

Biblical Notes — Isaiah 14:2

2 – The peoples will take them along and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them as an inheritance in the land of the LORD as male servants and female servants; and they will take their captors captive and will rule over their oppressors.

בְּעַל הָרִגְשָׁה שְׂאוּ-גַם הַגֵּימִי קוֹל לָהֶם הַגֵּיפּוּ יָד וְיָבֹאוּ פְתָתִי גְדִיכִים:

“One more significant feature of the final restoration of Israel is the help of the gentile nations. Isaiah prophesied that “nations will take them [the dispersed of Israel] and bring them to their own place” (14:2). According to Otto Kaiser, this text gives “an extravagant answer...to the question of how the return of the scattered Israelites is to take place: the peoples in whose midst they are forced to live will bring them back themselves into their ancestral home.” The dominant position of Israel over the nations, indicated in that same verse, rules out any possibility that full restoration lay in the return from Babylon under King Cyrus. Moreover, the previous context of the judgment on the whole world (13:9–13) provides the background and explanation for this reversal of relationships between Israel and the nations.”

—— Robert L. Saucy, *The Case for Progressive Dispensationalism: The Interface Between Dispensational and Non-Dispensational Theology* - eBook, (Zondervan Academic, 2010), 237.