

Psalm 120

POETRY

Divide the unformatted text into 'poetic lines' & stanzas.

Is there any parallelism? If so, what sort?

In the Psalm, who is speaking & to whom?

(Is the psalmist speaking on his own behalf,
or Israel's, Pss.124,126, or God's, Ps.50?

Is he speaking as the Davidic King, Ps.2?)

Is there any imagery? How does it 'work'?

Is there any ambiguity?

Is there a refrain, or repeated language/phrases?

Is there any imagery / language / allusion that I need help to understand?

THEOLOGY, EXPERIENCE, CHRIST

Why was it written, what is it about

(a problem faced, a reason for praise, etc.)

What is the 'mood' of the Psalm?

(basically: praise, lament, or instruction?)

Are there any OT / NT issues to grapple with?

How does it point to Christ?

How will I aim to apply this Psalm?

(& what question(s) might bring out this application?)

Before & After

<p>Psalm 120 A SONG OF ASCENTS. 1 In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. 2 Deliver me, O LORD, from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue. 3 What shall be given to you, and what more shall be done to you, you deceitful tongue? 4 A warrior's sharp arrows, with glowing coals of the broom tree! 5 Woe to me, that I sojourn in Meshech, that I dwell among the tents of Kedar! 6 Too long have I had my dwelling among those who hate peace. 7 I am for peace, but when I speak, they are for war! <small>ESV</small></p>	<p>Psalm 120 [Note: INDIVIDUAL PSALMIST speaking throughout]</p> <p>A SONG OF ASCENTS.</p> <p>1 In my distress I called to the LORD, [GENERAL STATEMENT] and he answered me.</p> <p>2 Deliver me, O LORD, [SPEAKING TO GOD] from lying lips, ← completing the previous line. from a deceitful tongue. ← repeating the previous line.</p> <p>3 What shall be given to you, [SPEAKING TO A TONGUE?! this is poetry] and what more shall be done to you, ← repeating the previous line. you deceitful tongue?</p> <p>4 A warrior's sharp arrows, with glowing coals of the broom tree! ← adding to the previous line.</p> <p>5 Woe to me, that I sojourn in Meshech, [SPEAKING TO HIMSELF] that I dwell among the tents of Kedar! ← similar imagery to the prev line?</p> <p>6 Too long have I had my dwelling among those who hate peace.</p> <p>7 I am for peace, but when I speak, they are for war! ← contrasting the previous line.</p>
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