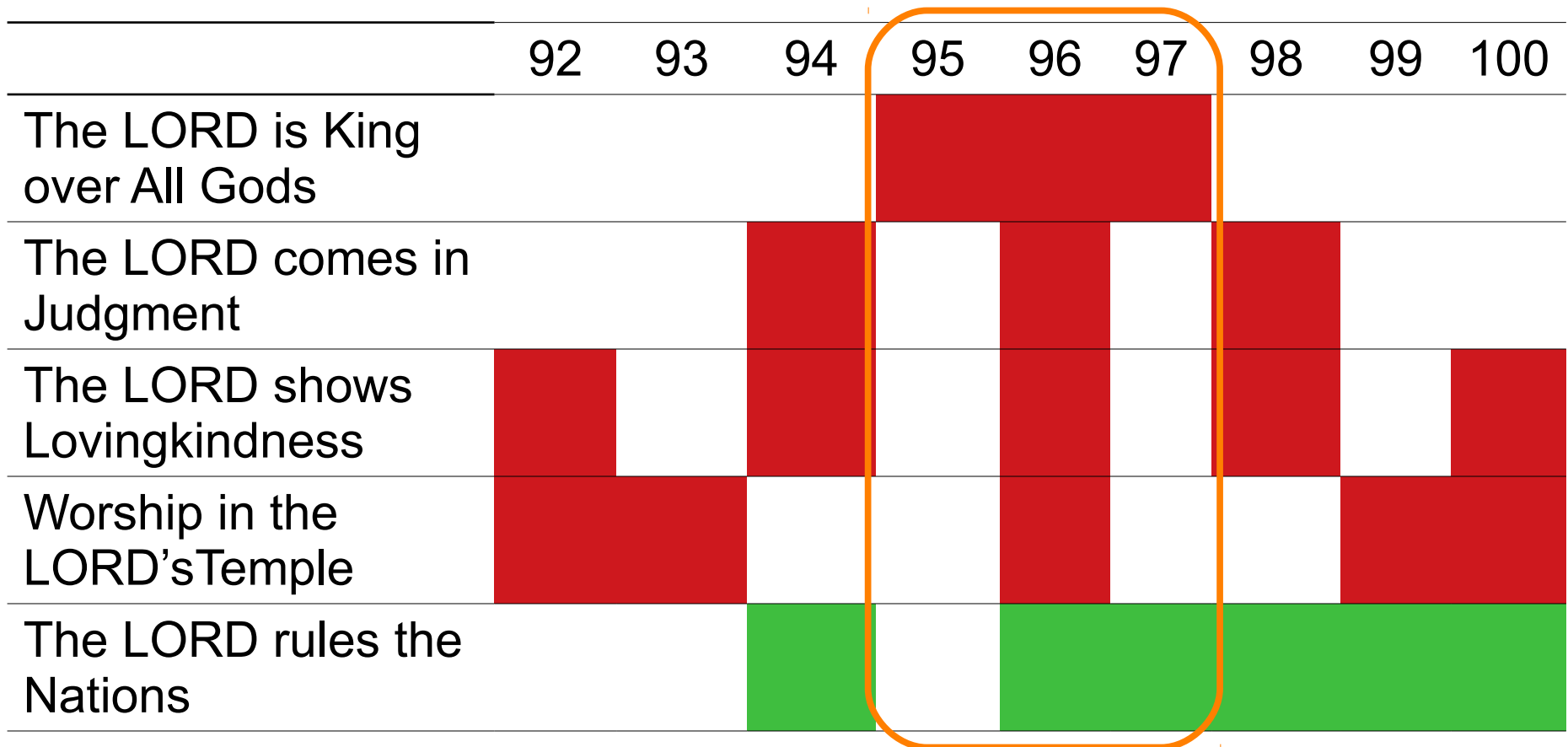


# Treasure Hunt

- What common theme do Psalms 95-97 share?
- What frequent structural pattern is seen in Psalms 95 and 96?
- How does Psalm 95 extend this pattern in an unusual way?
- How does the NT apply Psalm 95 to us?
- What theme is particularly prominent in Psalm 96?
- What two actions regarding the heathen does Psalm 96 describe?
- What does the original setting of Psalm 96 tell us about the significance of Jerusalem?
- What point does the author of Psalm 97 make by quoting so many other scriptures?
- Who in the NT makes the same point in the same way?
- Please compare and contrast the first and last stanzas of Psalm 97.

