

Treasure Hunt

- What was the context in which Psalm 96 was originally used?
- What is the characteristic of the other psalms with which it is organized in the book of Psalms?
- What is the relation between these two?
- What is the message that we are to bring to the nations?
- What is unusual about the verb tenses in 96:10, 13 and 98:9?
- How do these verb tenses align with the gospel of the kingdom that our Lord (and John the Baptist) preached?

The Dedication of Jerusalem

Context:

1Ch 16:1 So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: ... 7 Then on that day David delivered first *this psalm* to thank the LORD into the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

1 Chr 16	Psalm
8-22	105:1-15
23-33	96:2-13
34-36	106:1, 47-48

Why bring the ark?

1 Sam. 4:4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, **which dwelleth between the cherubims**: ...

2 Sam. 6:2 And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts **that dwelleth between the cherubims**. ~ 1 Chr 13:6

2 Ki. 19:15 And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, **which dwellest between the cherubims**, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth. ~ Isa 37:16

Ps. 80:1 <A Psalm of Asaph.> Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou **that dwellest between the cherubims**, shine forth.

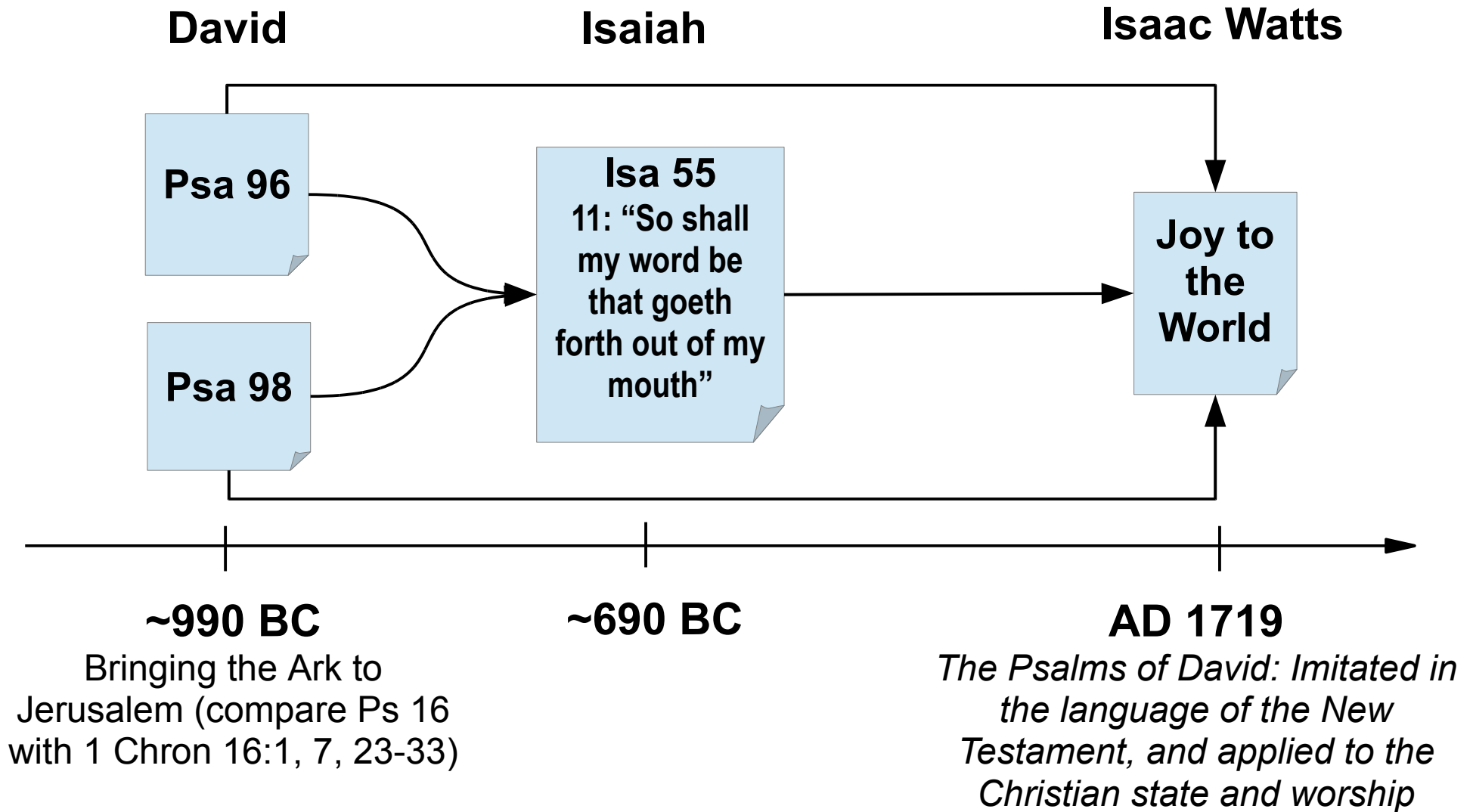
Ps. 99:1 The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: **he sitteth between the cherubims**; let the earth be moved.

