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Psalm 139:14

**Thank you for making me so
wonderfully complex! Your
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Psalm 139:15

**You watched me as I was being
formed in utter seclusion,
as I was woven together
in the dark of the womb.**

Psalm 139:16

You saw me before I was born.

**Every day of my life was
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moment was laid out before a
single day had passed.**

Psalm 139:17

**How precious are your
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I can't even count them; they
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David's Destiny:

- **Served under King Saul, who had lost the favor of God and was subject to tormenting spirits that drove him mad. Saul also knew David was his replacement.**

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- **King Saul tried to kill David over 15 times.**
- **Saul promised his daughter Merab in marriage to David but only because he wanted him to die in trying to prove himself.**

David's Destiny:

- Even though David surpassed King Saul's requirement to marry Merab, Saul gave her away in marriage to another man.
- Saul repeated his same plan with Michal .

David's Destiny:

- **Saul turned David into a rebel on the run, who was forced to leave the country several times.**
- **Saul hunted David like an animal for years.**
- **He had to relocate his family out of country.**

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- **Saul murdered 85 priests and then their families, including all their animals, because they had helped David when he was on the run.**

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- **David spared Saul's life on 2 occasions, only to have Saul pursue him even harder.**
- **David lived in this horrific state of turmoil somewhere between 10 and 13 years.**

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The very methodology the enemies of God choose to try to forcibly derail your Holy Spirit empowered destiny, the more they help cement the pathway.

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Principle #7

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Psalm 126:1

**When the Lord brought back
his exiles to Jerusalem, it was
like a dream!**

Psalm 126:2

**We were filled with laughter,
and we sang for joy. And the
other nations said, “What
amazing things the Lord has
done for them.”**

Psalm 126:3

**Yes, the Lord has done
amazing things for us!
What joy!**

Psalm 126:4

**Restore our fortunes, Lord,
as streams renew the desert.**

Psalm 126:5

**Those who plant in tears
will harvest with shouts of joy.**

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**They weep as they go to plant
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