

Psalm 126ⁱⁱⁱ

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

³Then they said among the nations, *
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

⁴The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

⁵Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

⁶Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

⁷Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

ⁱⁱⁱ About Psalm 126

In this psalm the people sing for joy over their deliverance from captivity. The psalmist recalls the Lord’s restoration of Zion (vv. 1-3), pleads for continued restoration in the present (v. 4) and hopes for renewed joy to come out of sorrow (vv. 5-6).