

I. The Setting of the Psalm

- A. A song of ascents (Psalms 120-134)
- B. The Babylonian exile
- C. Prophetic hopes

II. Future Joy (verses 1-3)

- A. A view from the future (see Psalm 137)
- B. Fortunes or captivity?
- C. What restoration means
 - 1. Salvation from enemies (Psalms 14:5-7; 53:6)
 - 2. Prosperity and happiness (Amos 9:14; Jeremiah 32:44)
 - 3. Fame and glory (Zephaniah 3:20; Jeremiah 31:23)
 - 4. Judgment and conquest of enemies (Joel 3:1-3; Zephaniah 2:7)
 - 5. Rebuilding and return (Amos 9:14; Jeremiah 29:14; 30:3, 18; 32:44; 33:7, 10-11)
 - 6. Note: restoration requires repentance (Deuteronomy 30:1-3; Lamentations 2:14)
- D. Already or not yet?

III. Present Hope (verses 4-6)

- A. Praying for more joy
- B. Sowing and reaping
- C. The seed (Genesis 12:7; Galatians 3:16; Mark 4:1-20; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; Acts 11:19-20)
- D. The Sower
- E. Unless the seed die (John 12:24)

Zaburi 126:1-6

- 1 Bwana alipowarejeza mateka wa Sayuni, Tulikuwa kama waotao ndoto.
- 2 Ndipo kinywa chetu kilipojaa kicheko, Na ulimi wetu kelele za furaha. Ndipo waliposema katika mataifa, Bwana amewatendea mambo makuu.
- 3 Bwana alitutendea mambo makuu, Tulikuwa tukifurahi.
- 4 Ee Bwana, uwarejeze watu wetu waliofungwa, Kama vijito vya Kusini.
- 5 Wapandao kwa machozi Watavuna kwa kelele za furaha.
- 6 Ingawa mtu anakwenda zake akilia, Azichukuapo mbegu za kupanda. Hakika atarudi kwa kelele za furaha, Aichukuapo miganda yake.

Psalm 126:1-6

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

²Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,

“The LORD has done great things for them.”

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

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like streams in the Negeb!

⁵Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!

⁶He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.