Psalm 137

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By the Rivers of Babylon

(Ezekiel 1:1-3)

- ¹By the rivers of Babylon, There we sat down, yea, we wept, When we remembered Zion.
- ²Upon the willows in the midst thereof We hanged up our harps.
- ³For there they that led us captive asked of us words of song, And our tormentors asked of us mirth: `Sing us one of the songs of Zion.'
- 4How shall we sing the LORD'S song In a foreign land?
- ⁵If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, Let my right hand forget her cunning.
- ⁶Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, If I remember thee not; If I set not Jerusalem Above my chiefest joy.
- ⁷Remember, O LORD, against the children of Edom The day of Jerusalem; Who said: 'Rase it, rase it, Even to the foundation thereof.'
- ⁸O daughter of Babylon, that art to be destroyed; Happy shall he be, that repayeth thee As thou hast served us.
- ⁹Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones Against the rock.