

# Isaiah 54 - The Restoration of the Wife of Jehovah

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**1** "Shout for joy, infertile one, you who have not given birth *to any child*; Break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud, you who have not been in labor; For the sons of the desolate one *will be* more numerous Than the sons of the married woman," says the LORD.

**1** "Shout for joy, O barren one, you who have borne no *child*; Break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud, you who have not travailed; For the sons of the desolate one *will be* more numerous Than the sons of the married woman," says the LORD.

**1** "Sing, you barren woman, even the one who never bore a child! Burst into song and shout for joy, even you who were never in labor! For the children of the desolate woman will be more than the children of her that is married," says the LORD.

**1** Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD.

**2** "Enlarge the place of your tent; Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, do not spare *them*; Lengthen your ropes And strengthen your pegs.

**2** "Enlarge the place of your tent; Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, spare not; Lengthen your cords And strengthen your pegs.

**2** "Enlarge the location of your tent, let the curtains of your dwellings be stretched wide, and don't hold back. Lengthen your cords; strengthen your stakes.

**2** Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;

3 "For you will spread out to the right and to the left. And your descendants will possess nations And will resettle the desolate cities.

3 "For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left. And your descendants will possess nations And will resettle the desolate cities.

3 For you will spread out to the right hand and to the left, and your descendants will possess the nations and will populate the deserted towns.

3 For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

### **The Return of the Wife**

4 "Fear not, for you will not be put to shame; And do not feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced; But you will forget the shame of your youth, And no longer remember the disgrace of your widowhood.

4 "Fear not, for you will not be put to shame; And do not feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced; But you will forget the shame of your youth, And the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.

4 "Don't be afraid, because you won't be ashamed; don't fear shame, for you won't be humiliated— because you will forget the disgrace of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.

4 Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

### **Israel, the Restored Wife**

Israel is the restored wife of Jehovah (Hosea 2:1—3:5). Idioms describe Israel's relationship to Jehovah: adulteress wife, widowed, divorced.

5 "For your husband is your Maker, Whose name is the LORD of armies; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, Who is called the God of all the earth.

5 "For your husband is your Maker, Whose name is the LORD of hosts; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, Who is called the God of all the earth.

5 For your Maker is your husband; the LORD of the Heavenly Armies is his name, and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of the whole earth.

5 For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

6 "For the LORD has called you, Like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, Even like a wife of one's youth when she is rejected," Says your God.

6 "For the LORD has called you, Like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, Even like a wife of one's youth when she is rejected," Says your God.

6 For the LORD has called you back like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like the wife of a man's youth when she is cast off," says the LORD your God.

6 For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.

7 "For a brief moment I abandoned you, But with great compassion I will gather you.

7 "For a brief moment I forsook you, But with great compassion I will gather you.

7 "For a brief moment I abandoned you; but I'll gather you with great compassion.

7 For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

8 "In an outburst of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, But with everlasting favor I will have compassion on you," Says the LORD your Redeemer.

8 "In an outburst of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, But with everlasting lovingkindness I will have compassion on you," Says the LORD your Redeemer.

8 I hid my face from you for a moment in a surge of anger, but I will have compassion on you with my everlasting gracious love," says the LORD your Redeemer.

8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.

### **The Basis of the Restoration**

9 "For this is like the days of Noah to Me, When I swore that the waters of Noah Would not flood the earth again; So I have sworn that I will not be angry with you Nor rebuke you.

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9 "For this is like the waters of Noah to me, when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again spread over the earth; so have I sworn that I won't be angry with you again and that I won't rebuke you.

9 For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.

10 "For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake, But My favor will not be removed from you, Nor will My covenant of peace be shaken," Says the LORD who has compassion on you.

10 "For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake, But My lovingkindness will not be removed from you, And My covenant of peace will not be shaken," Says the

LORD who has compassion on you.

10 For the mountains may collapse and the hills may reel, but my gracious love will not depart from you, neither will my covenant of peace totter," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

(b) Jerusalem's insecurity in comparison to her millennial permanence (54:11-17)

11 "Afflicted one, storm-tossed, *and* not comforted, Behold, I will set your stones in antimony, And I will lay your foundations with sapphires.

11 "O afflicted one, storm-tossed, *and* not comforted, Behold, I will set your stones in antimony, And your foundations I will lay in sapphires.

11 "O afflicted one, passed back and forth, and not comforted, Look! I am about to set your stones in antimony, and lay your foundations with sapphires.

11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.

12 "Moreover, I will make your battlements of rubies, And your gates of crystal, And your entire wall of precious stones.

12 "Moreover, I will make your battlements of rubies, And your gates of crystal, And your entire wall of precious stones.

12 And I'll make your battlements of rubies, and your gates of jewels, and all your walls of precious stones.

12 And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.

## New Jerusalem

The Holy City will be beautiful beyond description, a true work of art. They will all know the Lord and will be taught by Him personally. Their peace will be so real they'll be able to feel it. Never again will tyrannical leaders betray them. Terrorist attacks will be a thing of the distant past, to be feared no more. If anyone does dare to attack them, such as will happen at the end of the Millennium (Rev 20:9), the result of their folly will be certain defeat.

13 "All your sons will be taught by the LORD; And the well-being of your sons will be great.

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13 Then all your children will be taught by the LORD, and great will be your children's prosperity.

13 And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

14 "In righteousness you will be established; You will be far from oppression, for you will not fear; And from terror, for it will not come near you.

14 "In righteousness you will be established; You will be far from oppression, for you will not fear; And from terror, for it will not come near you.

14 "In righteousness you'll be established; you will be far from tyranny, for you won't be afraid, and from terror, for it won't come near you.

14 In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.

15 "If anyone fiercely attacks you, it will not be from Me. Whoever attacks you will fall because of you.

15 "If anyone fiercely assails you it will not be from Me. Whoever assails you will fall because of you.

15 Watch! If anyone does attack you, it will not be from me; whoever may attack you will fall because of you.

15 Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.

16 "Behold, I Myself have created the smith who blows on the fire of coals And produces a weapon for its work; And I have created the destroyer to inflict ruin.

16 "Behold, I Myself have created the smith who blows the fire of coals And brings out a weapon for its work; And I have created the destroyer to ruin.

16 Look! It is I who have created the blacksmith who fans coals in the fire, and produces a weapon for his purpose. It is I who have created the ravager to wreak havoc;

16 Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.

17 "No weapon that is formed against you will succeed; And you will condemn every tongue that accuses you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their vindication is from Me," declares the LORD.

17 "No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their vindication is from Me," declares the LORD.

17 no weapon that is forged against you will be effective. This is the heritage of the LORD's servants, and their righteousness from me," says the LORD.

17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

- Since the Lord controls the weapons maker, He can also ensure that any weapons made for use against Israel will not be equal to the task. True to the prophecy, this has been the heritage of the Lord's servants where Israel is concerned.