

Background : These 15 Psalms (#120-134) were *traveling songs* that were sung by faithful Jews on their way to the Temple in Jerusalem.

There were 15 steps from the outer court of the Temple to the inner.

key phrase : "**go up**"      Gen 35:1    Ezra 7:9    2 Chr 36:23    Psalm 122:4

Breakdown : Ps 120 - 124 : The conflict of the Godly

Ps 125 - 129 : Their confidence in God

Ps 130 - 134 : Their communion in God

#### word studies :

v 4 *juniper* - The strength of a juniper tree is seen in its capacity to survive in harsh and bare climates, growing and surviving in areas with very little water.

v 5 *coal, n.* - A piece of wood, or other combustible substance, ignited, burning, or charred. When burning or ignited, it is called a live coal or burning coal or coal of fire. When the fire is extinct, it is called charcoal.

**2 Sam 14:7**

v 6 *Meshech*                      Gen 10:2    Eze 38:3    ~ Gentiles, heathen, Antichrist

*Kedar* ('powerful')      Gen 25:13    Eze 27:21    ~ Arabs, Turks, Muslims

#### Interpretation :

Hist : The Psalmist portrays the *sharp arrows* of anti-Semitism a Jew faces.

Spir : The life of the believer is like this - it is an ascent.

After salvation we are pilgrims with our *traveling songs* as we grow in grace & truth.

We are climbing in a spiritual way . . . we **go up** daily, and one day we'll **go up** literally !!!

Doct: This Psalm describes the conflict of a believer in the final half of Daniel's Seventieth week. Verses 2 ,3, 4, 5 ,6, and 7 refer to the Son of Perdition.