

# PSALM 137

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♩ = 48

**System 1:**

Timpani: *p* [Musical notation]

Soprano: *p* By the wa-ters By the wa - ters By the wa-ters By the wa-ters

Alto: *p* By the wa - ters By the wa-ters By the wa-ters By the wa-ters of

Tenor: *p* By the wa-ters By the wa-ters By the wa-ters By the wa-ters of

Bass: *p* By the wa-ters By the wa-ters By the wa-ters By the wa-ters of

**System 2:**

7 Timp. *p* [Musical notation]

7 S of Bab - y - lon there/ there/ there we/ there we sat down/

A Bab - y - lon there/ there/ there we/ there we sat down/

8 T Bab - y - lon there/ there/ there we/ there we sat down/ we sat

B Bab - y - lon there/ there/ there we/ there we sat down/ we sat

**System 3:**

13 Timp. *p* [Musical notation]

13 S we sat down, yew, yes, we wept. when we/

A we sat down, yes, yes, we wept. when we/ when

8 T down, yes, yes, we wept. when we/ when/ when we

B down, yes, yes, we wept. when we/ when we/ when

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Timp.

19

S  
when/ when we \_\_\_\_\_ re-mem - bered \_\_\_\_\_ Si - on. \_\_\_\_\_ There/ There/ \_\_\_\_\_ There

A  
we/ when \_\_\_\_\_ we re-mem - bered Zi - on. There/ There/ \_\_\_\_\_ There \_\_\_\_\_

T  
8 \_\_\_\_\_ re - mem - bered \_\_\_\_\_ Zi - on. \_\_\_\_\_ There/ \_\_\_\_\_ There/

B  
\_\_\_\_\_ we re - mem - bered Zi - - - on. There/ \_\_\_\_\_ There/ There \_

25

Timp.

25

S  
up - on the wil-low trees we hung our harps/ harps. For there

A  
\_\_\_\_\_ up - on the wil-low trees we hung our harps/ harps. For there/ For

T  
8 There up - on the wil-low trees we hung our harps/ harps. For there/

B  
\_\_\_\_\_ up - on the wil-low trees we/ we hung our harps/ harps.

plus triangle?

32

Timp.

32

S  
our cap-tors de-man-ded of us song and our tor-men - tors mirth:

A  
there our cap - tors de-man - ded of us song and our tor-men-tors mirth:

T  
8 For there our cap-tors de - man-ded of us song and our tor-men-tors

B  
For there/ For there our cap - tors de-man - ded of us song and our tor - men-tors

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♩ = 80 *accel.*

3

39

Timp. *p*

S *mp*  
"Sing us/ Sing us one of the songs of Zi-on! Sing/ Sing us

A *mp*  
"Sing/ Sing us one of the songs of Zi-on! Sing us/ Sing/

T *mp*  
mirth: "Sing/ Sing us one of the songs of Zi-on! Sing/ Sing/ Sing/

B *mp*  
mirth: "Sing/ Sing us one of the songs of Zi-on! Sing us/ Sing/

45

Timp.

S  
one of the songs of Zi-on! Sing/ Sing/ Sing/ Sing/ Sing us/ Sing/ Sing us one of the

A  
Sing/ Sing us one of the songs of Zi-on! Sing/ Sing/ Sing us/ Sing us one of the

T  
Sing/ Sing us one of the songs of Zi-on! Sing-Sing us/ Sing us one of the

B  
Sing us one of the songs of Zi-on! Sing/ Sing/ Sing us/ Sing us one of the

51

Timp. *f* *ppp*

S *ff* *p* *whisper*  
songs of Zi-on!" How shall we sing How shall we sing the Lord's song *whisper*

A *ff* *p*  
songs of Zi-on!" How shall we sing the Lord's

T *ff* *p*  
songs of Zi-on!" How shall we sing

B *ff* *p*  
songs of Zi-on!" How shall we sing

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4

Timp.

59

S

A

T

B

in a for - eign land? If I for get thee, O Je -

song whisper in a for - eign land? If I for get thee, O Je -

the Lord's song whisper in a for - eign land? If I for get thee, O Je -

the Lord's song in a for - eign land? If I for get thee, O Je -

67

Timp.

67

S

A

T

B

ru - sa-lem, Let my right hand with-er, let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I

ru - sa-lem, Let my right hand with-er, let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I

ru - sa-lem, Let my right hand with-er, let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I

ru - sa-lem, Let my right hand with-er, let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I

74

Timp.

74

S

A

T

B

do not re-mem - ber thee; if I do not set Je - ru - sa-lem a - bove my high - est joy.

do not re-mem - ber thee; if I do not set Je - ru - sa-lem a - bove my high - est joy.

do not re-mem - ber thee; if I do not set Je - ru - sa-lem a - bove my high - est joy.

do not re-mem - ber thee; if I do not set Je - ru - sa-lem a - bove my high - est joy.

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5

Timp. *f*

S *f*  
 Re - mem - ber/ Re - mem - ber/ Re - mem - ber/ Re/ mem - ber, O

A *f*  
 Re - mem - ber/ Re - mem - ber/ Re - mem - ber/ Re - mem - ber/

T *f*  
 Re - mem - ber/ Re - mem - ber/ Re - mem - ber/ Re - mem - ber O

B *f*  
 Re - mem - ber/ Re - mem - ber/ Re - mem - ber/ Re - mem - ber O Lord/

85

Timp.

