Jerusalem of Gold – Text Study Sources Jerusalem of Gold – A City of Gold ירושלים של זהב



Wherewith may a woman go out and wherewith may she not go out [on Shabbat, lest she carry something on the Sabbath]? A woman may not go out with cords of wool nor with cords of flax nor [may she go out with] a leather thong on her head Nor [may she go out with] a city of gold [tiara][But] if she does go out [on Shabbat wearing] any of these items she does not have to bring a sin offering. (M. Shabbat 6:1, Bavli 57a)

According to Rabbi Eliezer (B. Shabbat 59b), the women who wear "cities of gold" are women of wealth and are most unlikely to take them off to show them to someone and

thereby violate the Sabbath prohibitions by carrying these items. In another place in the Bavli, a "Jerusalem of Gold" is described as a crown worn by a bride (B. Sotah 49b). Crowns are also associated with Torah, as that is the adornment that beautifies more than any other (M. Taanit 4:8). However, all the sages agree that if a woman does go out on the Sabbath wearing any such items she is not liable for a sin offering. In other words, it would be better if she wouldn't wear them in the first place but if she does wear them we do not punish her.

In its commentary on this Mishna, the Yerushalmi relates the following story about Rabbi Akiba:

A tale [is told] about Rabbi Akiba that he made his wife a [tiara of the type known as] a city of gold. Rabban Gamliel's wife saw it and became jealous of her. [Rabban Gamliel] said to her: If you would do for me as much as she did for him I would [buy you one, for] she sold the braids from her head and gave them to him that he might study Torah. (Y. Shabbat 6:1// B. Shabbat 59b)



Lamentations 1

1 How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! How is she become as a widow! She that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary! She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks; she hath none to comfort her among all her lovers; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies.

איכה א א אֵיכָה יָשְׁבָה בָדָד הָעִיר רַבָּתִי עָם הָיְתָה כְּאַלְמָנָה רַבְּתִי בַגּוֹיִם שָׂרָתִי בַּמְּדִינוֹת הָיְתָה לָמֵס. בְבָּכוֹ תִבְכֶּה בַּלַיְלָה לָהְ מְנַחֵם מִכָּל-אֹהֲבֶיה לָהְ מְנַחֵם מִכָּל-אֹהֲבֶיה לָאִיבִים.

Zion - Thou Art Anxious for News of thy Captives Yehuda halevi

"Zion, thou art doubtless anxious for news of thy captives; they ask after thee, they who are the remainder of thy flock

From West and East and North and South, from near and far; bring peace from every side.

And peace is the desire of the captive, who giveth his tears like the dew on the Hermon and yearns for the day they will fall on thy hills

I am a mourner who weeps for your poverty and when I dream of the return I am the accompaniment to thy songs.



רבי יהודה הלוי – ציון הלא תשאלי

צִיוֹן, הַלֹא תִשָּׁאַלִי לִשְׁלוֹם אֲסִירַיִּדְ, דּוֹרְשֵׁי שָׁלוֹמֶךְ וְהֵם יֵתֵר עַדְרָיִדְיִ

מַיָּם וּמְזָרָח וּמִצָּפוֹן וְתֵימָן שָׁלוֹם רחוק וקרוב שאי מכל עבריף,

וּשָׁלוֹם אֵסִיר תַּאֲנָה, נוֹתֵן דְּמָעָיו כְּטַל– חַרמון וִנְכְסַף לִרְדְתָּם עַל הַרְרָיִדְיִ

לְבְכּוֹת עֲנוּתֵךְ אֵנִי תַנִּים, וְעֵת אֵחֵלם שִׁיבַת שָׁבוּתֵדְ – אֵנִי כִנּוֹר לִשִּׁירָיִדְּ.

