

My Loved Ones:

God says in Isaiah 55:12 - For you shall go out with joy, / And be led out with peace; / The mountains and the hills / Shall break forth into singing before you, / And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

This verse is talking about Israel when God spanked them with the Babylonian Captivity and going through the tough time of trial. We go through tough times as well, sometimes of our own making, like Israel caused their own Captivity. But God promises that He won't always spank. He promises that His people will return out of difficult times rejoicing in deliverance and unbothered by enemies. We can take this promise to the bank, loved ones. Now, we have enemies, but ultimately, one day, all enemies, even our ancient foe, Satan, will be eliminated! Praise the Lord.

Also notice here what is saying about clapping hands. Now is not the time to discuss it, but if you were to look up in a concordance about clap or clapping, you'll see that it's very rare, that's it's always in reference to music to God. It is never "giving God a standing ovation" nor "applauding someone for a job well done." It's always in praise with music. Nice to keep in mind. You can reach your own conclusions on this fact of the Bible. :-)

Loved ones, God promises joy through difficulties at the end of the day. Even though it may seem like it's not happening right now, take God's promise to the bank. Like Abraham who didn't see the fulfillment of the promise, may we still have faith in God that He is going to provide and fulfill His Word in our behalf. We look forward to the day in which we will rejoice in Heaven!

We love you and are praying for you today.