

Appendix

Book of Common Prayer: Psalm 137 (Anglican chant)

By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept: when we remembered thee, O Zion.

As for our harps, we hanged them up: upon the trees that are therein.

For they that led us away captive required of us then a song, and melody in our heaviness: Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

How shall we sing the Lord's song: in a strange land?

It continues (verses 7-9 NIV)

Remember, LORD, what the Edomites did on the day Jerusalem fell.

"Tear it down," they cried, "tear it down to its foundations!"

⁸ Daughter Babylon, doomed to destruction, happy is the one who repays you according to what you have done to us.

⁹ Happy is the one who seizes your infants and dashes them against the rocks.

Some Psalms of Lament

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