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## THE WAYFARER'S COMPANION

SERMONS FROM THE PSALTER

HYMN 19

“SONG OF THE EXILES”

“How Can I Worship When All Is Not Well?”

(Psalm 137)

### INTRODUCTION:

“How can we sing the LORD’S song in a foreign land?”

—Psalm 137:4

#### • THE CLASSIFICATION OF PSALM 137:

• The 137th Psalm is an \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm.

#### • THE CONSTRUCT OF PSALM 137:

Stanza 1 (v. 1-3), Stanza 2 (v. 4-6), Stanza 3 (v. 7-9)

- The Focus of Stanza 1: \_\_\_\_\_
- The Focus of Stanza 2: \_\_\_\_\_
- The Focus of Stanza 3: \_\_\_\_\_

#### • THE CONTEXT OF PSALM 137:

• In \_\_\_\_\_: The Babylonian \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

• Jeremiah & Isaiah clearly predicted this time of captivity at the hands of Babylon:

“Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘Because you have not obeyed My words, behold,... I will send to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land and against its inhabitants ...’”

—Jeremiah 25:7

“Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, ‘Hear the word of the LORD of hosts, “Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house and all that your fathers have laid up in store to this day will be carried to Babylon; nothing will be left,” says the LORD....’”

—Isaiah 39:5-7

• Four \_\_\_\_\_ in which Israel trusted:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_
2. The \_\_\_\_\_
3. The \_\_\_\_\_
4. The \_\_\_\_\_

- Jerusalem, the \_\_\_\_\_ of our greatest \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of our grandest \_\_\_\_\_, has become the \_\_\_\_\_ of our most grievous \_\_\_\_\_.

1A. \_\_\_\_\_ **BACK AT** \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1-3)

- \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

“By the rivers of Babylon,  
There we sat down and wept,  
When we remembered Zion....”

1B. The Suffering was \_\_\_\_\_.

2B. The Suffering was \_\_\_\_\_.

2A. \_\_\_\_\_ **TODAY WITH** \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4-6)

- \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

“How can we sing the LORD’S song  
 In a foreign land?  
<sup>5</sup> If I **forget** you, O Jerusalem,  
 May my right hand forget her skill.  
<sup>6</sup> May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth  
 If I do not **remember** you,  
 If I do not exalt Jerusalem  
 Above my chief joy.”

- Though we are rightly \_\_\_\_\_ for our \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_, I will not \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ to lesser things than what God has \_\_\_\_\_.

3A. \_\_\_\_\_ **TOMORROW FOR** \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7-9)

- \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

“Remember, O LORD, against the sons of Edom  
 The day of Jerusalem,  
 Who said, ‘Raze it, raze it  
 To its very foundation.’  
<sup>8</sup> O daughter of Babylon, you devastated one,  
How blessed will be the one who repays you  
With the recompense with which you have repaid us....”

- \_\_\_\_\_ retribution is \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ retribution is \_\_\_\_\_.
- God sees every \_\_\_\_\_ committed against you, those who \_\_\_\_\_ you and those who \_\_\_\_\_ you.

**CONCLUSION:**