

# Psalms 137

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## By the Waters of Babylon

**1** By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

**2** We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.

**3** For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

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**4** How shall we sing the LORD'S song in a strange land?

**5** If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.

**6** If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

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**7** Remember, O LORD, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof.

**8** O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

**9** Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.

## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### Lord — אֱלֹהִים / יְהֹוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהֹוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

### Word — דְּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דְּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

## CROSS REFERENCES

**Psalms 137:1** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 42:4; Nehemiah 2:3; Jeremiah 15:17; Lamentations 1:16; 2:18; 3:48; Ezekiel 1:1; 1:3; 3:15; Luke 19:41

**Psalms 137:2** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 24:8; Ezekiel 26:13

**Psalms 137:3** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 9:14; 65:1; 79:1; 80:6; Nehemiah 4:2; Isaiah 35:10; Jeremiah 9:11; 26:18; Micah 3:12; Luke 21:6

**Psalms 137:4** **References Lord:** Isaiah 22:12; Amos 8:3. **Sin:** Hosea 9:4

**Psalms 137:5** **References Jerusalem:** Jeremiah 51:50. **Parallel theme:** Zechariah 11:17

**Psalms 137:6** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 22:15; Job 29:10; Ezekiel 3:26

**Psalms 137:7** **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 35:2; Hosea 7:2; Habakkuk 3:13. **References Lord:** Psalms 74:18; Exodus 17:14; 1 Samuel 15:2; Amos 1:11

**Psalms 137:8** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 21:1; Revelation 18:6; 18:20. **References Babylon:** Zechariah 2:7

**Psalms 137:9** **Parallel theme:** 2 Kings 8:12; Isaiah 13:16; Hosea 10:14; 13:16; Nahum 3:10

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