איכה יבשו בורות המים

המילה איכה מקשרת אל מגילת איכה וקטעים נוספים שנהוג לקרוא בשבת הסמוכה לתשעה באב:

דברים פרק אי

י יָהוַה אֱלֹהֶיכֶם, הָרָבַּה אֶתְכֶם ; וְהִנְּכֶם הַיּוֹם, כְּכוֹכְבֵי הַשַּׁמַיִם לַרֹב.

יאֹ יְהֹוֶהֹ אֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵכֶם, יֹסֵׁף עֲלֵיכֶם בָּכֶם--אֶלֶף פְּעָׁמִים; וִיבָרֵדְ אֶתְכֶם, בַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר לָכֶם. יב אֵיכַה אֶשַּׂא, לָבַדִּי, טַרְחַכֶּם וּמַשְּׂאֵכֶם, וְרִיבְכֶם.

יג הָבוּ לֶכֶם אֵנָשִׁים חֻכָּמִים וּנְבֹנִים, וְידֻעִים--לְשִׁבְטֵיכֶם; וַאֲשִׂימֶם, בְּרָאשֵׁיכֶם.

ישעיה פרק אי

יח לְכוּ-נָא וְנִנְּכְחָה, יאׁמֵר יְהֹנָה ; אִם-יִּהְיוּ חֲטָאֵיכֶם כַּשָּׁנִים כַּשֶּׁלֶג יַלְבִּינוּ, אִם-יַאְדִּימוּ כַתּוֹלֶע כַּצֶּמֶר יִהְיוּ. יט אִם-תּאבוּ, וּשְׁמֵעְתֶּם--טוּב הָאָרֶץ, תּאֹכֵלוּ. כ וְאִם-תְּמָאֲנוּ, וּמְרִיתֶם--חֶרֶב תָּאָכָּלוּ, כִּי פִּי יִהוַה דָּבֶּר.

כא **אֵיכָה** הָיְתָּה לְזוֹנָה, קַרְיָה נֶאֱמָנָה; מְלֵאֲתִּי מִשְׁפָּט, צֶדֶק יָלִין בָּהּ--וְעַתָּה מְרַצְחִים. כב כַּסְפֵּךְ, הָיָה לְסִיגִים; סָבְאֵדְ, מָהוּל בַּמָּיִם. כג שָׁרַיִדְ סוֹרְרִים, וְחַבְרֵי נַּנָּבִים--כֵּלוֹ אֹהֵב שֹׁחַד, וְרֹדֵף שַׁלְמֹנִים; יַתוֹם לֹא יִשִׁפּטוּ, וְרִיב אַלְמַנָה לֹא-יָבוֹא אֲלֵיהֶם.

איכה א

א אֵיכֶה יָשְׁבָה בָדָד הָעִיר רַבָּתִי עָם הָיְתָה כְּאַלְמָנָה רַבָּתִי בַגּוֹיִם שָׂרָתִי בַּמְּדִינוֹת הָיְתָה לָמֵס. ב בָּכוֹ תִבְכֶּה בַּלַיְלָה וְדִמְעָתָהּ עַל לֶחֶיָהּ אֵין-לָהּ מְנַחֵם מִכָּל-אֹהֲבֶיהָ כָּל-רֵעֶיהָ בָּגְדוּ בָהּ הָיוּ לָהּ לָאֹיָבִים.

How wells ran dry of all their water?

These verses including the questions How? Are traditionally read on the Shabbat before the 9th of Av

Deuteronomy 1

10. The LORD your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude. — 11. The LORD, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times so many

more as ye are, and bless you, as He hath promised you!—12. How can I myself alone bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your strife? 13. Get you, from each one of your tribes, wise men, and understanding, and full of knowledge, and I will make them heads over you.'

Isaiah 1

18. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

21 How is the faithful city become a harlot! She that was full of justice, righteousness lodged in her, but now murderers.

Lamentations 1

How doth the city sit solitary that was full of people! How is she become as a widow! She that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary.