Isaiah's Vision

Isa 24:23 ... the LORD of hosts shall **reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem**, and before his ancients gloriously.

Isa 55:10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 11 **So shall my word be** that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it. 12 **For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.** 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off.

Poets Quoting Poets



First Stanza

Isaac Watts	Pss 96-98	Isa 55
Joy to the World, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King Let every heart prepare Him room, And Heaven and nature sing.	Psa 98:4 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth : Psa 98:9 ...before the Lord , for he cometh (96:13) Psa 98:6 make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King . → 93:1; 96:10; 97:1; 99:1 Psa 96:11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;	Isa 55:12 For ye shall go out with joy ,

Second Stanza

Isaac Watts	Pss 96-98	Isa 55
<p>Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!</p> <p>Let men their songs employ;</p> <p>While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy.</p>	<p>Psa 96:10 Say among the heathen <i>that</i> the LORD reigneth → 93:1; 97:1; 99:1</p> <p>Psa 98:5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm. Psa 96:1 O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. 2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.</p> <p>Psa 98:7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. 8 Let the floods clap <i>their</i> hands: let the hills be joyful together Psa 96:11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof. 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that <i>is</i> therein: then shall Let all the trees of the wood rejoice</p>	<p>Isa 55:12 ... the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap <i>their</i> hands.</p>

Third and Fourth Stanzas

Isaac Watts	Isa 55	Gen 3
<p>No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found.</p>	<p>Isa 55:13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign <i>that</i> shall not be cut off.</p>	<p>Gen 3:17 cursed <i>is</i> the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat <i>of</i> it all the days of thy life; 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee;</p>

Isaac Watts	Pss 96-98
<p>He rules the world with truth and grace,</p> <p>And makes the nations prove The glories ...</p> <p>...of His righteousness, And wonders of His love.</p>	<p>Psa 96:13 for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people(s) with his truth.</p> <p>Psa 96:3 Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people(s).</p> <p>Psa 98:9 for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people(s) with equity.</p>

The Royal Psalms in Book 4 (Psalms 90-106)

king = מֶלֶךְ *melek*, reign = מָלַךְ *malak*

Psa 93:1 **The LORD reigneth**, he is clothed with majesty;

Psa 95:3 For **the LORD** is a great God, and a great **King** above all gods.

Psa 96:10 Say among the heathen *that the LORD reigneth*: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

Psa 97:1 **The LORD reigneth**; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad *thereof*.

Psa 98:6 With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before **the LORD, the King**.

Psa 99:1 **The LORD reigneth**; let the people tremble: he sitteth *between* the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

A Common Pattern (1)

	Psa 96	Ps 98
Call to Praise	<p>1 O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.</p> <p>2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.</p> <p>3 Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people[s].</p>	<p>1 O sing unto the LORD a new song;</p>
Cause for Praise	<p>4 For the LORD <i>is</i> great, and greatly to be praised: he <i>is</i> to be feared above all gods.</p> <p>5 For all the gods of the nations <i>are</i> idols: but the LORD made the heavens.</p> <p>6 Honour and majesty <i>are</i> before him: strength and beauty <i>are</i> in his sanctuary.</p>	<p>for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.</p> <p>2 The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.</p> <p>3 He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.</p>

A Common Pattern (2)

	Psa 96	Ps 98
Call to Praise	<p>7 Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people[s], give unto the LORD glory and strength.</p> <p>8 Give unto the LORD the glory <i>due unto</i> his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.</p> <p>9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.</p> <p>10 Say among the heathen <i>that</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •the LORD reigneth: •the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: •he shall judge דין the people[s] righteously. <p>11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.</p> <p>12 Let the field be joyful, and all that <i>is</i> therein: then shall let all the trees of the wood rejoice 13 Before the LORD:</p>	<p>4 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.</p> <p>5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.</p> <p>6 With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.</p> <p>7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.</p> <p>8 Let the floods clap <i>their</i> hands: let the hills be joyful together 9 Before the LORD;</p>
Cause for Praise	<p>for he cometh, for he cometh to judge שפט the earth: he shall judge שפט the world with righteousness, and the people[s] with his truth.</p>	<p>for he cometh to judge שפט the earth: with righteousness shall he judge שפט the world, and the people[s] with equity.</p>