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captive and they carry great numbers of them overland, over to Babylon. They are scattered into many different countries. ~~T/A~~ The sea was not a strong present factor in the life of Israel. It is a very real factor if you look about in the land of Palestine. You go up on almost any hill there, and you look out to the west, and you see the sea. You see the blue Mediteranean stretching out as far as the eye can see. The very word for West in Hebrew is the word "toward the sea." But how many events in the OTT take place in/ on the sea? Only the book of Jonah. Hardly anything else. The Israelites were a land locked people, and that is partly explained by the fact that the coast there is very straight. There are no good natural harbors. It is entirely different from the situation when you go a little further north and you come up into Phonecia, and there in Phonecia you find all sorts of little harbors where ships ~~w/c~~ could be safe from the great storms and then could go out in the sea and find little islands like stepping stones and then could go out in the sea and find little islands like stepping stones tempting them to go out into the sea. But nothing like that on the shores of the land of Israel. The sea does not play a great part in the OT, but these people are going to cry aloud from the sea. Is there a suggestion here that God's work is going to go forward even though His people fail? Not only is it going to go forward, it is going to spread out and going to increase. Did Isaiah as he looked see the Word of God being spread ~~/~~ into all the lands to which the Jews were scattered? Did he see the early apostles going Out? Did he see Paul journeying on the Med., going to Greece, going to Rome, probably going on to Spain? Did he see in his minds eye the Word of God being carried across the ocean clear over here to America, carried over to the Orient, spreading throughout the world? They shall ^{cry} cry aloud from the sea. That is a tremendous teaching if it is here, isn't it? A wonderful thing that Isa., instead of seeing everything coming to an end of the witness of God because of the sin of the people and their failure, would be that in spite of that God was going to have His remnant of grace. Not only have them but spread them out through the world and carry the message far beyond what it had ever been before. Well, that's an awful lot to get out of 3 words: "They shall cry aloud from the sea" isn't it, and we cannot simply get it out from these words. We don't get it definitely. We get a strong suggestion, and then we look on to the next verse and we see if we find that