

## Psalm 137 – NIV

- <sup>1</sup> *By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept  
when we remembered Zion.*
- <sup>2</sup> *There on the poplars  
we hung our harps,*
- <sup>3</sup> *for there our captors asked us for songs,  
our tormentors demanded songs of joy;  
they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"*
- <sup>4</sup> *How can we sing the songs of the LORD  
while in a foreign land?*
- <sup>5</sup> *If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
may my right hand forget its skill .*
- <sup>6</sup> *May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth  
if I do not remember you,  
if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy.*
- <sup>7</sup> *Remember, O LORD, what the Edomites did  
on the day Jerusalem fell.  
"Tear it down," they cried,  
"tear it down to its foundations!"*
- <sup>8</sup> *O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction,  
happy is he who repays you  
for what you have done to us—  
<sup>9</sup> he who seizes your infants  
and dashes them against the rocks.*

## Psalm 37 – NIV

- <sup>1</sup> *Do not fret because of evil men  
or be envious of those who do wrong;*
- <sup>2</sup> *for like the grass they will soon wither,  
like green plants they will soon die away.*
- <sup>3</sup> *Trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.*
- <sup>4</sup> *Delight yourself in the LORD  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.*
- <sup>5</sup> *Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him and he will do this:*
- <sup>6</sup> *He will make your righteousness shine  
like the dawn,  
the justice of your cause like the  
noonday sun.*

## Psalm 137 - HSCB

- <sup>1</sup> By the rivers of Babylon—  
there we sat down and wept  
when we remembered Zion.
- <sup>2</sup> There we hung up our lyres  
on the poplar trees,
- <sup>3</sup> for our captors there asked us  
for songs,  
and our tormentors, for  
rejoicing:  
"Sing us one of the songs of  
Zion."
- <sup>4</sup> How can we sing the LORD's  
song on foreign soil?
- <sup>5</sup> If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
may my right hand forget [its  
skill].
- <sup>6</sup> May my tongue stick to the roof  
of my mouth  
if I do not remember you,  
if I do not exalt Jerusalem as  
my greatest joy!
- <sup>7</sup> Remember, LORD, [what] the  
Edomites said  
that day at Jerusalem:  
"Destroy it! Destroy it down to  
its foundations!"
- <sup>8</sup> Daughter Babylon, doomed to  
destruction,  
happy is the one who pays you  
back  
what you have done to us.
- <sup>9</sup> Happy is he who takes your  
little ones  
and dashes them against the  
rocks.

## Psalm 37 - HSCB

- <sup>1</sup> Do not be agitated by evildoers;  
do not envy those who do wrong.
- <sup>2</sup> For they wither quickly like grass  
and wilt like tender green plants.
- <sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD and do what is  
good;  
dwell in the land and live  
securely.
- <sup>4</sup> Take delight in the LORD,  
and He will give you your heart's  
desires.
- <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in Him, and He will act,  
<sup>6</sup> making your righteousness shine  
like the dawn,  
your justice like the noonday.

## Psalm 137 –NLT

- <sup>1</sup> Beside the rivers of Babylon, we sat and  
wept  
as we thought of Jerusalem.
- <sup>2</sup> We put away our harps,  
hanging them on the branches of  
poplar trees.
- <sup>3</sup> For our captors demanded a song from  
us.  
Our tormentors insisted on a joyful  
hymn:  
"Sing us one of those songs of  
Jerusalem!"
- <sup>4</sup> But how can we sing the songs of the  
LORD  
while in a pagan land?
- <sup>5</sup> If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
let my right hand forget how to play  
the harp.
- <sup>6</sup> May my tongue stick to the roof of  
my mouth  
if I fail to remember you,  
if I don't make Jerusalem my greatest  
joy.
- <sup>7</sup> O LORD, remember what the Edomites  
did  
on the day the armies of Babylon  
captured Jerusalem.  
"Destroy it!" they yelled.  
"Level it to the ground!"
- <sup>8</sup> O Babylon, you will be destroyed.  
Happy is the one who pays you back  
for what you have done to us.
- <sup>9</sup> Happy is the one who takes your babies  
and smashes them against the rocks!

## Psalm 37 –NLT

- <sup>1</sup> Don't worry about the wicked  
or envy those who do wrong.
- <sup>2</sup> For like grass, they soon fade away.  
Like spring flowers, they soon wither.
- <sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD and do good.  
Then you will live safely in the land  
and prosper.
- <sup>4</sup> Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you your heart's  
desires.
- <sup>5</sup> Commit everything you do to the  
LORD.  
Trust him, and he will help you.
- <sup>6</sup> He will make your innocence radiate  
like the dawn,  
and the justice of your cause will  
shine like the noonday sun.

