

it, and comfort through deliverance. v.15, again omnipotence. God's power. 16, God's ~~px~~ power shown in His protection and His ~~mx~~ comfort. He says to Zion, "Thou art my people." And then the comfort again. "Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem." Comfort because of the assurance of deliverance. Then he described the condition of Jerusalem. v.18, "There is none to guide here among all the sons....These two things are come unto me...desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword." The danger, and the terrible ~~xxxxxxx~~ condition they are in now. In the face of that, what comfort can you give? v.21, "Hear this, you afflicted and drunken, but now with wine: Thus says the Lord..." Comfort, comfort and deliverance. "I have taken out of your hands the cup of trembling...I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; ...that have said to your soul, Bow down, that we may go over..."

And then again the comfort and assurance at the beginning of 52. "Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city," looking forward to the fulfillment of God's promises, not mere deliverance, but complete ~~xxxxxxxx~~ fulfillment is coming. "Henceforth there shall no more come unto thee the uncircumcised and the unclean." And they have not yet come. The day that ~~mx~~ is promised, the day of complete deliverance from wickedness and suffering for Jerusalem. "Shake thyself from the dust; arise and sit down, O Jerusalem." This ~~wounds rather didactic~~ in English, arise and ~~and~~ sit down. I think it would be better, arise and take your seat, wouldn't it? Get up and take your seat. Sit down to use in English conveys the thought of going down, but this is getting up, arising, and assuming a seated position, a position on a throne, O Jerusalem. It is leaving the position of defeat, and assuming one of victory, arise and take your seat, O Jerusalem. "Loose yourself from the bands of your neck, O captive daughter of Zion, for thus says the Lord, you have sold yourselves for nothing; and you shall be redeemed without money." You have given yourselves over to your sin, and received nothing for it. You cannot redeem yourselves, but the Lord will provide, the Lord will go on recalling how the people have fallen into their sin, but the Lord shall deliver them, and continue in vv.4 and 5, and ~~of~~ 6, the