Psalms 90-106, Maturation  
 90-91, God as Habitation  
**92-100, The LORD reigns now**  
 101-103, David will reign  
 104-106, Hallelujah

# Structure of Psalms 92-100



# Structure of Psalm 95

## Psalm 95, The Test of True Worship

### 1-5, Worship in **Praise**

1-2, Call to Praise

3-5, Cause: Creation

### 6-7a, Worship in **Posture**

6, Call to Bow Down

7, Cause: Exodus

### 7b-11, Worship in **Obedience**

7-9, Call to Obey

10-11, Cause: Judgment

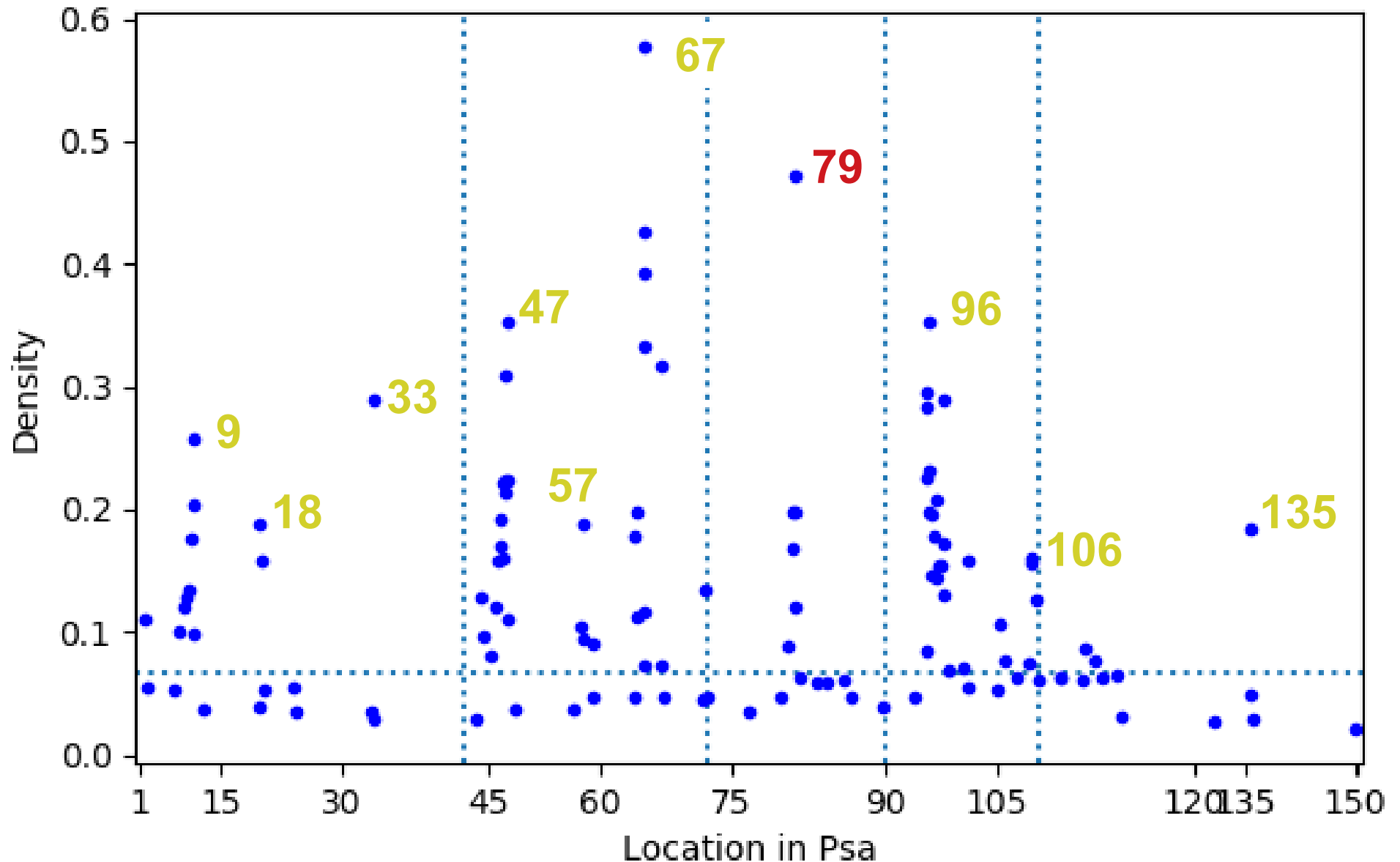
Heb 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; 2 Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house. 3 For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house. 4 For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God. 5 And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; 6 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

