

Is it simply a continuation ~~wh/~~ of what we have in the previous verses? Or is it possible that the mention of the shaking of the olive tree, the mention of the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done suggests this: God is going to send this terrible destruction, this punishment upon the ~~land/~~ land, but it is not to be complete. God still has a remnant of grace. The the people as a whole turn away from Him there are still those who remain true to Him. There is still like the shaking of the olive ~~tree.~~ ~~tree/~~ There are still those ~~wh/~~ like the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done. Well that's a strong suggestion then in vs. 13. That we are passing on from the subject of God's wrath and God's punishment to the fact that beyond the punishment there still remains a remnant of grace. It is not certain from this verse but it is strongly suggested and the suggestion is made certain when we look at the next verse. Because the next verse is utterly different from ~~anything~~ anything earlier in the chapter.

The next verse goes on, They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the Lord. They shall ~~era~~ cry aloud from the sea." What a contrast to the whole chapter before it. But it fits right ~~s~~ in ~~the/~~ with that possible interpretation of vs. 13. God is sending this terrible punishment upon the land of Israel. He is sending this depopulation, sending them off into exile. All this misery is coming because His people have forsaken Him and turned away from Him, but He is not deserting His people, he is not casting them off. There is still a remnant of grace. There are still those who are the recipients of His blessing and these who remain do not give way to absolute despair and say, Oh isn't it terrible, our land is destroyed, our people sent into exile; God is ~~xxx~~ through with us. They realized that God is still ~~xxx~~ there. God is still their God. They lift up their voice they sing from the majesty of the Lord. They cry aloud from the sea. So vs. 14 shows that the suggestion in vs. 13 was actually there. The suggestion was there; here it is amplified, and the joy of the redeemed is stressed in this verse. But in this verse also, in vs. 14, we ~~xxx/xx~~ have a new thought suggestion; not proven any more than the thought of the remnant was proven in vs. 13, but strongly suggested. This is in the last phase of the verse. "They shall cry aloud from the sea." Why will they cry aloud from the sea. You don't expect the remnant to be on the sea. People come from Babylon and they take them