

They have considerable freedom in the area where they are but He tells them to go forth and to flee from the Chaldeans and He is saying He is going to make it possible for their going forth from Babylon and I am going to make it possible to flee from the Chaldeans and I am going to open up the way. It was not taunting them from going forth to Babylon. It is pointing out the facts that God is going to let them go forth and lead them out of the land and with a voice of singing it is to be declared and uttered to the end of the earth and say, "The Lord hath redeemed His servants." Is real is the servant and the one going to be used by the Lord and would that the servant be applied to Israel as well as to the Gentiles and then v. 21 change regress of what might have been had they truly followed God and commanded them to take advantage of them and rejoicing in it and describing there what is happening. It is describing being given the wonderful mercies of God and directly a description of what He did when He brought them out of Egypte and at that time, He says, when God brought you out, He did not just bring you out to die in the wilderness but He lead you thru the desert but you did not thirst as He ~~caused~~ the waters to flow out of the rock for you and do you not believe God is going to deal with you similarly in the future? Do you not know this is ahead for those who trust Him and they can flee from the Chaldeans and they can go through the desert and they can have God leading them and there are rivers of water where they have no expectation and such rivers will be. It is a verse which describes how God has dealt with His people in the past and infers the way in which He is going to provide for them and not merely to give them a chance to escape from Babylon but give them a ~~chance~~ chance to go with protection and with nourishment along the way and it is a picture of God's method of dealing with His people and any of us can appropriate it to ourselves, not as a direct statement and promise but as a description of the way in which God deals with His people and we can know that if He is leading us, even though it is through the deserts and even though we may thirst but we need not as God is able to cause the waters to flow out of the rock and He will provide for us everything that we need and there is the endurance and thirst along the way. We need not complain of the things He puts before us before He cleaves the rock for us. V. 22 seems almost thrown in here and to have almost no relation here and it is just a little incidental remark but God has well being for you. Peace means well being and contentment, peace of mind and soul and that is what the true follower of God can have but for the wicked there is no such thing. Of real peace He, the wicked,