

**Series:** The Psalms

**Text:** Psalm 137

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Psalm 137:1-9

<sup>1</sup> By the waters of Babylon,  
there we sat down and wept,  
when we remembered Zion.

<sup>2</sup> On the willows<sup>[a]</sup> there  
we hung up our lyres.

<sup>3</sup> For there our captors  
required of us songs,  
and our tormentors, mirth, saying,  
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

<sup>4</sup> How shall we sing the Lord's song  
in a foreign land?

<sup>5</sup> If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
let my right hand forget its skill!

<sup>6</sup> Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth,  
if I do not remember you,  
if I do not set Jerusalem  
above my highest joy!

<sup>7</sup> Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites  
the day of Jerusalem,  
how they said, “Lay it bare, lay it bare,  
down to its foundations!”

<sup>8</sup> O daughter of Babylon, doomed to be destroyed,  
blessed shall he be who repays you  
with what you have done to us!

<sup>9</sup> Blessed shall he be who takes your little ones  
and dashes them against the rock!

1. The Places (vs. 1)

- a. Zion/Jerusalem
- b. Babylon

2. The Singing (vs. 2-3)

3. The Question (vs. 4-9)

- a. Not “How’d I get here?”

The Lord will drive you and the king you set over you to a nation unknown to you or your

ancestors. There you will worship other gods, gods of wood and stone. <sup>37</sup> You will become a thing of horror, a byword and an object of ridicule among all the peoples where the Lord will drive you. Dt. 28:36

b. Not “When will this end?”

c. Will you sing?

“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” John 16:33