

Haftarah for Ki Tetzei

Isaiah 54:1-10

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Chapter 54

¹ Shout, O barren one,
You who bore no child!
Shout aloud for joy,
You who did not travail!
For the children of the wife forlorn
Shall outnumber those of the espoused

— said the Lord. —

² Enlarge the site of your tent,
Extend the size of your dwelling,
Do not stint!
Lengthen the ropes, and drive the pegs firm.

³ For you shall spread out to the right and the left;
Your offspring shall dispossess nations
And shall people the desolate towns.

⁴ Fear not, you shall not be shamed;
Do not cringe, you shall not be disgraced.
For you shall forget
The reproach of your youth,
And remember no more
The shame of your widowhood.

⁵ For He who made you will espouse you —
His name is "Lord of Hosts."
The Holy One of Israel will redeem you —
He is called "God of all the Earth."

⁶ The Lord has called you back
As a wife forlorn and forsaken.
Can one cast off the wife of his youth?

— said your God.

⁷ For a little while I forsook you,
But with vast love I will bring you back.

⁸ In slight anger, for a moment,
I hid My face from you;

But with kindness everlasting
I will take you back in love

— said the Lord your Redeemer.

⁹ For this to Me is like the waters of Noah:
As I swore that the waters of Noah
Nevermore would flood the earth,
So I swear that I will not
Be angry with you or rebuke you.

¹⁰ For the mountains may move
And the hills be shaken,
But my loyalty shall never move from you,
Nor My covenant of friendship be shaken

— said the Lord, who takes you back in love