

**“SHOUT FOR JOY, O BARREN ONE’ . . .**  
***The Prosperity, Peace and Righteousness of Restored Zion*”\***  
***Isaiah 54:1 – 17***

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Though Israel in captivity might be compared to a barren woman, because of the suffering and triumph of the Servant of the Lord (Isaiah 53), she is called to rejoice at the promise of her future prosperity and righteousness. The LORD is her husband, and His lovingkindness will exalt her.

The passage has application to several audiences. To those who would go into captivity in Babylon, the LORD would deliver them, and they should return to Zion in faith with joy. The New Testament refers to this passage and encourages the persecuted believers to rejoice, because the LORD would enlarge and exalt them over their enemies (Galatians 4:27-31, John 6:45). The passage also applies to Israel and believing gentiles at Jesus Christ’s second coming (Isaiah 11:10-12), when they will enjoy His “covenant of peace” and the joys of Zion (Romans 11:25-36), and ultimately the new Jerusalem descending from heaven in its lavish state (Revelation 21:1-21). This is what lies ahead!

“But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God’s*  
OWN POSSESSION, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of  
darkness into His marvelous light.” *1 Peter 2:9*

*The church is to rejoice, proclaim and be confident of her ultimate redemption.*

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