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In Righteousness You Will Be Established, Terror Will Be Far Removed

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In righteousness you will be established, terror will be far removed DIG: How would the Messianic Kingdom be like the days of Noah for God? How can we be confident that Isaiah is prophesying about the Millennial Kingdom and not the return from the Babylonian Captivity? Why is Isra'el safe from harm? What is the basis of the restoration of the relationship of the LORD to Isra'el?

REFLECT: Have you ever felt the "ground" under your spiritual life quake? Can you trace God's control of events in your own life, which seemed "out of control?" How do you keep yourself centered? Of the promises spoken of here, which one means the most to you now? Why? How does that hope make a difference in the way you live now?

As a result of Isra'el's national confession of sin at the end of the Great Tribulation, this is a far eschatological prophecy pointing to Isra'el's national regeneration and life during the Messianic Kingdom. God's New Covenant of peace and mercy with Isra'el will be eternal, like the Covenant He made with mankind after the Flood in the days of Noah, more permanent than the apparently everlasting mountains and hills. The basis of the restoration of the relationship of Isra'el to ADONAI is the Covenant of peace or the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

For 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 (54:9). God promised in the Noahic Covenant that He would never again devastate the earth as punishment against mankind (see the commentary on Genesis, to see link click [Da - Never Again Will There Be a Flood to Destroy the Earth](#)). Similarly here, God promised that the day was coming when He would never be angry and rebuke, or punish Isra'el again. Statements like this teach us that Isaiah was prophesying about the Messianic Kingdom rather than the return from the Babylonian Captivity, for Isra'el suffered the anger of God many times since then.

“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 (54:10). In the same way the New **Covenant** guarantees the end of wrath, here **ADONAI** guarantees **His unfailing love for Isra’el** regardless of what may happen to the earth. This is not a **love** that is blind to our humanness, but it is the **love** that **never fails** of which Paul knew (**First Corinthians 13:8**). **God** is a **Covenant** keeper; we can be assured that what **He** says will happen. So once that sixth stage is entered into (see **Je - The Restoration of the Wife of the LORD**), once there is a remarriage between **God** and **Isra’el**, that remarriage will remain intact forever.



Many passages in the TaNaKh speak of a yet future time of true peace and prosperity for the righteous followers of **God** under the benevolent physical rule of **Yeshua Messiah** on earth. **Zechariah 14:9** says: **ADONAI will be King over all the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and His name the only name.** Then in **Zechariah 14:16-21** we read about what the Messianic Kingdom will be like. But **Ezeki’el 39:21-48** presents the most detailed account of the Millennium found in Scripture. Other passages in the TaNaKh that comment on the Messianic Kingdom include **Psalms 2:6-9; Isaiah 2:2-4; 11:6-9; 65:18-23; Jeremiah 31:12-14, 31-37; Ezeke’el 34:25-29; 37:1-6; and Chapters 40-48; Dani’el 2:25; 7:13-14; Joel 2:21-27; Amos 9:13-14; Micah 4:1-7; and Zephaniah 3:9-20.** These are only a few of the many prophetic passages that describe this Kingdom. The New **Covenant** also speaks of the coming Millennial Kingdom in passages such as **Matthew 5:1-20; 19:27-30; 26:27-29; Mark 14:25; Luke 22:18; First Corinthians 6:9-11** and **Revelation 20**. Interestingly, it’s not until we get to **Revelation** that we are told the Messianic Kingdom will last a thousand years.²²⁸

God starts out contrasting **Isra’el’s** past and future conditions. In **her** past **she** had been **afflicted** by Nebuchadnezzar and in **her** future by the antichrist. Needless to say, neither had **comforted her**. **Isaiah** lamented: **O afflicted City, lashed by storms and** in despair

(54:11a). But **ADONAI** was not unaware of the suffering of either **His City** or **His** people. And if you are a believer today, who loves the **God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob**, **He** is not unaware of your despair. On the one hand, **ADONAI** does not lightly dismiss our brokenness and emotions surrounding our suffering, even when **He** tells us that those conditions are not permanent. But on the other hand, this description tells us that **the blessed hope** of the people of **the LORD** are not given in ignorance of the realities of the situation. **Hope** is often dismissed as something that is possible only by denying the hard facts of reality. If that is sometimes true, it is certainly not true here. It is precisely to the despairing, deficient and depressed **Isra'el** that these incredible promises will be made.

