

## NEXT

### Prepare For Promotion

#### Isaiah 54:1-8 KJV

**1** “Sing, O childless woman, you who have never given birth! Break into loud and joyful song, O Jerusalem, you who have never been in labor. For the desolate woman now has more children than the woman who lives with her husband,” says the Lord.”

**2** “Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;

**3** for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.”

**4** “Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

**5** For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

**6** For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God."

**7** "For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

**8** In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer."

**Introduction:** In this text what we see is not a situation where patience has worn down, but rather a season has ended, which means there has to be some kind of seasonal shift that looks different than the previous season. Patience is something that you must never run out of when you are walking in faith.

### **What else is God telling you?**

**Promise:** Something spoken as an oath or vow in advance of it either being asked for or sought after.

- **The promise is never bigger than the source who makes it; if it is, then the source is too small and should not be trusted.**

**Preparation:** The process by which something is developed so that the potential within it can be fully realized.

**“There is no recess in process.”**

**Process is getting ready for the experience of something that has been in expectation mode for a season of time.**

**The expiration date on your waiting has reached its end and the delivery on the promise is upon you.**

**Personal Initiative: Action brought about by your own inner drive, motivation and passion.**

**Personal Discipline and Devotion: Don't be the enemy to your destiny by getting in your own way.**

**By refusing to disconnect yourself from your personal inner corruptions, you interrupt the very intentions of God for your life.**

- You must silence and self contain your fleshly struggles, even if you can't seem to totally disconnect from them.**
- You must teach yourself how to behave publicly by not touching things in other places and spaces, that don't belong to you.**

- It is through personal and private devotion that you are nurtured to overcome personal difficulties and deficiencies.

## The Biblical Exposition

**1. Praise Before Proof: God Requires praise in the place of pain.**

**Isaiah 54:1 KJV**

**“Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD.”**

**The Woman is, Barren (unproductive), Empty (no visible results). Yet God says Sing Anyway**

- Faith praises God before the results appear.
- Worship is the evidence of your Faith.

**Our praise and worship must become the reverberated sound that speaks not only to where we've been but where we are going.**

**2. Prepare For Increase: Expansion before Manifestation.**

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**3 for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.”**

### **Enlarge the place of your dwelling**

**Strategic planning: A carefully thought out plan of intention that involves the personal investment of your resources.**

**It’s a plan that looks as though something bigger and better is getting ready to happen.**

- Stretch**
- Lengthen**
- Strengthen**

**We have to prepare for what we prayed for.**

**“Get ready for growth that will not fit your present structure.”**

- **Prayer is not the rehearsal of your request, it is the readiness of your expectations.**

**Increase your:**

- **Capacity - The maximum amount that something can contain.**
- **Systems - A set of interacting or interphase components that are used to bring about a specific purpose.**
- **Faith mindset - The mental belief system or disposition that determines how a person interprets and respond to situations.**

### **3. Be Healed from Shame: Revelation for Humiliation**

**Isaiah 54:4-6 KJV**

**4 "Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.**

**5 For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.**

**6 For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God."**

## **God addresses emotional trauma:**

- **Shame of the past.**
- **Rejection**
- **Abandonment**

## **God Pronounced His Presence and Participation**

**“Your Maker is your husband.”**

- **God doesn't just bless you, but He changes how you see yourself.**
- **Shame will sabotage what God is trying to build.**
- **You cannot walk in promise while still living in your past identity.**
- **God is not just changing your situation, He's restoring your identity.**

## **Required Release: Things you have to let go.**

- **Past Failures**
- **Embarrassment**
- **Regret**

#### **4. Temporary Pain but Eternal Mercy**

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**“For a small moment have I forsaken you.”**

- There was separation, not alienation**
- There was discipline, not damnation**
- He said that these things were brief but His mercy is everlasting.**
- What felt permanent was only temporary**

**Misinterpreted Judgement: You saw God’s correction as rejection.**

- Correction is the evidence of covenant not abandonment**

**This season did not destroy you, it developed you.**

- **Reframing your Past: It wasn't Punishment, It was preparation.**

### **The Season of Reclamation:**

**It's time for The Bethel Church to acknowledge and announce its comeback. The Lord said to plan our inauguration!!**

**We are about to get real CRAZY!! in God Way!!**

**Committed  
Radical  
Aligned  
Zealous  
Yielded**

### **The Prophetic Announcement**

#### **The Number 75 Represents the Completion of Transition**

- **Transition & Promise:** Abraham's age of 75 marks a major transition, moving from his family life in Haran to becoming the father of a new nation.
- **Judgment & Equity:** Psalm 75 is a song of praise (by Asaph) dedicated to God as the righteous judge who decides the proper time for judgment, humbling the proud, and lifting up the righteous.

- **Numerical Significance:** Some interpretations suggest 75 connects 70 (representing completeness/judgment) with 5 (representing grace/God's goodness).