בורות המים ירמיהו פרק בי

יב שׁמּוּ שָׁמֵים, עַל-זאת; וְשַּעְרוּ חָרְבוּ מְאֹד, נְאֵם-יְהוָה. יג כִּי-שְׁתִּים רָעוֹת, עָשָׂה עַמִּי: אתי עָזְבוּ מְקוֹר מֵים חַיִּים, לַחְצב לָהֶם בּארוֹת--בּארת נִשְׁבָּרִים, אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יָכִלוּ הַמָּיִם. יד הַעֶבֶד, ישְׁרָאֵל--אִם-יְלִיד בַּיִת, הוּא: מַדּוּעַ, הְיָה לָבַז. טו עָלָיו יִשְׁאֲגוּ כְפִרִים, נָתְנוּ קוֹלָם; וַיָּשִׁיתוּ אַרְצוֹ לְשַׁמָּה, עָרָיו נצתה (נִצְתוּ) מִבְּלִי ישֵׁב



Wells - Water Cisterns - Fountains of living waters



Jeremiah 2
12 Be astonished, O
ye heavens, at this,
and be horribly
afraid, be ye
exceeding amazed,
saith the LORD. 13
For My people have
committed two evils:
they have forsaken
Me, the fountain of
living waters, and
hewed them out

cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. **14** Is Israel a servant? Is he a home-born slave? Why is he become a prey? **15** The young lions have roared upon him, and let their voice resound; and they have made his land desolate, his cities are laid waste, without inhabitant.

ולך לקשור כתרים

בבלי מנחות דף כט עמוד ב אמר רב יהודה אמר רב בשעה שעלה משה למרום מצאו להקב״ה שיושב <mark>וקושר כתרים</mark> לאותיות אמר לפניו רבש״ע מי מעכב על ידך אמר לו אדם אחד יש שעתיד להיות בסוף כמה דורות ועקיבא בן יוסף שמו שעתיד לדרוש על כל קוץ וקוץ תילין תילין של הלכות.



And you with crowns adorn Bavli Menachot page 29b Rav Yehuda quoted Rav:



When Moses ascended to the Heights [to receive the Torah] he found God sitting and drawing crownlets upon the letters. Moses said to God, "Master of the Universe, what is staying Your hand [from giving me the Torah unadorned]?"

God replied, "There is a man who will arise many generations in the future, his name is Akiba b. Yosef. He will exegetically infer mound upon mound of halakhot (laws) from each and every title."



קטונתי מצעיר בנייך...

בראשית פרק לב י וַיּאמֶר, יַעֲקֹב, אֱלֹהֵי אָבִי אַבְרָהָם, וֵאלֹהֵי אָבִי יִצְחָק: יְחֹוָה הָאמֵר אֵלַי, שׁוּב לְאַרְצְךּ וּלְמוֹלַדְתְּדְ--וְאֵיטִיבָה עִמֶּךְ.

יא <mark>קטֹנְתִּי</mark> מִכּּל הַחֲסָדִים, וּמִכְּל-הָאֱמֶת, אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתָ, אֶת-עַבְדָּדְּ: כִּי בְמַקְלִי, עָבַרְתִּי אֶת-הַיַּרְדֵּן הַזֶּּה, וְעַתָּה הָיִיתִי, לִשְׁנֵי מַחֲנוֹת.

יב הַצִּילֵנִי נָא מִיַּד אָחִי, מִיַּד עֵשָׁו: כִּי-יָרֵא אָנֹכִי, אֹתוֹ--פֵּן-יַבוֹא וָהָכַּנִי, אֶם עַל-בַּנִים.

יג וְאַתָּה אָמַרְתָּ, הֵיטֵב אֵיטִיב עִמָּדְ ; וְשַׂמְתִּי אֶת-זַרְעֲדְּ כְּחוֹל הַיָּם, אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יִסְפֵר מֵרֹב.

