

Psalm 129:1-8 **Though Afflicted from Youth – Yahweh has been My Help**

Song of Victory over Zion's Enemies

A Song of Ascents.

¹ "Many a time they have afflicted me from my youth,"

Let Israel now say –

² "Many a time they have afflicted me from my youth; Yet they have not prevailed against me.

³ The plowers plowed on my back; They made their furrows long."

⁴ Yahweh (the LORD) *is* righteous; He has cut in pieces the cords of the wicked.

⁵ Let all those who hate Zion Be put to shame and turned back.

⁶ Let them be as the grass *on* the housetops, Which withers before it grows up,

⁷ With which the reaper does not fill his hand, Nor he who binds sheaves, his arms.

⁸ Neither let those who pass by them say, "The blessing of Yahweh (the LORD) *be* upon you; We bless you in the name of Yahweh (the LORD)!"

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Facts Revealed:

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The plowers plowed on my back; They made their furrows long." [Psalm 129:1-3]

◇ With all the affliction from youth, the adversaries have not prevailed.

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Neither let those who pass by them say, "The blessing of Yahweh (the LORD) *be* upon you; We bless you in the name of Yahweh (the LORD)!" [Psalm 129:4-8]

◇ Yahweh has taken a stand against the wicked.

◇ The psalmist offers his desire for the punishment of the adversaries.

◇ He calls for the others not to support the wicked by blessing them in the name of Yahweh.