

you the northern army." That is the army of locusts ~~h~~ that had come down from the north,"and will drive him into a land barren and desolate , with his face toward the ~~sea~~ east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost ~~h~~ sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great t things. " And so the Lord promises them here that He is now giving them deliverence from this plague that ~~threath~~ threatened their very existance . And he continues. "Fear not, O land; be ~~h~~ glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things." God did not simply remove the evil, he ~~repa~~ replaced what they had ~~h~~ lost. And so in verse 23 we have, "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately." Notice that word moderately, how different God is from human beings. We human beings are without something--we don't have enough-- I remember a friend who was up in the mountains of California taking a hike one time, and he told me that he couldn't find a spring, and for two days he couldn't find a ~~spring~~ spring, ~~not-enough-to~~ then he said he found a ~~spring~~ spring and he said he just drank and drank and drank and he drank so much that he was sick for the rest of the day, and ~~h~~ that's our human tendency. I remember when my boy was just a few week old , and we found that everytime that he was to have a nap, the phone would ring and wake him up , and so we called out the man to make our bell a little less loud, and he took it and I said It could be a little than that but soon and then he turned and said, My, you amaze me, you want me to cut it down to about a fourth or a third and he said now this wont ~~disturb~~ disturb your boy but he says you will hear it. He says every other place that I go they have a ~~bay~~ baby in the house and want the phone fixed , he says they make me put it so soft ~~the-~~ that I have to come out a week later and make it louder again because they go from one extreme ~~f~~ to another, but the Lord here when the land is parched and desolate if He forced a tremendous rain it would just carry away the ~~top~~ top soil and ruins the land . He says