1 Let us **sing** ... to the **rock** of our salvation

92:1 It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to **sing** praises unto thy name, O most High: 2 To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night, 3 Upon an **instrument** of ten strings, and upon the **psaltery**; upon the **harp** with a solemn sound.

94:22 But the LORD is my defence; and my God is the **rock** of my refuge.

# Nations, Gentiles, Peoples, Kingdoms, or All the Earth in Psalms



# Structure of Psalm 96

Psalm 96, Conversion of the Gentiles

1-5, Going Out to the Heathen

1-2, Call to Praise among the Heathen

3-5, Cause: Past Creation

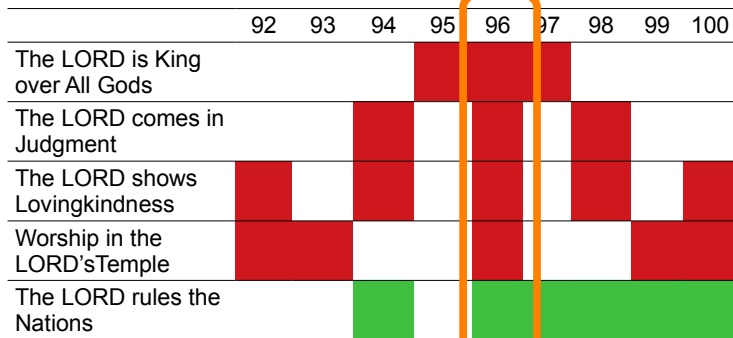
6 Honour and majesty are before him:

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

7-13, Bringing the Heathen In

7-13a, Call to Bow Down

13b, Cause: Coming Judgment



3 Declare his glory among the heathen ...

5 ... For the Lord made the heavens

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold [suppress] the truth in unrighteousness; 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him **from the creation of the world** are clearly seen, being understood **by the things that are made**, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

11-12 Sea ... field ... trees

Luk 19:39 And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. 40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, **the stones would immediately cry out.**

# Structure of Psalm 97

## Psalm 97, Effects of the Lord's Reign

1-5, He dominates the earth

1, Let the earth **rejoice**

3, He **destroys** his enemies

4, **Light** brings fear

6-9, Impact on all the gods

6-7, Confusion to idolatrous peopleS

8-9, Joy to Zion and Judah

10-12, He blesses his people

10, He **preserves** his saints

11, **Light** brings gladness

12, **Rejoice**, ye righteous

## References to other Scriptures:

Luk 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things **concerning himself**.

Luk 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, **concerning me**. 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

9 For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted **far above all gods**.

Eph 1:19 his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 **Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:**

# The Hinge in 97:6-9

Theme	6-7	8-9
Righteousness and Judgment (v. 2)	6 The heavens declare his <b>righteousness</b> ,	8b because of thy <b>judgments</b> , O LORD.
Emotional response of witnesses	7 <b>Confounded</b> be are all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols:	8a Zion heard, and was <b>glad</b> ; and the daughters of Judah <b>rejoiced</b>
Universality of rule	and <b>all the peopleS</b> see his glory.	9 For thou, LORD, <i>art</i> high above <b>all the earth:</b>
Submission of other gods	<del>worship him,</del> <b>all ye the gods</b> worship him.	thou art exalted far <b>above all gods.</b>