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Is. 25:6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. [7] And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. [8] He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. [9] It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

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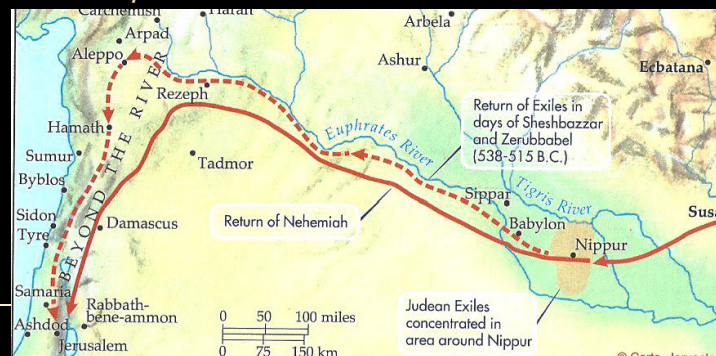
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Targum Translation:

“Yahweh of hosts will make for all the peoples in this mountain a meal. And although they supposed it is an honor, it will be a shame for them & great plagues, plagues from which they will be unable to escape, plagues whereby they will come to their end.”

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The Messianic Rule

“And then the Messiah of Israel shall come and the Chiefs of the clans of Israel shall sit before Him, each in the order of his dignity, according to his place in their camps and marches.”

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The question is...WHAT WILL HE DO WITH HIS ANGER?

- *He doesn't FORCE Himself on anyone - No one is forced to be at the party*
 - *He doesn't sit & feel sorry for Himself...He doesn't become a victim*
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Acts 7:54 “When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.”

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Invictus

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.
In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeoning of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.
Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find me, unafraid.
It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul

