

The Gospel of Peace – Isaiah 52:7

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In Isaiah's day, the nation of Judah had little to cling to that would make them feel secure. Politically they were a weak player on the world's stage. Militarily they were at the mercy of larger empires, especially Assyria who had already devastated and took into exile the northern tribes of Israel. And spiritually they were warned by the LORD that He would judge them for their sin. Nevertheless, Isaiah offers the nation hope through God's promise that He will not abandon His people but ultimately deliver and establish them. In this text, the celebration of God's promised deliverance begins as a messenger comes running with *good news* from the battle. His message for the city of Jerusalem is the same that we rejoice in today:

1. The *promise* of this good news:
 - a. Peace
 - b. Gladness
 - c. Salvation
2. The *subject* of this good news: *God is King!*