

SINGING IN THE STRANGE LAND

Psalm 137:1-9 ¶ 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.

THE STRANGE LAND

OUT OF TOWN “By the rivers of Babylon,” “**4**in a strange land?”

OUT OF POSITION “there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.”

DEMEANING

DEGRADING

DEMANDING

OUT OF TUNE “ We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.”

Out of Frustration

Out of Desperation

Out of Speculation

STRUGGLES— 1 Samuel 17:1-2 Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammin. And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines.

Decision, Decisiveness, Defeat, Despondency, Determination, Discovery,

SUFFERINGS— 1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

SECRECY—

SECRET STRUGGLES

SECRET SINS

SUFFICIENCY—REV 3 Laodicea

SENTIMENTS

OPINIONS

THOUGHTS
IDEAS
VIEWS
ATTITUDES

DAILY ONES

DELIBERATE ONES

1. Strange land can be **UNAVOIDABLE.. Job 5:6-7 Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground; Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.**
2. Strange land can be **UNPREDICTABLE.**
3. Strange land can be **IMPARTIAL.**

THE LORD'S SONG

3b 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?

THE LORD'S SONG IS SERENE

THE LORD'S SONG IS STIMULATING

THE LORD'S SONG IS SOLIDIFYING "BIND US TOGETHER LORD BIND US TOGETHER"

BIND US TOGETHER, Lord, Bind us together

With cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord,

Bind us together,

Bind us together with love.

There is only one God,

There is only one King;

There is only one Body,

That is why we sing:

PAUL AD SILAS IN JAIL ACTS 16

C.H. Spurgeon: 'When the soul grows sorrowful he revives it; when it is sinful he sanctifies it; when it is weak he strengthens it. He has many ways to revive the soul: Prayer, His word, the Holy Spirit, hope, Christian community, experience. He does it!

Psalms 85:6 Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

Psalms 51:12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.