

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.

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.

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 — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

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

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) 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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