Ballad of Zedekiah

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Jeremiah 21:8,27:6,29:10,38:17-20,39:4-6; 2 Kings 24:10-17 Ezekiel 12:13; 2 Chronicles 36:13 Revelation 3:20

♩ = 130 swing

Gm7 C9 Gm7 C9

1.God said I've giv - en all these lands in - - to Ne - bu - chad - nez - zar's hands. The
2.The kings of Ju - dah twice re - belled a - - gainst the king of Ba - by - lon.
3. Swear to me you won't re - bel in the name of the God of Is - ra - el. Sub -
6. Ze - de - ki - ah made his choice to sneak a - way at night. He

Cm7 F7 F♯dim7 B♭6 D7♭9

beasts that in the mea - dows dwell, I give in - - to his hand as well. You
King Ne - bu - chad - nez - zar came to give them one last chance a - gain. He
- mit, and stay in your own land. Just put that tri - bute in my hand. The
stole out through the kit - chen gate and rode off through the de - sert. Chal -

1,2,6

Gm7 C9 Gm7 C9 Cm7

ex - iles in a for - eign land, Serve the king of Ba - by - lon. Seven - ty years, no
took Je - ho - i - - chin a - way, His fam - 'ly, and his staff. He in - ter - viewed men
de - an sol - diers gave him chase and in the plains of Je - ri - cho, they caught him, brought him

F7 F♯dim7 Gm7 D7♭9 Gm7

more no less, Then I'll re - store you to this place. For seven - ty sab - bath
face to face, And made one Mat - ta - - ni - ah king. Made Ze - de - ki - ah
back in chains, to face the judge - ment of his Lord. His sons were killed be -

C9 Gm7 C9 Cm7

years you failed to set the cap - tive free. So you will serve a
his new name. It means, "The LORD is right - eous". And face to face made
- fore his eyes, and then his eyes were gauged out. They took him back to

F7 F♯dim7 Gm7 2 D7♭9 D7♭9

fo - reign king and thus your own cap - - - - - ti - vi - ty. The
him to swear his loy - al - ty to Ba - by - lon.
Ba - by - lon, in chains of bronze was decked out. And

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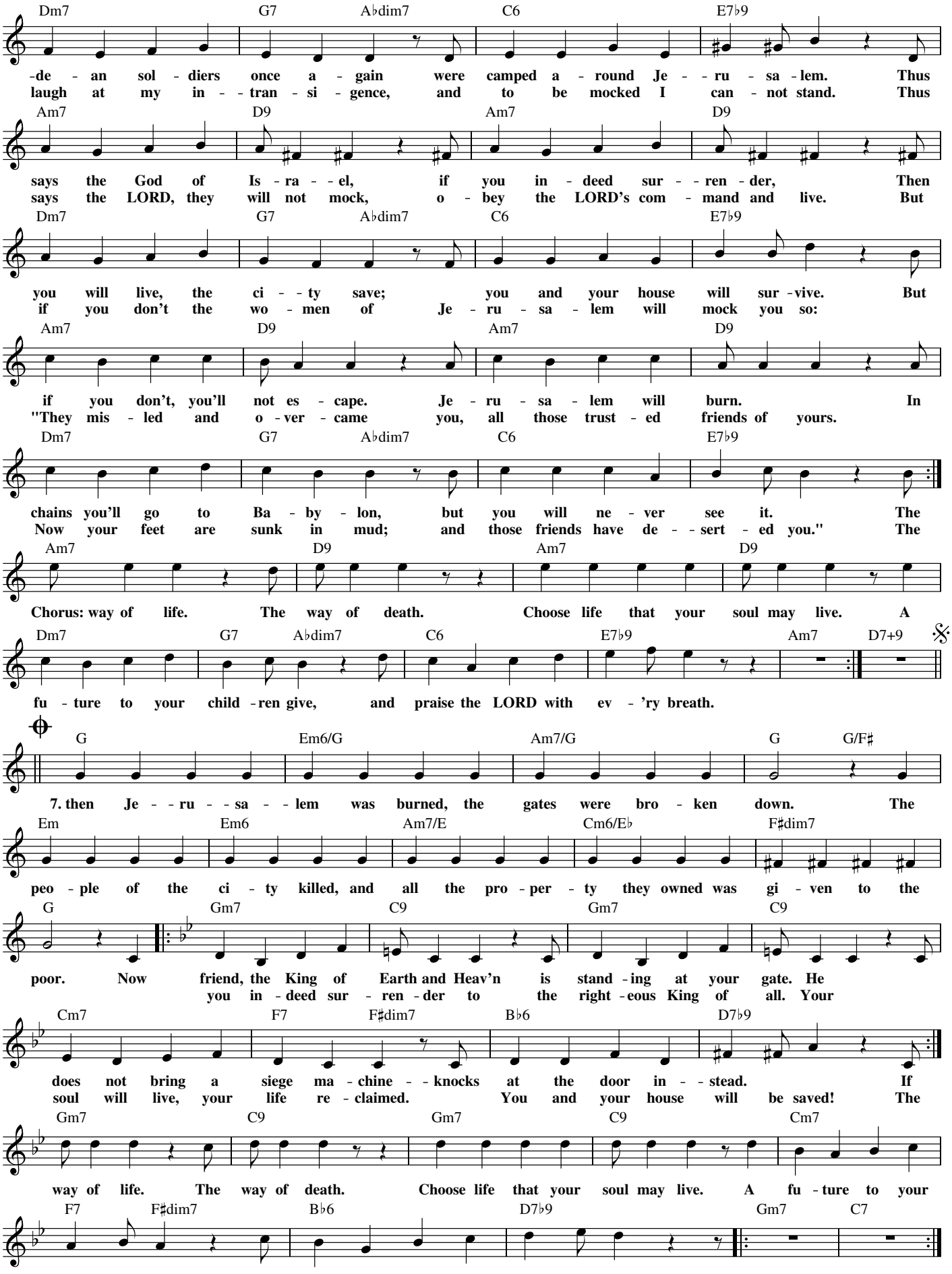
Chorus: way of life. The way of death. Choose life that your soul may live.

