Leader: 1 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down.

Yes, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

Answer: **2 On the willows in that land,**

**we hung up our harps.**

Leader: 3 For there, those who led us captive asked us for songs.

Those who tormented us demanded songs of joy:

“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

Answer: **4 How can we sing Yahweh’s song in a foreign land?**

Leader: 5 If I forget you, Jerusalem,

let my right hand forget its skill.

Answer: **6 Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth if I don’t remember you,**

**if I don’t prefer Jerusalem above my chief joy.**

Leader: 7 Remember, Yahweh, against the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem,

who said, “Raze it!

Raze it even to its foundation!”

Answer: **8 Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction,**

**he will be happy who repays you,**

**as you have done to us.**

**9 Happy shall he be,**

**who takes and dashes your little ones against the rock.**