

Psalm 120

A Song of Ascents

1. To the LORD in my distress
2. I called
3. And He answered me.
4. LORD, deliver my soul*
5. From lying lip[s]
6. From deceitful tongue.
7. What will be given to you
8. And what will be added to you, deceitful tongue?
9. The sharp arrows of the warrior
10. With the coals of the broom-tree.
11. Woe is me! for I sojourn in Meshech;
12. I dwell with the tents of Kedar.
13. Long enough! my soul* has dwelt
14. With the hater of peace.**
15. I [am for]*** peace**
16. But when I speak they [are for]*** war.

Numbers are provided for the sake of discussion and do not correspond to verse numbers.

*Hebrew *nephesh* may be translated as “life” or “soul.”

** Hebrew *shalom*.

*** The Hebrew here simply reads “I peace” and “They war.” Hebrew often does not require a verb where English demands one.