I am the least of all your children – meaning; I am not worthy Genesis 32

10.And Jacob said: 'O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, O LORD, who saidst unto me: Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will do thee good; 11 I am not worthy of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which Thou hast shown unto Thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two camps. 12 Deliver me, I pray Thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and smite me, the mother with the children. 13 And Thou saidst: I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.'

כי שמך צורב את השפתיים כנשיקת שרף

במדבר כא

ה וַיְדַבֵּר הָעָם, בֵּאלֹהִים וּבְּמֹשֶׁה, לָמָה הֶעֶלִיתֵנוּ מִמִּצְרַיִם,
לָמוּת בַּמִּדְבָּר: כִּי אֵין לֶחֶם, וְאֵין מַיִּם, וְנַפְשֵׁנוּ קָצָה, בַּלֶּחֶם
הַקְּלֹקֵל. ו וַיְשַׁלַּח יְהוָה בָּעָם, אֵת הַנְּחָשִׁים הַשְּׁרָפִים, וַיְנַשְּׁכוּ,
אֶת-הָעָם; וַיְּמָת עַם-רָב, מִיִּשְׁרָאֵל. ז וַיָּבֹא הָעָם אֶל-משֶׁה
וַיּאמְרוּ חָטָאנוּ, כִּי-דִבַּרְנוּ בִיהוָה וְבָדְ--הִתְפַּלֵל אֶל-יְהוָה, וְיָסֵר
מֵעְלֵינוּ אֶת-הַנָּחָשׁ; וַיִּתְפַּלֵל מֹשֶׁה, בְּעַד הָעָם. ח וַיּאמֶר יְהוָה מָעָלֵינוּ אֶת-הָנָחָשׁ; וְשִּׁר הְנָשִׁ מִשְׁה נְחַשׁ נְחֹשֶׁת, וַיְשְׁמֵהוּ עַל-הַנֵּס;
וְרָאָה אֹתוֹ, וָחָי. ט וַיַּעשׁ מִשְׁה נְחַשׁ נְחֹשֶׁת, וַיְשִׁמֵהוּ עַל-הַנָּס;
וְהָבִּיס אֵל-נִחַשׁ הַנְּחִשׁ אֶת-אִישׁ--וְהִבִּיט אֵל-נְחַשׁ הַנְּחשׁת, וָחָי.



דברים חי

יב פֶּן-תּאכַל, וְשָּׁבָעְתָּ; וּבָתִּים טֹבִים תִּבְנֶה, וְיָשֶׁבְתָּ. יג וּבְקָרְדּ וְצאנְדּ יִרְבְּיֻן, וְכֶסֶף וְזָהָב יִרְבֶּה-לָּדְ; וְכֹל אֲשֶׁר-לְּדָּ, יִרְבָּה. יד וְרָם, לְבָבֶדְ; וְשָׁכַחְתָּ אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶידְ, הַמּוֹצִיאֲדְ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרִים מִבֵּית עֲבָדִים. טו הַמּוֹלִיכְדְּ בַּמִּדְבָּר הַגָּדֹל וְהַנּוֹרָא, נָחָשׁ שָׁרָף וְעַקְרָב, וְצִמָּאוֹן, אֲשֶׁר אֵין-מִים; הַמּוֹצִיא לְדְּ מֵיִם, מִצוּר הַחַלָּמִישׁ. טז הַמַּאֲכִלְדְּ מָן בַּמִּדְבָּר, אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יָדְעוּוְ אֲבֹתֶידְ וּלְמַעַן נַּשֹּׁתָה-לְהָיִסְבְּדְ, בְּאַחֲרִיתֶדְּ. יז וְאָמֵרְתָּ, בִּלְבָבְדּ: כֹּחִי וְעְצֶם יָדִי, עָשָּה לִי אֶת-הַחַיִּל הַזָּה. יח וְזָכַרְתָּ, אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶידְ--כִּי הוּא הַנֹּתֵן לְדְּ כֹּחַ, לַצְשׁוֹת חָיִל: לְמַעַן הָקִים אֶת-בְּרִיתוֹ אֲשֶׁר-נִשְׁבַּע לַאֲבֹתֶיךָ, כֵּיוֹם הַזֶּה.

