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deliverance from the material results of sin and also from the cause of the material results? This next passage is simply a general passage of singing and rejoicing in the wonderful things God is doing and surely includes the whole process, the material deliverance and the deliverance from the cause of the material suffering, from the sin. V. 7-10 this beautiful description of praise to God for the wonderful work which He is doing and is going to do. Then in v. 11, the people are going to come forth from Babylon. God is delivering them. They can come forth and receive freedom. Depart ye. Go out from thence, touch ye no unclean thing; go ye out from the midst of her. Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord. Here, of course, by analogy all sorts of lessons can reasonably be drawn as to the purity and separation from uncleanness which the Lord desires on the part of those who are to bear His vessels.

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These lessons are lessons of analogy but the specific teaching here relates undoubtedly to the people who carry the vessels of the Lord as they leave Babylon to go back to Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile. They are to depart and go out; they who bear the vessels of the Lord. For you shall not go out with haste nor by flight. Wouldn't it be wonderful if they could get into the temple of and there some night could take out the vessels of the Lord, could get the holy things from Jerusalem that were taken by the Babylonians in the captivity and carry them off secretly and rush across the plain before it should be found that they had taken them, and get them back to Jerusalem? Wouldn't it be wonderful if a little group of them could organize a conspiracy in that way to win their freedom? No, he says, that is not the way it is to be done. You will not go with nor by flight, for the Lord will go before you. The Lord is sending Cyrus to open the way. The Lord will cause Cyrus to desire to set you free. The