Leader: 1 Many times they have afflicted me from my youth up.

Let Israel now say,

Answer: **2 many times they have afflicted me from my youth up,**

**yet they have not prevailed against me.**

Leader: 3 The plowers plowed on my back.

They made their furrows long.

Answer: **4 Yahweh is righteous.**

**He has cut apart the cords of the wicked.**

Leader: 5 Let them be disappointed and turned backward,

all those who hate Zion.

Answer: **6 Let them be as the grass on the housetops,**

**which withers before it grows up,**

Leader: 7 with which the reaper doesn’t fill his hand,

nor he who binds sheaves, his bosom.

Answer: **8 Neither do those who go by say,**

**“The blessing of Yahweh be on you.**

**We bless you in Yahweh’s name.”**