<sup>7</sup> *Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.*

<sup>8</sup> *Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.*

<sup>9</sup> *For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.*

<sup>10</sup> *A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found.*

<sup>11</sup> *But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace.*

<sup>12</sup> *The wicked plot against the righteous and gnash their teeth at them;*

<sup>13</sup> *but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he knows their day is coming.*

<sup>14</sup> *The wicked draw the sword and bend the bow to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose ways are upright.*

<sup>15</sup> *But their swords will pierce their own hearts, and their bows will be broken.*

<sup>16</sup> *Better the little that the righteous have than the wealth of many wicked;*

<sup>17</sup> *for the power of the wicked will be broken, but the LORD upholds the righteous.*

<sup>18</sup> *The days of the blameless are known to the LORD, and their inheritance will endure forever.*

<sup>19</sup> *In times of disaster they will not wither; in days of famine they will enjoy plenty.*

<sup>20</sup> *But the wicked will perish: The LORD's enemies will be like the beauty of the fields, they will vanish—vanish like smoke.*

<sup>21</sup> *The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously;*

<sup>22</sup> *those the LORD blesses will inherit the land, but those he curses will be cut off.*

<sup>23</sup> *If the LORD delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm;*

<sup>7</sup> Be silent before the LORD and wait expectantly for Him; do not be agitated by one who prospers in his way, by the man who carries out evil plans.

<sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger and give up [your] rage; do not be agitated—it can only bring harm.

<sup>9</sup> For evildoers will be destroyed, but those who put their hope in the LORD will inherit the land.

<sup>10</sup> A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for him, he will not be there.

<sup>11</sup> But the humble will inherit the land and will enjoy abundant prosperity.

<sup>12</sup> The wicked schemes against the righteous and gnashes his teeth at him.

<sup>13</sup> The LORD laughs at him because He sees that his day is coming.

<sup>14</sup> The wicked have drawn the sword and strung the bow to bring down the afflicted and needy and to slaughter those whose way is upright.

<sup>15</sup> Their swords will enter their own hearts, and their bows will be broken.

<sup>16</sup> Better the little that the righteous man has than the abundance of many wicked people.

<sup>17</sup> For the arms of the wicked will be broken, but the LORD supports the righteous.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD watches over the blameless all their days, and their inheritance will last forever.

<sup>19</sup> They will not be disgraced in times of adversity; they will be satisfied in days of hunger.

<sup>20</sup> But the wicked will perish; the LORD's enemies, like the glory of the pastures, will fade away—they will fade away like smoke.

<sup>21</sup> The wicked borrows and does not repay, but the righteous is gracious and giving.

<sup>22</sup> Those who are blessed by Him will inherit the land, but those cursed by Him will be destroyed.

<sup>23</sup> A man's steps are established by the LORD, and He takes pleasure in his way.

<sup>7</sup> Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes.

<sup>8</sup> Stop being angry! Turn from your rage! Do not lose your temper—it only leads to harm.

<sup>9</sup> For the wicked will be destroyed, but those who trust in the LORD will possess the land.

<sup>10</sup> Soon the wicked will disappear. Though you look for them, they will be gone.

<sup>11</sup> The lowly will possess the land and will live in peace and prosperity.

<sup>12</sup> The wicked plot against the godly; they snarl at them in defiance.

<sup>13</sup> But the Lord just laughs, for he sees their day of judgment coming.

<sup>14</sup> The wicked draw their sword and string their bows to kill the poor and the oppressed, to slaughter those who do right.

<sup>15</sup> But their swords will stab their own hearts, and their bows will be broken.

<sup>16</sup> It is better to be godly and have little than to be evil and rich.

<sup>17</sup> For the strength of the wicked will be shattered, but the LORD takes care of the godly.

<sup>18</sup> Day by day the LORD takes care of the innocent, and they will receive an inheritance that lasts forever.

<sup>19</sup> They will not be disgraced in hard times; even in famine they will have more than enough.

<sup>20</sup> But the wicked will die. The LORD's enemies are like flowers in a field—they will disappear like smoke.

<sup>21</sup> The wicked borrow and never repay, but the godly are generous givers.

<sup>22</sup> Those the LORD blesses will possess the land, but those he curses will die.

<sup>23</sup> The LORD directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives.