ישעיהו ו

א בִּשְׁנַת-מוֹת הַפֶּלֶךְ עֻזִּיָּהוּ וָאֶרְאֶה אֶת-אֲדֹנָי יֹשֵׁב עַל-כִּפֵּא רָם וְנִשָּׂא וְשׁוּלָיו מְלֵאִים אֶת-הַהֵיכָל.
ב שְׁרָפִים עֹמְדִים מִמַּעַל לוֹ שֵׁשׁ כְּנָפַיִם שֵׁשׁ כְּנָפַיִם לְאֶחָד בִּשְׁתַּיִם יְכַפֶּה פָנָיו וּבִשְׁתַּיִם יְכַפֶּה רָגְלָיו
וּבִשְׁתִּים יְעוֹפֵף. ג וְקָרָא זֶה אֶל-זֶה וְאָמֵר קָדוֹשׁ קָדוֹשׁ קָדוֹשׁ יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת מְלֹא כָל-הָאָרֶץ כְּבוֹדוֹ.
ד וַיָּנֵעוּ אֵמּוֹת הַסְּפִּים מִקּוֹל הַקּוֹרֵא וְהַבַּיִת יִמְּלֵא עָשָׁן. ה וָאֹמֵר אוֹי-לִי כִי-נִדְמֵיתִי כִּי אִישׁ טְמֵא-שְׁפָתֵים אָנֹכִי וּשִׁב כִּי אֶת-הַפֶּלֶךְ יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת רְאוּ עֵנָי. ו וַיִּעָף שְׁפָתֵים וּבְיָדוֹ רְצְפָּה בְּמֶלְקַחַיִם לָקַח מֵעַל הַמִּזְבֵּחַ. ז וַיַּגַע עַל-פִּי וִיּאֹמֶר הְנֵּה נָגַע זֶה עַל-שְּׁבְּים וּבְיָדוֹ רְצְפָּה בְּמֶלְקַחַיִם לָקַח מֵעַל הַמִּזְבֶּחַ. ז וַיַּגַּע עַל-פִּי וַיּאֹמֶר הְנֵּה נְגַע זֶה

רבי יהודה הלוי יְפֵה נוֹף מְשׁוֹשׁ תֵּבֵל קְרְיָה לְמֶלֶךְ רָב. לָדְ נִכְסְפָה נַפְשִׁי מִפַּאֲתֵי מַעְרָב! הָמוֹן רַחֲמֵי נִכְמָר כִּי אֶזְכְּרָה קֶדֶם, הְמִי יִתְּנֵנִי עַל כַּנְפֵי נְשָׁרִים, עַד אָרָנֶּה בְדִמְעָתִי עֲפָרַךְ וְיִתְעָרָב! דְרַשְׁתִּיךְ, וְאִם מַלְכֵּךְ וְיִתְעָרָב! בְרִי נִּלְעֲדֵךְ – נָחָשׁ שָׁרָף וְגַם עַקְרָב! הָלֹא אֶת-אָבָנִידְ אְחוֹנֵן וְאָשָּׁקֵם וְטַעַם רְגָבַיִּךְ לְפִי מִדְּבַשׁ יֶעְרָב!

Your name will scorch my lips forever, like a seraph's kiss, I'm told..

Numbers 21

6 And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and



much people of Israel died 7 And the people came to Moses, and said: 'We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that He take away the serpents from us.' And Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the LORD said unto Moses: 'Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole; and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he seeth it, shall live.' 9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and set it upon the pole; and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked unto the serpent of brass, he lived.

