

Isaiah 54:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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;

Analysis

The architectural imagery 'enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations' calls for expansion in anticipation of promised growth. The commands 'spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes' depict preparation for multitudes. This teaches faith that acts in advance of blessing, making room for what God promises before seeing fulfillment - Abraham-like faith that believes God's impossible promises.

Historical Context

Returning remnant was small, yet God commanded preparation for massive population growth. The church began with 120 in upper room but must 'enlarge tent' for billions. This models vision-driven planning - faith prepares for promised harvest before it arrives.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How is God calling you to 'enlarge your tent' - prepare in advance for growth He's promised?
2. What does it mean to 'strengthen stakes' while 'lengthening cords' - balance expansion with stability?

Interlinear Text

מִשְׁכָנֹתֶךָ	וְרֹא	וְרֹא	וְרֹא	וְרֹא
Enlarge	the place	of thy tent	the curtains	of thine habitations
H7337	H4725	H168	H3407	H4908
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and let them stretch forth	H408	spare	not lengthen	thy cords
H5186		H2820	H748	H4340
וְרֹא	וְרֹא	וְרֹא	וְרֹא	וְרֹא
and strengthen				thy stakes
H2388				H3489

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 33:20 (Parallel theme): Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.

Jeremiah 10:20 (Parallel theme): My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth of me, and they are not: there is none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains.

Exodus 39:40 (Parallel theme): The hangings of the court, his pillars, and his sockets, and the hanging for the court gate, his cords, and his pins, and all the vessels of the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of the congregation,

Exodus 35:18 (Parallel theme): The pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords,

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