

PSALM 120-122

Psalms 120-134 are entitled "A Song of Degrees", or *ascents*. These are considered _____ Psalms: It seems most probable they were designed for the use by the people when going _____ to Jerusalem on the festival occasions (Exodus 34:24; De 16:16), _____ times a year. David appears as the author of four, Solomon of one (Ps 127:1), and the other ten are anonymous.

PSALM 120 A Song of degrees (ascent, going up).

"The author had been grievously defamed and had been tortured into bitterness by the false charges of his persecutors, and here is his appeal to the great Arbiter of right and wrong, before whose judgment-seat no man shall suffer from slanderous tongues." *Treasury of David*, Charles Spurgeon

- I. The psalmist prays to God in a time of distress **Vs 1-2**
 - A. **Distress**-trouble, _____
 - B. Caused by others _____ about him **Vs 2**
 - C. **Deliver**-rescue, _____ me away
- II. The psalmist describes God's _____ on the enemy **Vs 3-4**
 - A. **What shall be done**-what will God do to _____ your lying
 - B. The retribution will be painful and _____
 - 1. **Sharp arrows of the warrior**-_____ and destructive
 - 2. **Coals of the broom tree**-the wood used for fires because it burned for a _____ period
- III. The psalmist _____ his dwelling place **Vs 5-7**
 - A. Among a people who are war-minded while he is _____-minded **Vs 5-6**
 - B. Among a people who misconstrue his statements because they do not _____ with him **Vs 7**
Cf. **Vs**

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PSALM 121 A Song of degrees.

- I. Assurance of _____ in travel to Jerusalem **Vs 1**
 - A. Jerusalem sat on a _____ and one traveled "up to Jerusalem" **Vs 1a**
 - B. Jerusalem was considered the place where one went to _____ with God **Vs 1b**
- II. Assurance of God and his _____ **Vs 2-4**
 - A. Firm _____ in the Lord because of his power over creation **Vs 2**
 - B. Firm confidence in the Lord being ever _____ of the circumstances of his people **Vs 3-4**
- III. Assurance of God's protection from the _____ **Vs 5-6**
 - A. Corporate (**Vs 4**), and _____ protection **Vs 5**
 - B. The journey to Jerusalem required walking or riding out in the _____ elements
 - C. Protection from the harm that may come from _____ to the elements **Vs 6**
- IV. Assurance of God's protection from all _____ that may come near us **Vs 7-8**
 - A. _____ protection **Vs 7**
 - B. _____ protection **Vs 8**

PSALM 122 A Song of degrees of David.

- I. God's city a place of many _____ **Vs 1-3**
 - A. **House of the Lord**-_____
 - B. Joy at the thought of going to Jerusalem **Vs 1**
 - 1. A _____ place **Vs 2**
 - 2. A well laid out (_____) city **Vs 3**
- II. God's city was the _____ gathering place for Israel to come and worship God **Vs 4**
- III. God's city was the place where Israel's _____ king dwelt **Vs 5**
- IV. God's city was a place that needed the protection and _____ of God **Vs 6-8**
- V. God's city was a place where _____ could be found **Vs 9**