Deuteronomy 12

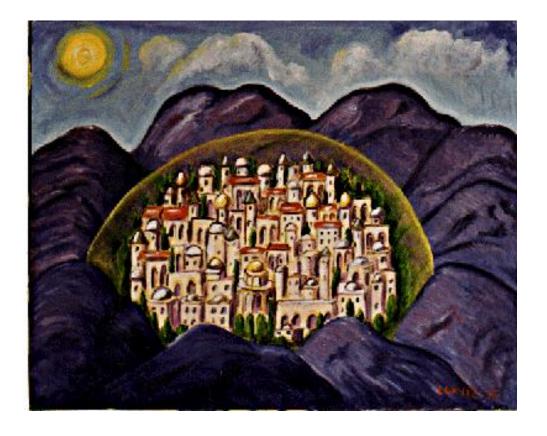
12 lest when thou hast eaten and art satisfied, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; 13 and when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; 14 then thy heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, who brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; 15 who led thee through the great and dreadful wilderness, wherein were serpents, fiery serpents, and scorpions, and thirsty ground where was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; 16 who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that He might afflict thee, and that He might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end; 17 and thou say in thy heart: 'My power and the might of my hand hath gotten me this wealth.'

Isaiah 6

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. 2 Above Him stood the seraphim; each one had six wings: with twain he covered his face and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3 And one called unto another, and said: Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory. 4 And the posts of the door were moved at the voice of them that called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 Then said I: Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. 6 Then flew unto me one of the seraphim, with a glowing stone in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar; and he touched my mouth with it, and said: Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin expiated.

JERUSALEM Yehuda Halevi

Beautiful heights, city of a great King,
From the western coast my desire burns towards thee.
Pity and tenderness burst in me, remembering
Thy former glories, thy temple now broken stones.
I wish I could fly to thee on the wings of an eagle
And mingle my tears with thy dust.
I have sought thee, love, though the King is not there
And instead of Gilead's balm, snakes and scorpions.
Let me fall on thy broken stones and tenderly kiss them—
The taste of thy dust will be sweeter than honey to me.





אם אשכך ירושלים תהילים פרק קלז

א עַל נַהְרוֹת, בָּבֶל--שָׁם יָשַׁבְנוּ, גַּם-בָּכִינוּ: בְּזָכְרֵנוּ, אֶת-צִּיוֹן.
ב עַל-עֲרָבִים בְּתוֹכָהִ-- תָּלִינוּ, כִּנֹרוֹתֵינוּ.
ג כִּי שָׁם שְׁאֵלוּנוּ שׁוֹבֵינוּ, דִּבְרֵי-שִׁיר-- וְתוֹלָלֵינוּ שִׁמְחָה:
שִׁירוּ לָנוּ, מִשִּׁיר צִיּוֹן.
ד אֵיף--נָשִׁיר אֶת-שִׁיר-יְהוָה: עַל, אַדְמַת נֵכָר.
ה אִם-אֶשְׁכָּחֵדְ יְרוּשָׁלָם-- תִּשְׁכַּח יְמִינִי.
ו תִּדְבַּק-לְשׁוֹנִי, לְחִכִּי-- אִם-לֹא אֶזְכְּרֵכִי:
אם-לֹא אַזְלְבָר.
אם-לֹא אַעְלֶה, אֶת-יְרוּשָׁלַם-- עַל, ראשׁ שִׁמְחָתִי.
ז זְכֹר יְהוָה, לִבְנֵי אֱדוֹם-- אֵת, יוֹם יְרוּשָׁלָם:
הָאמְרִים, עָרוּ עָרוּ-- עַד, הַיְסוֹד בָּהּ.

Psalms 137

1 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. 2 Upon the willows in the midst thereof we hanged up our harps. 3 For there they that led us captive asked of us words of song, and our tormentors asked of us mirth: 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion.' How shall we sing the LORD'S song in a foreign land? 5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I remember thee not; if I set not Jerusalem above my chiefest joy. 7 Remember, O LORD, against the children of Edom the day of Jerusalem; who said: 'Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof.