

Nursing Babies & Tattoos (Isaiah 49:14-16)

Introduction: *What, for goodness sake, could nursing babies & tattoos have in common???*

I. BEFORE WE ANSWER THAT QUESTION, LET US UNDERSTAND ISRAEL'S SITUATION IN THIS TEXT

- A. They were in exile, captives in Babylon
- B. They had no temple, no priests, no sacrifices
- C. They determined that God had forsaken them (v. 14)

II. THROUGH THE PROPHET ISAIAH, GOD ADDRESSES THEIR SITUATION

- A. He asks a question about a mother and a nursing baby (v.15a)
- B. He answers this same question (v. 15b)
- C. He then declares a wonderful word of comfort... about tattoos!
- D. In order to understand this "tattoo promise" you must understand that God takes a common practice and **turns it completely around!**

Conclusion: *Nursing babies & tattoos: signs of God's love and care for you!*