

is done." Yet it may be suggested that the emphasis is not on the thoroughgoing nature of the destruction, but on the fact that something will still remain to receive God's blessing. The destruction is not complete. There is yet to be a remnant of grace.

Verse 13 does not make this idea clear. It is only a suggestion. But the suggestion is shown to be a correct one by what is said in verse 14: "They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the LORD, they shall cry aloud from the sea." It is difficult to imagine verse 14 as occurring earlier in the chapter. Then there was nothing for which to lift up one's voice in song. All was gloom and despair. Now we see that after God has punished the nation there will still remain a remnant of grace, able to lift up its voice and sing for the majesty of the Lord.

Thus we find a suggestion of a new idea in verse 13, and verse 14 makes it clear that this suggestion is not imaginary but is really there. Similarly we have a new suggestion at the end of verse 14: "they shall cry aloud from the sea." The word "to cry aloud" could suggest agony and misery in English, though it is less frequently in English used for a cry of joy. In Hebrew _____ usually means a shout of happiness. They are crying aloud with joy, but we note they are crying aloud from the sea.

When one realizes the location of the land of Israel, much of it elevated ground only a short distance from the Mediterranean sea, he is apt to be amazed to realize how comparatively seldom the sea is mentioned in the Old Testament. Most of the action of the Old Testament takes place on land. A partial reason for this is the fact that the seacoast of the land of Israel is very straight with few good natural harbors. Jaffa and Haifa have been greatly improved in modern times, but they are quite in contrast with the coast of Phoenicia to the north where there is an abundance of good harbors and small islands to tempt the inhabitants out to maritime travel and adventure. The Israelites were a land people. Jonah went down