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For a semisimple factorizable Hopf algebra, the center of H, Z(H) is stable under the quantum Fourier transform F. This fact can be used to give a short algebraic proof to the Verlinde formula for the semisimple case. When H is a factorizable ribbon Hopf algebra which is not semisimple, the ideal $\Lambda_{ad}H$ of Z(H) is stable under the quantum Fourier transform F. We use this to show the existence of a Steinberg-like character and to prove a Verlinde-type formula. The Verlinde-type formula involves characters of projective indecomposable H-modules and of irreducible H-modules. (Received July 25, 2007)