But that is going to change once the nation repents and asks **Messiah** to return. **Isaiah** paints a word picture with the most glowing colors. **He** says that **ADONAI** will **build up Jerusalem with stones** made of precious gems, symbolic of His care and esteem for the value of **the City**. **I will build you with stones of turquoise, your foundations with sapphires. I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of sparkling jewels and all your walls of precious stones (54:11b-12)**. In the future, **Isra'el** will be glorified and that glorification is seen here in a figurative description of the restored **Jerusalem** (see the commentary on **Revelation Fu - A Great High Wall with Twelve Gates**)

*Our **hope** and the **hope** of **Isra'el** is not in her own inner resources. It is in **ADONAI**, the One who is both infinitely stronger and infinitely more trustworthy than anyone, or any man made the world has ever known. **We wait for the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ (Titus 2:13)**.*

We now move to the interpretation of the preceding imagery. The means by which **Isra'el** will obtain this glorification is by **God's** teaching. **All your children will be taught by**, or will be disciples of, **the LORD**, and **great will be their peace. In righteousness you will be established (54:13-14a)**. Once again, this could not have been referring to the return of the Babylonian exiles because **ADONAI did not teach all of Isra'el's children** after **their** return from Babylon; in fact, most did not return to the Land. Even today, **Isra'el** is generally a secular society. During the Messianic Kingdom, however, the knowledge of **the LORD** will cover the earth. The antichrist or Satan will not oppress them any longer; they will be free of **tyranny** and **will have nothing to fear. God** says that **terror will be far removed from them; it will not come near them (54:14b)**.

*Never underestimate the ponderings of a believing parent. Never underestimate the power that comes when a parent pleads with **ADONAI** on behalf of a child. Who knows how many prayers are being answered right now because of the faithful prayers of a parent ten or*

*twenty years ago? There is no set formula, but **God** listens to thoughtful parents. Praying for our children is a noble task. If what we are doing, in this fast-paced society, is taking us away from prayer time for our children, we're too busy. There is nothing more special, more precious, than that time a parent spends struggling and pondering with **the LORD** on behalf of a child.*

Isra'el's enemies will be totally defeated before the thousand years begins. The principle is this: **If anyone does attack you, it will not be My doing, whoever attacks you will surrender to you (54:15)**. This cannot be the return of the Babylonian exiles because in 70 AD Titus the Roman general and his legions came and destroyed **Jerusalem** and killed about a million Jews. Surely they did not **surrender to** the Jews at that time. No, this is the gathering of **all the nations** of the world against **Isra'el** at the end of the Great Tribulation (see **Kh - The Eight Stage Campaign of Armageddon**). But when they do **attack it will not be God's doing** because they will do so out of their own free will. They **attack** because they want to **attack**, not because **the LORD** makes them **attack**. **James** makes this principle very clear (**James 1:13-15**). Although the army of the antichrist will be destroyed in the Campaign of Armageddon, millions upon millions of Gentiles **will surrender** and enter the Millennial Kingdom (see the commentary on **Revelation Fk - Gentiles in the Messianic Kingdom**) for one last chance at salvation (see **Kq - The Wolf and the Lamb Will Feed Together and the Lion Will Eat Straw Like the Ox**).

ADONAI controls human history. Maybe not every single little decision that we make, but the ultimate result. **He** will not violate our free will no matter how much **He** loves us; we can say no to **the LORD** and make it stick. **He** uses our fallen nature, and Satan's evil desires to get the end result **He** wanted all along. Since **God** is **the Creator** who creates both the soldier (**destroyer**), and the **weapon** in his hand; and not only the **weapon** in his hand but the **blacksmith** who made the **weapon**, we should not worry that anything could come against us that would be contrary to **the LORD's** purposes for our lives (**Romans 8:28-39**). **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 work havoc (54:16)**. No part of the universe is exempt from the purposes of **God**.

This is the conclusion of the entire chapter. **No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you (54:17a)**. Such it is in our own day. The thousand year Third Reich of Nazism, whose centerpiece was its "final solution" against Judaism, survived little more than ten years. And the main result of its vendetta was the establishment of the Jewish state of **Isra'el**, which had not existed for 2000 years previously. The antichrist will come closer to "the final solution" than Hitler ever did.



Hitler's persecution took place primarily in Germany, but the antichrist will kill Jews all over the world, but he still will not succeed. **ADONAI's** people will survive long after the antichrist is gone. **This is the unique heritage of the servants of the LORD, which is Isra'el. And this is their vindication from Me, declares the LORD (54:17b).** It is comforting to know that **Isra'el** may fail **Him**, but because of the **Covenant** relationship that **God** has with **her (Deuteronomy 29:1-29)**, **He** will not fail **Isra'el**, and because **He** will not fail **her**, **He** will not fail us.

Look what happens when you combine **verses 54:17a** and **54:3**. **No weapon forged against you will prevail and your descendants will dispossess nations.** How can this happen? It will happen because **Jesus Christ, the King of Kings**, will be ruling and reigning from **His** throne in **Jerusalem** (see [Db - The Nine Missing Articles in Messiah's Coming Temple](#)). But for all the human effort, there will be no **peace** in **Jerusalem** until **the King of Peace** comes. When that happens, the opportunity for salvation will culminate during the Messianic Kingdom.