

Comfort for Jerusalem

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort: To raise from depression; to soothe when in grief or trouble; to bring solace or consolation to; to console, to cheer...

נָחַם (nā·ā·m): v **comforted**, i.e., be in a state or condition of finding a measure of relief from sorrow and distress, and so be consoled or encouraged... console, express sympathy

Is this comfort for Jerusalem?

{Muslim Protest in London}

Isaiah 54:9-15

(Especially vs.11)

11 “O afflicted one, storm-tossed, and not comforted,
Behold, I will set your stones in antimony,
And your foundations I will lay in sapphires.

Isaiah 66:10-13

(Especially vs. 13)

Isaiah 66:13 “As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you;
And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

A voice of comfort and good news!

Psalm 14:4-7

Isaiah 40:9

Get yourself up on a high mountain,
O Zion, bearer of good news,
Lift up your voice mightily,
O Jerusalem, bearer of good news;
Lift *it* up, do not fear.
Say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!”

**And what about today?
Is there a voice of comfort for us?**

Luke 6:20-2
(Especially vs. 24)

24 ***"But woe to you who are rich, for you are receiving your comfort in full.***

Acts 9:31 So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and, going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.

II Corinthians 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; ⁴ who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵ For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ. ⁶ But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; ⁷ and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are *sharers* of our comfort.

Ephesians 6:21 But that you also may know about my circumstances, how I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make everything known to you. ²² And I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know about us, and that he may comfort your hearts.

I Thessalonians 4:18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

II Thessalonians 2:16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, ¹⁷ comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.