

ISAIAH CHAPTER 54

¹ Rejoice, you barren that do not bear; break forth and cry, you that does not travail; for more are the children of the desolate than of her that has a husband; for the Lord has said, ² "Enlarge the place of your tent, and of your curtains; fix *the pins*, do not spare, lengthen your cords, and strengthen your pins; ³ spread forth *your tent* yet to the right and the left; for your seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and you shall make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

⁴ "Do not fear, because you have been put to shame, neither be confounded, because you were reproached; for you shall forget your former shame, and shall no more at all remember the reproach of your widowhood. ⁵ For *it is* the Lord that made you; the Lord of hosts is His name; and He that delivered you, He is the God of Israel, *and* shall be called *so* by the whole earth. ⁶ The Lord has not called you as a deserted and faint-hearted woman, nor as a woman hated from *her* youth," says your God. ⁷ "For a little while I left you; but with great mercy will I have compassion upon you. ⁸ In a little wrath I turned away My face from you; but with everlasting mercy will I have compassion upon you," says the Lord, your Redeemer.

⁹ "From the time of the water of Noah this is My *purpose*; as I swore to him at that time, *saying* of the earth, 'I will no more be angry with you, neither when you are threatened, ¹⁰ shall the mountains depart, nor shall your hills be removed; so neither shall My mercy fail you, nor shall the covenant of your peace be at all removed; for the Lord *who is* gracious to you has spoken *it*.'

¹¹ "Afflicted and outcast, you have not been comforted; behold, I *will* prepare carbuncle *for* your stones, and sapphire for your foundations; ¹² and I will make your buttresses jasper, and your gates crystal, and your border precious stones. ¹³ And *I will cause* all your sons *to be* taught of God, and your children *to be* in great peace. ¹⁴ And you shall be built in righteousness; abstain from injustice, and you shall not fear; and trembling shall not come near to you. ¹⁵ Behold, strangers shall come to you by Me, and shall sojourn with you, and shall run to you for refuge. ¹⁶ Behold, I have created you, not as the coppersmith blowing coals, and bringing out a vessel *fit* for work; but I have created you, not for ruin, that *I* should destroy *you*. ¹⁷ I will not allow any weapon formed against you to prosper; and every voice that shall rise up against you for judgment, you shall vanquish them all; and your adversaries shall be *condemned* thereby. There is an inheritance to them that serve the Lord, and you shall be righteous before Me," says the Lord.