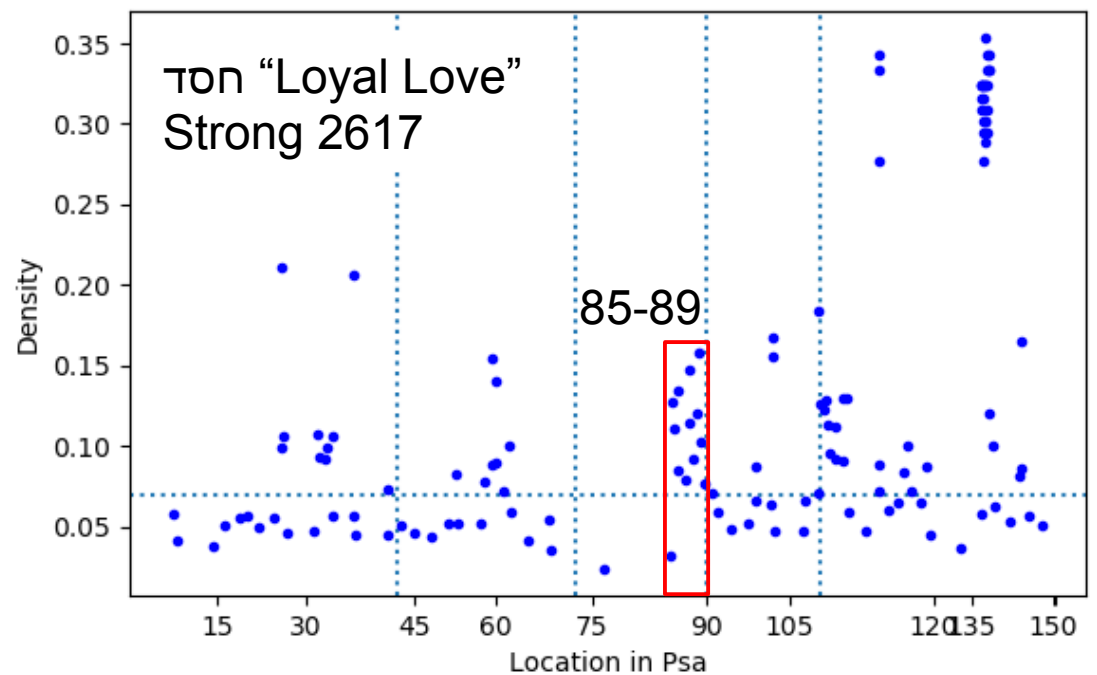
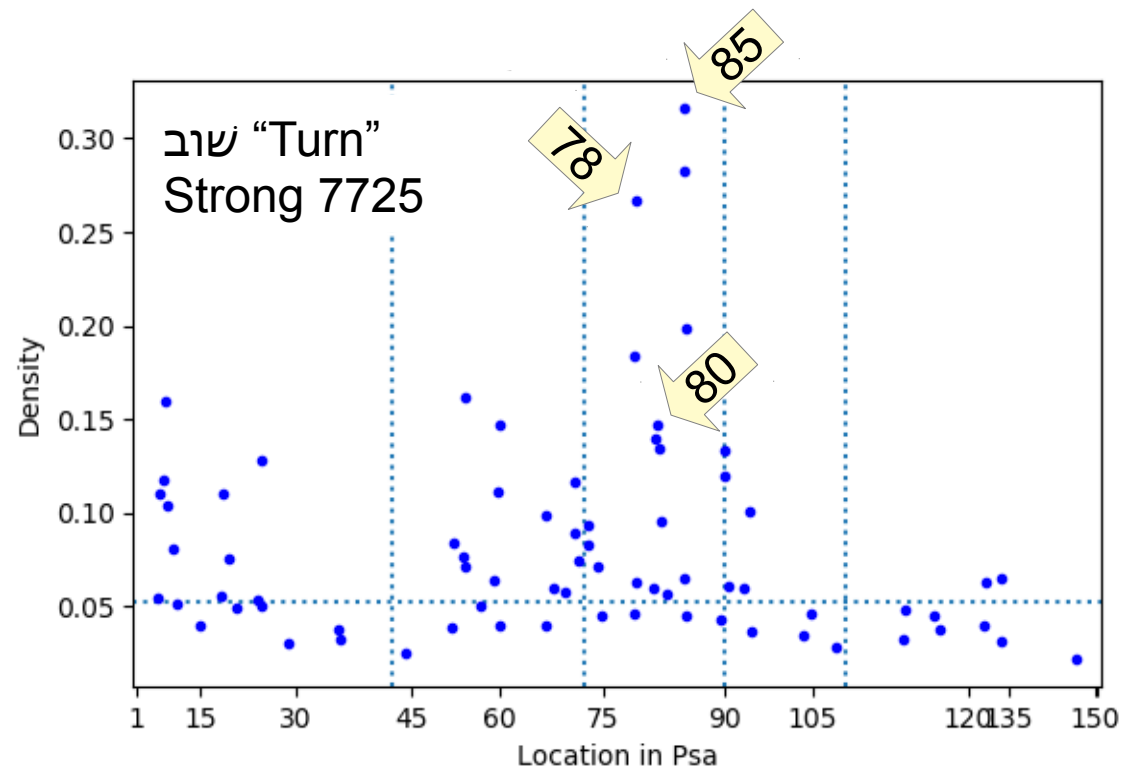
9-13, **God's** Future Blessing

Keywords in Psalm 85:

Psa 80:3 **Turn** us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved. (cf. vv. 7, 19)

Psa 80:14 **Return**, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

Psa 77:8 Is his **mercy** clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore?



