Psalm 65

"Praise for Elohim's Power in Salvation and Creation"

Ps 65:1 (For the choir director. A Psalm of David. A Song.)

A1 PRAISE FOR GOD'S POWER IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM  65:1-5

B1 Worthy of Praise  65:1

C1 Meditative silence and vocal praise in Zion: 1 There will be silence before You, and praise in Zion, O God,

C2 Keeping of vows: And to You the vow will be performed.

B2 Object of Universal Worship  65:2

C1 Hearer of prayers: 2 O You who hear prayer,

C2 The resort of all mankind: To You all men come.

B3 Forgiver of Sins  65:3

C1 David – prone to sin: 3 Iniquities prevail against me;

C2 Israel – corporate beneficiaries of God’s pardon: As for our transgressions, You forgive them.

B4 Ultimate Relationship  65:4

C1 David’s blessedness at being chosen to be king and thus having ready access to worship in the sanctuary:

D1 4 How blessed is the one whom You choose ¹ and bring near to You

D2 To dwell in Your courts.

C2 Corporate Israel’s satisfaction with worship in God’s house: We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple.

¹ 65:4 - “the one whom You choose”: God chose David to be King of Israel, and David was privileged to exemplify true worship of God as evidenced by his many psalms. He is merely the visible wedge of a greater truth – all who worship God do so because He has chosen them. (See WordExplain’s discussion of Election: http://www.wordexplain.com/Election.html.)
B5 Universal Source of Salvation  65:5

C1 Israel’s benefit from answered national prayer: 5 By awesome deeds You answer us in righteousness, O God of our salvation,

C2 The future international trust in God: You who are the trust of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest sea;

A2 PRAISE FOR GOD’S POWER IN CREATION  65:6-13

B1 Mountain Builder  65:6

C1 6 Who establishes the mountains by His strength,

C2 Being girded with might;

B2 Conqueror of the Sea and People  65:7

C1 Stiller of seas and waves

D1 7 Who stills the roaring of the seas,

D2 The roaring of their waves,

C2 Stiller of the troubled nations, typified by troubled seas: 2 And the tumult of the peoples.

B3 Painter of Sunrise and Sunset  65:8

C1 Earth-dwellers in awe of God’s artistry: 8 They who dwell in the ends of the earth stand in awe of Your signs;

C2 Illustrated in sunrise and sunset: You make the dawn and the sunset shout for joy.

B4 Provider of Food  65:9-13

C1 Waterer of the Land  65:9-10

D1 Provider of Moisture  65:9

E1 9 You visit the earth and cause it to overflow;

E2 You greatly enrich it;

E3 The stream of God is full of water;

E4 You prepare their grain, for thus You prepare the earth.

2 65:7 title - troubled sea: Cf. Isa. 57:20, where the wicked are stated to be like the tossing sea.
D2 Waterer of Cropland 65:10
E1 10 You water its furrows abundantly,
E2 You settle its ridges,
E3 You soften it with showers,
E4 You bless its growth.

C2 Crowner of Bounty 65:11
D1 Bounty: 11 You have crowned the year with Your bounty,
D2 Delicacy: And Your paths drip with fatness.

C3 Rejoicer of Pastures and Meadows 65:12-13
D1 Pastures: 12 The pastures of the wilderness drip,
D2 Hills: And the hills gird themselves with rejoicing. 65:12
D3 Meadows and flocks: 13 The meadows are clothed with flocks
D4 Valleys and grain: And the valleys are covered with grain;
D5 Cause for joyful song: They shout for joy, yes, they sing. 65:13