

INTRODUCTION

- A. THE PSALMS OF ASCENTS** (120-134; *geographical, spiritual*; perh. architectural, literary, vocal;; 2Chr8:13; Ps24:3; Hb12:22f)
- B. PAIR: CONFESSION, PETITION & ANSWER, PRAISE** (123 & 124; *bookends?* 123:1 & 124:8)
- C. POINT: GOD DELIVERS FROM HOPELESS TROUBLE** (7,8;1f; see 3:8; 68:20; Jonah 2:9d; Eph.2:1-10)

I. SALVATION (124:1,2; 6-8)

- A. CALL TO PRAISE** (1b; see 129:1b; 118:2; see Eph.5:18f; Col.3:16)
- B. THE LORD vs. MAN** (1,2; see 6,8; 2:1-3,4f; Rom.8:31)
- C. ON OUR SIDE, HELP; NOT GIVEN, ESCAPED** (1,2; 8; 6,7)
- D. CREATOR OF ALL** (8b; see 121:2; 134:3; see Gn.14:19f; 2Kgs19:15; Ps.115:15; 146:6; Mt.11:25; Acts17:24)

II. FROM GREAT TROUBLE (124:1-7)

- A. ROSE UP AGAINST** (attack, 2b; see Gen.4:8; Mk.13:8,12; Acts 18:12; and see Ex.15:7; 1Sam.17:35; 2C.10:5)
- B. SWALLOWED ALIVE** (3a; see Num.16:30f; Prov.1:12; Jon.1:17; & see Is.25:8; 1Cor.15:54; 2Cor.5:4; Rev.21:4)
- C. ANGER KINDLED** (3b; see Num.11:1; Deut.32:22; Lam.4:11; Lk.12:49; 2Pet.3:10)
- D. DROWNED** (4a; Jon.2:2f; and see Ps.18:16f; 32:6; 69:1f; 144:7)
- E. SWEEP AWAY** (4b,5; see Jdgs.5:21; Ps.73:19; 90:5; 1Kngs.14:10)
- F. TORN BY TEETH** (6b; see Mic.3:2f; Zech.11:16; 1Pt.5:8/Rev.5:5)
- G. CAUGHT IN A TRAP** (7b; Jos.23:13; Jer.5:26; Mt.22:15; Jms.1:14f(Amos3:5); see Ps.91:3; 140:4,5; 141:9; 142:3)

III. THE GREAT ESCAPE!

- A. BONDAGE OF TEMPTATION, SIN & DEATH** (7a,1f; see 1Cor.10:13; Jn.8:34; Rom.6:23)
- B. THE SNARE WAS BROKEN** (7b,2,8; see Heb.4:15(Mt.4:1f); Rom.6:7,10; 1Cor.15:54f)
- C. WE WERE SET FREE** (7b; see 1Cor.10:13(Mt.6:13); Rom.8:2(6:2,4f); see Eph.2:1-10)
- D. THE LORD IS ON OUR SIDE TO HELP US!** (1,2; 8; see 1f; 123:1; 46:7,11; Mt.11:28; 28:20; Rom.8:31-39)
- E. BLESS THE LORD!** (6; see 115:18; Rom.11:33-36)

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