

Your Maker Is Your Husband

"Sing, O barren woman,
you who never bore a child;
burst into song, shout for joy,
you who were never in labor;
because more are the children of the
desolate woman
than of her who has a husband,"
says the Lord.

"Enlarge the place of your tent,
stretch your tent curtains wide,
do not hold back;
lengthen your cords,
strengthen your stakes.

"Do not be afraid; you will not suffer
shame.
Do not fear disgrace; you will not be
humiliated.
You will forget the shame of your youth
and remember no more the reproach
of your widowhood.
For your Maker is your husband-
the Lord Almighty is his name-
the Holy One of Israel is your
Redeemer;
he is called the God of all the earth.
The Lord will call you back
as if you were a wife deserted and
distressed in spirit-
a wife who married young,
only to be rejected," says your God.
"For a brief moment I abandoned you,
but with deep compassion I will bring
you back.
In a surge of anger
I hid my face from you for a moment,
but with everlasting kindness
I will have compassion on you,"
says the Lord your Redeemer.

Isaiah 54:1-2, 4-8