## The Restoration of Jerusalem and of the Jews Isaiah 66:07–14

## The restored Jerusalem: The restoration of the city and of the Jews, 54:1-17

- a. The city and nation will be reborn
- Reborn quickly, suddenly —
   within a day:
   More quickly than a mother
   who gives birth
   before her labour pains begin
- 2) Reborn by the guarantee of God His Word and His promise: He Himself will restore Israel, 49:18-21; 54:1-3
- b. The restored Jerusalem will be a cause for rejoicing
- 1) Because she will nourish, comfort and satisfy those who love her
- 2) Because God will overflow Jerusalem with peace and prosperity: Make her the capital of the world
- 3) Because her children will be provided and cared for by her
- 4) Because God will comfort her children just as a mother comforts her child
- 5) Because Jerusalem will stir joy and bring good health to God's people

- 7 "Before she goes into labour, she gives birth; before the pains come upon her, she delivers a son.
- 8 Who has ever heard of such things?
  Who has ever seen things like this?
  Can a country be born in a day
  or a nation be brought forth in a moment?
  Yet no sooner is Zion in labour
  than she gives birth to her children.
- 9 Do I bring to the moment of birth and not give delivery?" says the LORD."Do I close up the womb when I bring to delivery?" says your God.
- 10 "Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice greatly with her, all you who mourn over her.
- 11 For you will nurse and be satisfied at her comforting breasts; you will drink deeply and delight in her overflowing abundance."
- 12 For this is what the LORD says:
  "I will extend peace to her like a river,
  and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream;
  you will nurse and be carried on her arm
  and dandled on her knees.
- 13 As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem."
- 14 When you see this, your heart will rejoice and you will flourish like grass; the hand of the LORD will be made known to his servants, but his fury will be shown to his foes.