

I. A Promise Too Great to Ignore (1-3)

- A. Unexpected reversal is coming (1) - "Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who have not been in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than the children of her who is married," says the LORD.
- B. Immeasurable favor is coming (2) - "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes."
- C. Unprecedented victory is coming (3) - "For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities." **Territory, authority & longevity were promised**

II. A Change Too Dramatic to Conceive (4)

"Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more."

- A. No more fear - "Fear not..."
- B. No more confusion - "...you will not be ashamed..."
- C. No more disgrace - "you will not be disgraced..."
- D. No more shame - "...you will forget the shame of your youth..."
- E. No more reproach - "...the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more."

III. A Covenant Too Holy to Break (5-6)

- A. Who God is in Himself (5) - "...Maker...LORD of hosts...Holy One of Israel...Redeemer...God of the whole earth..."
- B. Who God is to you (5,6) - "...your husband...6 For the LORD has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God."

III. A God Too Faithful to Forget (7-8)

- A. The severity of a holy God (7a, 8a) - "For a brief moment I deserted you... In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you..."
- B. (7b, 8b) - "...but with great compassion I will gather you...but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the LORD, your Redeemer."