

# Psalm 126 - Psalm of Ascent: The Joy of Return (from Babylonian Exile)

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[A Song of degrees.]

### The Joy of Return

1 When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, We were like those who dream.

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1 When the LORD brought back Zion's exiles, we were like dreamers.

1 When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter And our tongue with joyful shouting; Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

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2 Then our mouths were filled with laughter, and our tongues formed joyful shouts. Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.

3 The LORD has done great things for us; We are joyful.

3 The LORD has done great things for us; We are glad.

3 The great things that the LORD has done for us gladden us.

3 The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.

4 Restore our fortunes, LORD, As the streams in the South.

4 Restore our captivity, O LORD, As the streams in the South.

4 Restore our exiles, LORD, like the streams of the Negev.

4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.

5 Those who sow in tears shall harvest with joyful shouting.

5 Those who sow in tears shall reap with joyful shouting.

5 Those who weep while they plant will sing for joy while they harvest.

5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

6 One who goes here and there weeping, carrying *his* bag of seed, Shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

6 He who goes to and fro weeping, carrying *his* bag of seed, Shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

6 The one who goes out weeping, carrying a bag of seeds, will surely return with a joyful song, bearing sheaves from his harvest.

6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.