

The Saviour's Great Promise to Israel — Restoration: Repentant Backsliders Would Return to Him Isaiah 54:01–17

1. *The repentant backsliders would be set free and joyfully*

- a. Because they would no longer be barren children
- b. Because they would be fruitful and reproduce. Gal. 4:26-27

1) They would need to enlarge their tents: (of believers)

2) They would spread out over the entire earth:
Settle in foreign nations

2. *The repentant backsliders would be delivered from fear, shame and disgrace*

- a. The fear of oppression
- b. The shame of youthful sins
- c. The humiliation of captivity or any other bondage

3. *The repentant backsliders would be reconciled to God*

- a. A reconciliation aroused by their Maker, God Himself

1) He was like a loving husband

1 “Sing, barren woman, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labour; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband,” says the LORD.

2 “Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.

3 For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities.

4 Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood.

5 For your Maker is your husband — the LORD Almighty is his name — the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth.

<p>2) He had called them back: As if they were deserted, rejected wives</p> <p>3) He would no longer judge (chastise, discipline) them</p> <p>4) He would have compassion and show mercy</p> <p>b. A reconciliation guaranteed by God's sworn oath</p> <p>1) This oath was more sure than the oath given to Noah</p> <p>2) Assurance of God's unfailing love and peace</p> <p>4. <i>The repentant backsliders would be given a glorious future:</i></p> <p>A picture of the Saviour's kingdom</p> <p>a. The new Jerusalem will be a city of unparalleled beauty and value. Rev. 21:9-23</p> <p>1) God Himself will build the city</p> <p>2) God will use only the most valued and best quality materials</p>	<p>6 The LORD will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit — a wife who married young, only to be rejected," says your God.</p> <p>7 "For a brief moment I abandoned you; but with deep compassion I will bring you back.</p> <p>8 In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you," says the LORD your Redeemer.</p> <p>9 "To me this is like the days of Noah, when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again cover the earth. So now I have sworn not to be angry with you, never to rebuke you again.</p> <p>10 Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.</p> <p>11 "Afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted, I will rebuild you with stones of turquoise, your foundations with lapis lazuli.</p> <p>12 I will make your battlements of rubis, your gates of sparkling jewels, and all your walls of precious stones.</p>
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<p>b. The citizens will be taught by the Lord Himself and be filled with peace</p> <p>c. The citizens will live in righteousness</p> <p>I) There will be no oppression, no social evil or lawlessness</p> <p>2) There will be no fear or terror</p> <p>d. The citizens will be protected</p> <p>1) God will defeat the enemies of His people. Lk. 20:1</p> <p>2) God created and used the nations' weapons as His agents: To execute justice and judgment within the world</p> <p>3) God will not allow an attack against His people in the day of His kingdom: Not even a verbal attack</p> <p>e. The glorious future is guaranteed by God's promise, His Word</p>	<p>13 All your children will be taught of the LORD, and great will be their peace.</p> <p>14 In righteousness you will be established: Tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. Terror will be removed; it will not come near you.</p> <p>15 If anyone does attack you, it will not be my doing; whoever attacks you will surrender to you.</p> <p>16 See, it is I who created the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame and forges a weapon fit for its work. And it is I who have created the destroyer to wreak havoc.</p> <p>17 No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me," declares the LORD.</p>
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