



Restoring Ruins

Isaiah 61

New Wineskins - flame & broken chains - The Holy Spirit upon us is the sign of God's favor. By the Spirit, we break bondage chains and cultivate abundant life.

Thriving Tribes - fruit tree & city - Israel was once devastated and hopeless. But God restored Israel, forgiving her sins. Israel is now strong in the LORD.

Righteous Reputation - earth, cloud, flag, crown, stars - Yahweh transforms his people into a redeemed nation with a worldwide reputation of honor and faithfulness.

Fruitful Seeds - seed, roots, fruitful plant - God first sowed redemption seeds in his chosen people. Now, Israel sows these seeds, and all nations worship God.

Storytellers Sight

- Make a list of every transformation in Isaiah 61.
- What changed for Israel when Jesus came to earth?
- What emotions do you feel when you hear these words: poor, broken, captive, mourn, ashes, despair?
- Give examples of how you are free in the Holy Spirit.
- Imagine you're in a restored city. What do you see?
- Compare Israel in this story to Israel in Babylon exile.
- Why is God alone worthy of worship by all nations?