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We have a description of the coming out of Egypt, but it is used in connection with fleeing from Babylon. Is He here saying, "You can escape from Babylon, and God is going to give you this protection as you go through the desert on your way back to Palestine. Or is He saying, leave Babylon and remember what God has done for you in the past,

gaining ~~gleaning~~ therefrom the assurance that the God who took such wonderful care of your ancestors is going to take wonderful care of you. It seems to me that ~~probably that is probably~~ the interpretation; it is a promise for the future, but it is a promise not perhaps in the ~~extreme~~ ^{extremely} literal fashion - not that they're going to have to have Him break the rock and let the waters out for them on the way back, but that the God who did that will do whatever is needed for your welfare. Mr. Gregory, what is your - They probably thought of the desert, of the possibility of thirst, the possibility of having it very, very difficult to get sufficient nourishment on the way, but He is promising they will be taken care of, but not necessarily precisely the same way/ as before.

Mr. Mackie, you have

I doubt if salvation is included here; of course the whole picture of deliverance from physical exile is a wonderful picture of actual deliverance in the way of salvation.

But I doubt if the immediate reference is to that because the specific mention of going through the deserts and opening the rock and so on is what happened with the redemption of Israel from Egypt, is a physical situation. It is definitely an assurance of the way that God will be with ~~Israel~~, ~~but~~ Israel - what He has done for them and what He is going to do for them, and I gave ~~Egypt~~ for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for you; it is a picture of God's material blessing to Israel, but figuratively it represents ~~at the that~~ ?

the same God who does that for them is going to give similar blessings to all His people, and blessings in a spiritual way as well as material. But I doubt if that's the immediate application; the immediate application is spiritual. Mr. Gregory - ?

There is the thought that God has chosen them, but I think in the redeemed there is more than just that He has chosen them. There is the idea that if He had not chosen them they's be headed on toward destruction like all the nations are. And that He has given them the possibility ~~that~~ of continued existence and blessing through ~~His~~ having