<sup>24</sup>though he stumble, he will not fall,  
for the LORD upholds him with his hand.  
<sup>25</sup>I was young and now I am old,  
yet I have never seen the righteous  
forsaken  
or their children begging bread.  
<sup>26</sup>They are always generous and lend freely;  
their children will be blessed.  
<sup>27</sup>Turn from evil and do good;  
then you will dwell in the land forever.  
<sup>28</sup>For the LORD loves the just  
and will not forsake his faithful ones.  
They will be protected forever,  
but the offspring of the wicked will be cut  
off;  
<sup>29</sup>the righteous will inherit the land  
and dwell in it forever.  
<sup>30</sup>The mouth of the righteous man utters  
wisdom,  
and his tongue speaks what is just.  
<sup>31</sup>The law of his God is in his heart;  
his feet do not slip.  
<sup>32</sup>The wicked lie in wait for the righteous,  
seeking their very lives;  
<sup>33</sup>but the LORD will not leave them in their  
power  
or let them be condemned when brought  
to trial.  
<sup>34</sup>Wait for the LORD and keep his way.  
He will exalt you to inherit the land;  
when the wicked are cut off, you will see  
it.  
<sup>35</sup>I have seen a wicked and ruthless man  
flourishing like a green tree in its native  
soil,  
<sup>36</sup>but he soon passed away and was no  
more;  
though I looked for him, he could not  
be found.  
<sup>37</sup>Consider the blameless, observe the  
upright;  
there is a future for the man of peace.  
<sup>38</sup>But all sinners will be destroyed;  
the future of the wicked will be cut off.  
<sup>39</sup>The salvation of the righteous comes  
from the LORD;  
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.  
<sup>40</sup>The LORD helps them and delivers them;  
he delivers them from the wicked and  
saves them,  
because they take refuge in him.

<sup>24</sup>Though he falls, he will not be  
overwhelmed,  
because the LORD holds his hand.  
<sup>25</sup>I have been young and now I am old,  
yet I have not seen the righteous  
abandoned  
or his children begging bread.  
<sup>26</sup>He is always generous, always  
lending,  
and his children are a blessing.  
<sup>27</sup>Turn away from evil and do what is  
good,  
and dwell there forever.  
<sup>28</sup>For the LORD loves justice  
and will not abandon His faithful  
ones.  
They are kept safe forever,  
but the children of the wicked  
will be destroyed.  
<sup>29</sup>The righteous will inherit the land  
and dwell in it permanently.  
<sup>30</sup>The mouth of the righteous utters  
wisdom;  
his tongue speaks what is just.  
<sup>31</sup>The instruction of his God is in his  
heart;  
his steps do not falter.  
<sup>32</sup>The wicked lies in wait for the  
righteous  
and seeks to kill him;  
<sup>33</sup>the LORD will not leave him in his  
hand  
or allow him to be condemned  
when he is judged.  
<sup>34</sup>Wait for the LORD and keep His way,  
and He will exalt you to inherit  
the land.  
You will watch when the wicked  
are destroyed.  
<sup>35</sup>I have seen a wicked, violent man  
well-rooted like a flourishing  
native tree.  
<sup>36</sup>Then I passed by and noticed he  
was gone;  
I searched for him, but he could  
not be found.  
<sup>37</sup>Watch the blameless and observe  
the upright,  
for the man of peace will have a  
future.  
<sup>38</sup>But transgressors will all be  
eliminated;  
the future of the wicked will be  
destroyed.  
<sup>39</sup>The salvation of the righteous is  
from the LORD,  
their refuge in a time of distress.  
<sup>40</sup>The LORD helps and delivers them;  
He will deliver them from the  
wicked and will save them  
because they take refuge in Him.

<sup>24</sup>Though they stumble, they will never  
fall,  
for the LORD holds them by the hand.  
<sup>25</sup>Once I was young, and now I am old.  
Yet I have never seen the godly  
abandoned  
or their children begging for bread.  
<sup>26</sup>The godly always give generous loans  
to others,  
and their children are a blessing.  
<sup>27</sup>Turn from evil and do good,  
and you will live in the land forever.  
<sup>28</sup>For the LORD loves justice,  
and he will never abandon the godly.  
He will keep them safe forever,  
but the children of the wicked will  
die.  
<sup>29</sup>The godly will possess the land  
and will live there forever.  
<sup>30</sup>The godly offer good counsel;  
they teach right from wrong.  
<sup>31</sup>They have made God's law their own,  
so they will never slip from his path.  
<sup>32</sup>The wicked wait in ambush for the  
godly,  
looking for an excuse to kill them.  
<sup>33</sup>But the LORD will not let the wicked  
succeed  
or let the godly be condemned  
when they are put on trial.  
<sup>34</sup>Put your hope in the LORD.  
Travel steadily along his path.  
He will honor you by giving you the  
land.  
You will see the wicked destroyed.  
<sup>35</sup>I have seen wicked and ruthless people  
flourishing like a tree in its native  
soil.  
<sup>36</sup>But when I looked again, they were  
gone!  
Though I searched for them, I could  
not find them!  
<sup>37</sup>Look at those who are honest and  
good,  
for a wonderful future awaits those  
who love peace.  
<sup>38</sup>But the rebellious will be destroyed;  
they have no future.  
<sup>39</sup>The LORD rescues the godly;  
he is their fortress in times of  
trouble.  
<sup>40</sup>The LORD helps them,  
rescuing them from the wicked.  
He saves them,  
and they find shelter in him.