

What Singing is Hard

Psalm 137

a lament – for multiple bereavement

1. Painful Memories, v1

- *the overthrow of Jerusalem*
Lam 1.1-4,11,19; 2.11-12; 4.4-5,7-10
- *the pain of losing everything*
 - *familiar landmarks Lam 2.5,7-9,15*
 - *personal possessions Lam 1.7*
 - *friends and family members*
Lam 1.6,20.2.21-22
 - *one's religious base Lam 1.4.10*

2. An Impossible Request, vs 2-4

- *no heart for singing*
but we can still worship God!

3. Determined Faith, vs 5-6

- *Jerusalem - never to be forgotten*

a place made special by God
2 Kings 21.7; Ps 122.1-4

- ***Jesus – our greatest joy***
Phil 3.1,8; 4.4

4. An Impassioned Plea, vs 7-9

- ***for justice to be done***
according to the principles
and promises of Scripture
- ***exact retribution - for Edom v7***
Obadiah 11-15; Dt 19.16-21
God will repay 2 Thess 1.6
- ***ultimate destruction -for Babylon***
v8
Mat 26.52; Jer 51.56
- ***the New Testament perspective***
God sees our suffering Mat 5.10-12
pray for persecutors Mat 5.42-44
a day of final reckoning is coming
Rom 12.19; 2 Thess 1.6-9