References for Psalm 85

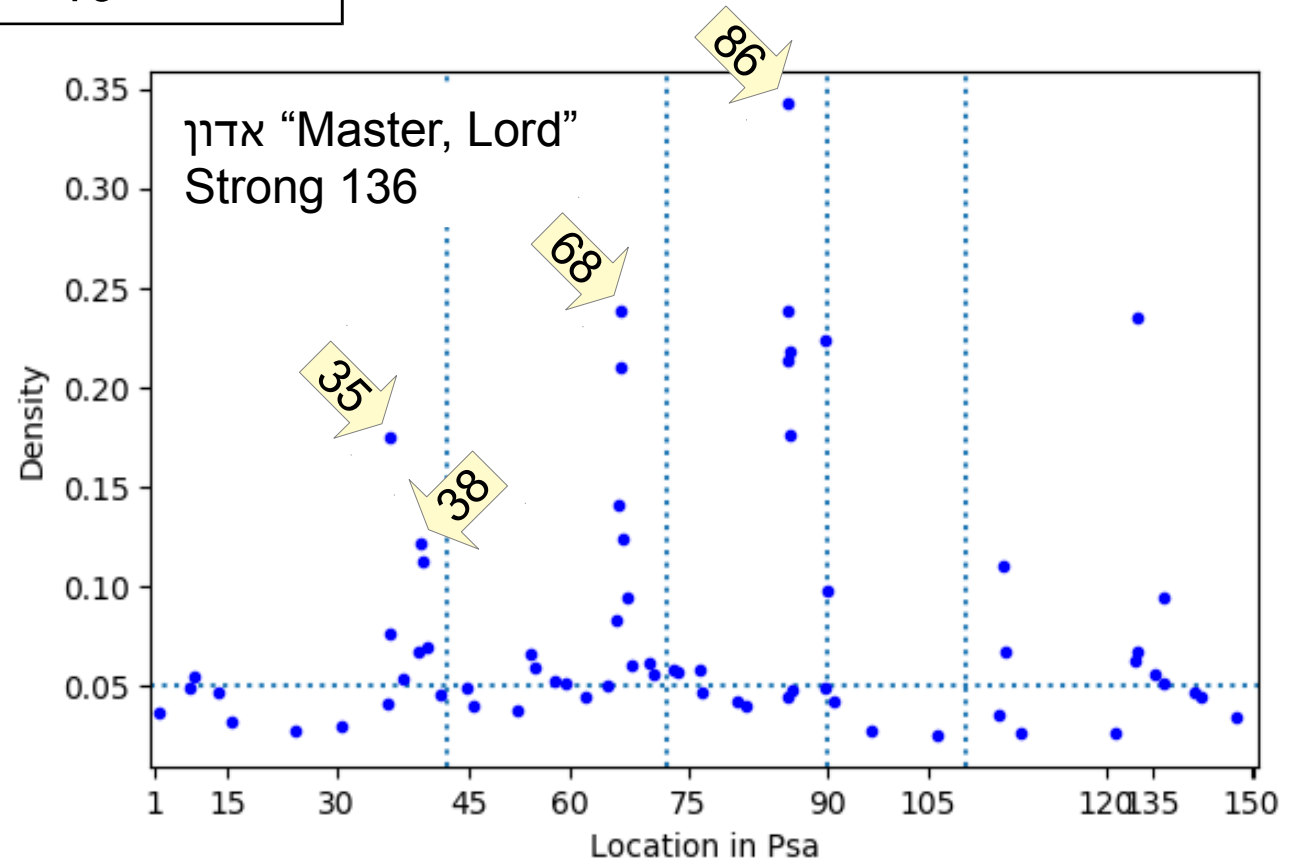
10 **Mercy** and **truth** are met together; **righteousness** and peace have kissed each other. 11 **Truth** shall spring out of the earth; and **righteousness** shall look down from heaven.

Psa 89:14 **Justice [righteousness]** and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: **mercy** and **truth** shall go before thy face.

Isa 16:5 And in **mercy** shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in **truth** in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting **righteousness**.

Structure of Psalm 86

Prayer of God's Servant	1-4 (2, 4)		16-17 (16)
Confidence in God's Loyal Love יְדוּן	5-6 (5)		15
Opposition	7		14
Goal: glorify God's name	8-9 (9)		11-13 (12)
Focus: God is Great	10		



References for Psalm 86

2 ... save **thy servant** that trusteth in thee. ... 4 Rejoice the soul of **thy servant**:

Psa 78:70 He chose David also **his servant**, and took him from the sheepfolds:

Psa 18:1 A Psalm of David, **the servant of the LORD**, who spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: And he said, I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.

9 **All nations** whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

Contrast Psalms 74, 83

Psa 82:8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit **all nations**.

10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

Isa 2:17 And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. (cf. Isa 2:11)