

INTRODUCTION: O ISRAEL, HOPE IN THE LORD

A. PSALMS OF ASCENTS (120-134; *geographical, spiritual*; perh. architectural, literary, vocal; 2Chr8:13; Ps24:3; Hb12:22f)

B. COMPANION TO PSALM 130 (3 with 130:7,8; see Heb.9:12,26,29; Rom.8:18-25)

C. ISRAEL: THE GATHERED PEOPLE OF GOD (3; see 130:7; Ascents; Heb.10:25f; Eph.4:16)

D. HOPE: CONFIDENT EXPECTATION BASED ON HIS WORKS & WORDS (3; see Ascents, Ex.23:14-17; see Ps.130:7,8; 126:1f; Col.1:13)

E. LORD: STEADFAST LOVE & FAITHFULNESS (3; 130:7,8; see Ex.6:7; 34:6,7)

I. EFFECT: NOT PROUD (1; see Mt.5:3; Gal.6:22f; Jms.3:17f)

A. HEART & EYES (1a; Prov.21:4(Mt.6:22) see Mt.15:18,19; see Mt.5:28)

B. PROUD & HAUGHTY (1a; see Lk.18:9; Rom.12:16; see Dt.8:14,17; Prov.6:17)

C. GREAT & PRESTIGIOUS (1b; see 2Chr.26:16(Ezk.28:2; 2Th.2:4); Jer.45:5; Mk.4:19; 1Jn.2:16; see Dt.29:29)

II. CAUSE: HUMBLING HIMSELF (2; see Mt.18:4; Phil.2:3)

A. SURELY: OATH-BOUND; OPPOSITE (2; see Acts 26:18; Col.1:13; see Col.3:9,10; 5f,12f)

B. COMPOSED & QUIETED (2a, see 1; Mt.8:26; see Rom.12:3,16; 2Chr.32:26; Ps.35:13)

C. MY SOUL (2a; see 1, Mk.9:47; 12:30; Gen.2:7)

D. LIKE A WEANED CHILD AGAINST HIS MOTHER (2; see 1Sam.1:23,24; see Gal.5:24,26; 15-23; Mt.6:31-33; 25f; 11:25f,28-30; 18:4; Mk.4:19; 1Jn.2:16; Phil.2:3f; 4:11; 1Tm.6:8)

CONCLUSION: HUMBLE YOURSELF TO HOPE IN GOD (1,2→3; 130:7,8; see Ps.20:7; 34:2; 1Cor.1:31; 2Cor.10:17; Gal.6:14; see Mt.18:4; Phil.2:3; 4:11; 1Tm.6:8; note: *prayer*; Phil.4:6,7)

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