



To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

A Song.

1-4

To You silence is praise, O God in Zion, and to You a vow is fulfilled. ² O Hearer of prayer, to You shall all flesh come. ³ [When] matters/words of iniquities prevail over me, You atone for our transgression. ⁴ Contented is the one You choose and bring near. He shall dwell in Your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple!

לך דמיה תהלה
(*lecha dum-ee-ah t'hilah*)

5-8

By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas; ⁶ the One who by His strength established the mountains, being girded with might. ⁷ He **stills** the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples, ⁸ so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at Your signs. You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

שבח
(*shabach*)
“to calm” or “to praise”

9-13

You visit the earth and water it; You greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; You provide their grain, for so You have prepared it. ¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. ¹¹ You crown the year with Your **bounty**; Your wagon tracks overflow with **abundance**. ¹² The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, ¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

טובה
(*tovah*)
“goodness / good”

דשן
(*deshen*)
“fat / fatness”

REFERENCES:

Verse 1

Psalm 62:1,5 For God alone my soul waits in silence (דמיה, *dumiah*); from Him comes my salvation...For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence (דמיה, *dumiah*), for my hope is from Him.

Verse 3

R' S.R. Hirsch: *"In verse [3] we read an acknowledgment which contains the sum total of all the evolution of human history."*

Verse 7

Psalm 89:9 You rule the raging of the sea. When its waves rise, You still (שבח, *shabach*) them.

Proverbs 29:11 A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back (שבח, *shabach*).

Psalm 63:3 Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise (שבח, *shabach*) You.

Psalm 117:1 Praise Adonai, all nations! Laud (שבח, *shabach*) Him, all peoples!

Psalm 145:4 One generation shall praise (שבח, *shabach*) Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.

Isaiah 17:12 Ah, the thunder of many peoples, they thunder like the thundering of the sea! Ah, the roar of nations, they roar like the roaring of mighty waters!

Daniel 2:2-3,17 Daniel said, "I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. ³ And four great beasts were coming up from the sea, different from one another... 'These great beasts, which are four in number, are four kings who will arise from the earth.'"

Luke 21:25 "And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves..."

Shemini Atzeret

Leviticus 23:36,39 For seven days you shall present food offerings to Adonai. On the eighth day you shall hold a holy convocation and present a food offering to Adonai. It is a solemn assembly; you shall not do any ordinary work... On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the produce of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of Adonai seven days. On the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest.

Numbers 29:35 "On the eighth day you shall have a solemn assembly. You shall not do any ordinary work..."