Cm7 F7 F♯dim7 B♭6 D7♭9 Gm7 C7

fu - ture to your child - ren give, and praise the LORD with ev - 'ry breath.

Gm7 E7 Am7 D9 Am7 D9

4.But Ze - de - ki - ah did re - bel, de - spite his so - lemn oath. Chal -
5.If I sub - mit to God's com - mand, the ones who went be - fore me will


Dm7 G7 A♭dim7 C6 E7♭9
-de - an sol - diers once a - gain were camped a - round Je - - ru - sa - lem. Thus
laugh at my in - - tran - si - gence, and to be mocked I can - not stand. Thus
Am7 D9 Am7 D9
says the God of Is - ra - - el, if you in - deed sur - - ren - der, Then
says the LORD, they will not mock, o - bey the LORD's com - mand and live. But
Dm7 G7 A♭dim7 C6 E7♭9
you will live, the ci - - ty save; you and your house will sur - vive. But
if you don't the wo - men of Je - ru - sa - lem will mock you so:
Am7 D9 Am7 D9
if you don't, you'll not es - cape. Je - ru - sa - lem will burn. In
"They mis - led and o - ver - came you, all those trust - ed friends of yours.
Dm7 G7 A♭dim7 C6 E7♭9
chains you'll go to Ba - by - lon, but you will ne - ver see it. The
Now your feet are sunk in mud; and those friends have de - - sert - ed you." The
Am7 D9 Am7 D9
Chorus: way of life. The way of death. Choose life that your soul may live. A
Dm7 G7 A♭dim7 C6 E7♭9 Am7 D7+9
fu - ture to your child - ren give, and praise the LORD with ev - 'ry breath.
G Em6/G Am7/G G G/F♯
7. then Je - - ru - - sa - - lem was burned, the gates were bro - ken down. The
Em Em6 Am7/E Cm6/E♭ F♯dim7
peo - ple of the ci - ty killed, and all the pro - per - ty they owned was gi - ven to the
G Gm7 C9 Gm7 C9
poor. Now friend, the King of Earth and Heav'n is stand - ing at your gate. He
you in - deed sur - ren - der to the right - eous King of all. Your
Cm7 F7 F♯dim7 B♭6 D7♭9
does not bring a siege ma - chine - - knocks at the door in - - stead. If
soul will live, your life re - claimed. You and your house will be saved! The
Gm7 C9 Gm7 C9 Cm7
way of life. The way of death. Choose life that your soul may live. A fu - ture to your
F7 F♯dim7 B♭6 D7♭9 Gm7 C7
child - ren give, and praise the LORD with ev - 'ry breath.