

Haftarah for No-ah

Isaiah 54:1-55:5

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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.

Sepharadim end here

¹¹ Unhappy, storm-tossed one, uncomforted!
I will lay carbuncles as your building stones
And make your foundations of sapphires.
¹² I will make your battlements of rubies,
Your gates of precious stones,
The whole encircling wall of gems.
¹³ And all your children shall be disciples of the Lord,
And great shall be the happiness of your children;
¹⁴ You shall be established through righteousness.
You shall be safe from oppression,
And shall have no fear;
From ruin, and it shall not come near you.

¹⁵ Surely no harm can be done
Without My consent:
Whoever would harm you
Shall fall because of you.

¹⁶ It is I who created the smith
To fan the charcoal fire
And produce the tools for his work;
So it is I who create
The instruments of havoc.

¹⁷ No weapon formed against you
Shall succeed,
And every tongue that contends with you at law
You shall defeat.
Such is the lot of the servants of the Lord,
Such their triumph through Me
— declares the Lord.

Chapter 55

¹ Ho, all who are thirsty,
Come for water,
Even if you have no money;
Come, buy food and eat:
Buy food without money,
Wine and milk without cost.

² Why do you spend money for what is not bread,
Your earnings for what does not satisfy?

Give heed to Me,
And you shall eat choice food
And enjoy the richest viands.
³ Incline your ear and come to Me;
Hearken, and you shall be revived.
And I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
The enduring loyalty promised to David.
⁴ As I made him a leader of peoples,
A prince and commander of peoples,
⁵ So you shall summon a nation you did not know,
And a nation that did not know you
Shall come running to you —
For the sake of the Lord your God,
The Holy One of Israel who has glorified you.