

Structure of Psalm 140

To the Chief Musician, a Psalm of David

1		Rescue me, Yahweh, from an evil human.	
2	A	From a man of violences guard me, Who plan evil things in heart. Every day they stir up battles.	Main Prayer
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3	B	They sharpen their tongues like a serpent. The poison of asps (is) under their lips. Selah	Tongues
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4		Keep me, Yahweh, from the hands of a wicked one, from a man of violences guard me, who plan to overthrow my steps.	Prayer for Preservation
5	C	The proud ones hide a snare for me and cords. They spread a net by the side of the track. Traps they set for me. Selah.	from Enemies
6		I say to Yahweh, my God (are) you. Give ear, O Yahweh, to the voice of my supplications.	
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7	D	O Yahweh Lord, the strength of my salvation, You cover my head in the day of arms.	Confidence in Yahweh
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8		Do not give, O Yahweh, the desires of the wicked one. His wicked scheme do not promote. They will rise up. Selah	
9	C	The head of those surrounding me, May the trouble of their lips cover them.	Prayer for Trouble on Enemies
10		May burning coals be shaken on them. In the fire may he cause them to fall, in watery pits. May they not stand.	
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11	B	A man of tongue will not be established in the earth. A man of violence, evil will hunt him to overthrowings.	Answer to Tongues
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12		I know that Yahweh will maintain the cause of the afflicted one, Justice for the needy ones.	Answer to
13	A	Surely the righteous ones will give thanks to your name. The upright ones will dwell in your presence.	Prayer of vv. 1-2