S  
 Lord/ Re-mem-ber. O Lord/ Re-mem-ber/ Re-mem-ber, O O Lord

A  
 Re-mem-ber, O Lord Re-mem-ber/ Re - mem - ber a-against the

T  
 Lord/ Re - mem - ber O Lord/ Re - mem - ber/ Re - mem - ber O O

B  
 Re-mem-ber O Lord/ Re-mem-ber, O Lord/ Re-mem-ber, O

88

Timp.

S  
 a - gainst the peo - ple of E - dom/ E - dom/ A - gainst the

A  
 peo - ple of E - dom/ a - gainst the peo - ple of E - dom/

T  
 Lord a - gainst the

B  
 Lord, a - gainst the peo - ple of E - dom/ Re - mem - ber/ Re - mem - ber

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Timp.

S  
 peo-ple of E - dom/ O Lord/ Re-mem-ber, O lord a - gainst the

A  
 O Lord, a-gainst the peo-ple of E - dom/ E - dom/ E - dom/

T  
 8 peo-ple of E - dom/ Re-mem-ber O Lord/ Re-mem-ber O Lord a - gainst the peo-ple

B  
 O Lord, a - gainst the peo - ple of E - dom/ Re-mem-ber O Lord, a -

92

Timp.

S  
 92 peo - ple of E-dom/ E-dom/ E - dom/ E-dom/

A  
 Re-mem-ber O Lord/ Re-mem-ber O Lord a - gainst the people of

T  
 8 of E - dom/ E-dom/ E - dom/ the peo-ple of E-dom/ Re-mem-ber the people

B  
 gainst the peo-ple of E-dom/ E-dom E - dom/ E-dom/ Re -

95

Timp.

S  
 95 Remember/ Re - mem - ber/ Remember, the day of Je - ru - sa - lem's fall, *ff* 3 3 3

A  
 E-dom/ E-dom/ E - dom/ E-dom the day of Je - ru - sa - lem's fall, *ff* 3 3 3

T  
 8 of E-dom/ against the people of E-dom the day of Je - ru - sa - lem's fall, *ff* 3 3 3

B  
 member/ Remem-ber/ Remember the people of E-dom the day of Je - ru - sa - lem's fall, *ff* 3 3 3

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99

Timp.  $\text{f}$

S  $\text{f}$

A  $\text{f}$

T  $\text{f}$

B  $\text{f}$

when they said, "Raise it! Raise it! Raise it! Raise it! Raise it!"

when they said, "Raise it! Raise it! Raise it! Raise it! Raise it!"

when they said, "Raise it! Raise it! Raise it! Raise it! Raise it!"

when they said, "Raise it! Raise it! Raise it! Raise it! Raise it!"

101

Timp.  $\text{f}$

S  $\text{f}$

A  $\text{f}$

T  $\text{f}$

B  $\text{f}$

Down to its ver - y foun - da - tions! foun - da - tions! foun - da - tions!

Down to its ver - y foun - da - tions! foun - da - tions! foun - da - tions!

Down to its ver - y foun - da - tions! foun - da - tions! foun - da - tions!

Down to its ver - y foun - da - tions! foun - da - tions! foun - da - tions!

103

Timp.  $\text{f}$

S  $\text{f}$

A  $\text{f}$

T  $\text{f}$

B  $\text{f}$

when they said, "Raise it! Raise it! Raise it! Raise it! Raise it!"

when they said, "Raise it! Raise it! Raise it! Raise it! Raise it!"

when they said, "Raise it! Raise it! Raise it! Raise it! Raise it!"

when they said, "Raise it! Raise it! Raise it! Raise it! Raise it!"

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$\text{♩} = 120$   
8<sup>5</sup> muffled/unpitched

Timp. *mf*

S *f unpitched whisper*  
O daugh-ter/ daugh-ter of Bab-y-lon, you dev-as-tat-or; you who are to be de-destroyed.

A *f unpitched whisper*  
O daugh-ter/ daugh-ter of Bab-y-lon, you dev-as-tat-or; you who are to be de-destroyed.

T *f unpitched whisper*  
O daugh-ter/ daugh-ter of Bab-y-lon, you dev-as-tat-or; you who are to be de-destroyed.

B *f unpitched whisper*  
O daugh-ter/ daugh-ter of Bab-y-lon, you dev-as-tat-or; you who are to be de-destroyed.

Timp. *mf*

S *f unpitched whisper*  
Hap-py/ Hap-py the one who serves you as you served us! Hap-py shall he be

A *f unpitched whisper*  
Hap-py/ Hap-py the one who serves you as you served us! Hap-py shall he be

T *f unpitched whisper*  
Hap-py/ Hap-py the one who serves you as you served us! Hap-py shall he be

B *f unpitched whisper*  
Hap-py/ Hap-py the one who serves you as you served us! Hap-py shall he be

Timp. *mf*

S *f unpitched whisper*  
who takes your chil-dren and dash-es them a-gainst the rock.

A *f unpitched whisper*  
who takes your chil-dren and dash-es them a-gainst the rock.

T *f unpitched whisper*  
who takes your chil-dren and dash-es them a-gainst the rock.

B *f unpitched whisper*  
who takes your chil-dren and dash-es them a-gainst the rock.



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116  $\text{♩} = 48$

Timp. *pp* *pp* *pp* *p*

S *p*  
By the wa - ters/ wa - ters... we wept

A *p*  
By the wa - ters/ wa - ters... we wept

T *p*  
By the wa - ters/ wa - ters... we wept

B *p*  
By the wa - ters/ wa - ters... we wept