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• Chapter 12, an island of ultimate promise surrounded by a sea of judgment.

- God's <u>anger</u> is turned away.
- God becomes:
 - Comfort.
 - Strength and Song.
 - Salvation.
- We are to become His <u>praisers and proclaimers</u>, and a living <u>reminder</u> to all of the greatness of the Holy One of Israel.

"On that Day" proclamations or prophecies.

- Destruction and punishment 5:30, 7:17, 7:18-23, 17:9, 19:16, 22:12, 23:15, 24:21
- Chastening 17:4, 31:17
- Deliverance 10:20, 10:27, 11:10-11, 12:1, 17:7, 19:18-19, 25:9
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• The "Stand Outs"

- 17:4-7. The chastening of Jacob, or Israel, to the degree that he will ultimately return his eyes to the Holy One of Israel.
- 19:18-21. Egypt, the old adversary, will turn "its" allegiance to the God of Israel, and in their distress, God will send them a Savior and a champion.
- 19:23-25. Universal, or worldwide, redemption, and the reclamation of all people, even God's old adversaries, under God's blessing.

- 24:21-23. The punishment of the <u>Princes</u>, the hosts of heaven and the kings of the earth.
- 27:1. The punishment of the <u>Serpent</u>.
- 26:1-4. The "Righteous Nation" blessing.
 - The one that remains <u>faithful</u>.
 - The steadfast of mind.

• Lessons about the nature of God

• The one who claims the **Everlasting Rock**.

•	His Patience. 30:18
•	He knows his <u>enemies</u> . 24:21-23
•	He knows his <u>beloved</u> . 26:2-4
•	His perfect, or righteous, discipline. 26:9-10.

• A backdoor lesson about the nature of US.

- Chastening, or discipline, tends to <u>narrow our focus</u> in order that we should correctly see our moral failure.
- When the period of discipline has ended, we are <u>relieved</u>, and we begin to redevelop a sense of expectation and promise.
- When we experience favor and blessing for an extended period, we again become <u>self-reliant</u>, <u>self-righteous</u>, and ultimately <u>self-deifying</u>.

Reading between the lines: what subtle characteristic of human
behavior do we need to be on guard for?

•	How do we avoid it?		

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