

**I. INTRODUCTION: MANY CONNECTIONS**

- A. PRAISE** (1,3,21; give thanks, 136:1-3,26)
- B. BLESSING** (21; see 134:3,1f)
- C. PUBLIC, CORPORATE WORSHIP** (2,19-21; see 134:1f)
- D. EVERLASTING GLORY** (13; see 136:1,etc.; Ex.3:15)
- E. SUPREMACY** (5; see 136:2,3; Ex.18:11)
- F. IDOLS** (15f; see 115:4f)
- G. CREATION-PROVIDENCE** (6,7; see 136:4-9; 146:6; see Gen.1)
- H. REDEMPTION** (8-14; see 136:10-22; see Ex.1-15(Egyptians); Num.21(Sihon, Og))
- I. POINT** (4,14; see 136:23-25; see Dt.32:36)
- J. SUMMARY: SUPPLEMENT, FINALE?** (to Songs of Ascents (120-134) out of 134)

**II. INTERPRETIVE STRUCTURE: NESTING DOLLS** (Ps.135)

**A. FIRST PERSPECTIVE**

- 1. praise (1-4) & praise (19-21)
- 2. Maker-Keeper (5-7) & made, kept (15-18; see Is.40:18f; 44:15f)
- 3. out (8,9) & in (10-12); see Dt.6:23a&b
- 4. finish (10,11c,12) & start (11a,b)
- 5. Sihon (11a) & Og (11b)
- 6. center: forever (13) & now (14); see 136:23-25

**B. SECOND PERSPECTIVE**

- 1. call: praise in public worship (1-4 & 19-21)
- 2. ground: glory in contrast (5-7; 8-13 & 15-18)
- 3. point: always able (5f) & willing (8f) to help His people (13,14; Jdgs.2:14; 1Kngs.3:28; see 136:23-25)

**C. SUMMARY: SALVATION WRAPPED IN PRAISE** (Ps.135; see 136:1-3 & 26 with 4-9,10-22; 23-25)

**III. ENCOURAGEMENTS TO THE CHURCH IN THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD**

(1-4; see 134:1f)

***A. PRAISE GOD IN PUBLIC WORSHIP FOR HIS GLORY IN THE GOOD OF HIS CHURCH***

(Ps.135:3f; see 136:1f; see 2Cor.4:15; Rom.8:32)

***B. PRAISE GOD IN PUBLIC WORSHIP FOR THE GIFT OF HIS LOVE FOR HIS CHURCH***

(3,4; see Dt.4:37-39; 7:6f; 10:14f; 1Jn.4:19; Eph.2:5f)

***C. SERVE THE GOD OF THE BIBLICAL CHURCH, NOT THE GODS OF OTHER GROUPS***

(1,14 vs. 9f; see 2,4,5a,19f vs.5b,8f,11,15f; see Ex.6:7; 20:3; Mt.4:10; 22:37f)

***D. KNOW THAT THE GOD OF HIS CHURCH HAS PROVED HIS ABILITY & WILLINGNESS TO***

***HELP HIS CHURCH*** (13,14; see 136:23-25; because Ps.135:5f & 8f; 136:4f & 10f; also 135:8f & 12; Dt.6:23a&b; with Col.1:13a&b;(14,16f!); 2:12a&b; 2:20&:3:1; 3:9,5f & 10,12f; e.g., 3:19b&a)

***E. PRAISE GOD IN PUBLIC WORSHIP IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE FAITH, HOPE & LOVE OF THE CHURCH*** (14,3 with 1-21; see 136:23,25 with 1-26; see Eph.4:12-16; A.C.T.S.; Mt.6:9f)

*Brethren, what shall WE DO?* (see Acts 2:37f)