

Reflection

“I will make your oppressors eat their own flesh and wine. Then all flesh shall know that I am the Lord your Saviour, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”

In this passage God depicts the return of exiles from all over the world, as described in verse 20-21, as a triumphant march in response to God's beckoning with the hand and the raising of his banner. It is in total contrast with the flight from Babylon of lovers of Babylon depicted in 48.20. The nations respond by bearing God's people in their hearts and on their shoulders, kings and queens evidence, care for them and nurture them. It is a picture of triumphant progress towards the firstly, that God's people are superior to all royalty except the don of David, and secondly, that all authority is subject to them and will take the greatest care of them. Then they will have learned that Yahweh is indeed the one who is, the Lord of history, and that those who wait in expectancy on him will never be put to shame.

The idea is, of course of the final triumph of the people of God and deliverance from all the hardship of the people, especially as mentioned in Luke 4:16-18.

Prayer

Dear God, lead us to participate in your manifestation of power so that we may be agents of true justice in your reign. Amen.