

Chapter 2

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- (1) Furthermore the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,
- (2) Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; I remember you, the kindness of your youth, the love of your marriages, when you went after Me in the wilderness, in a land *that was* not sown.
- (3) Israel *was* holiness to the LORD {Jehovah}, *and* the first-fruits of His increase: all who devour him will offend {Him}; evil will come upon them, says the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (4) Hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel:
- (5) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, What sin has your fathers found in Me, that they have gone far from Me, and have walked after vanity, and have become vain?
- (6) Neither have they asked, Where is the LORD {Jehovah} Who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, Who led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man lived?
- (7) And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat its fruit and its goodness; but when you entered, you defiled My land, and made My heritage an abomination.
- (8) The priests did not ask, Where is the LORD {Jehovah}? and those who handle the law do not know Me: the pastors also sinned against Me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after *things that* do not profit.
- (9) Therefore I will yet plead with you, says the LORD {Jehovah}, and with your children's children I will plead.
- (10) Pass over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send to Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there is such a thing.

(11) Has a nation changed *their* gods, which *are* not really gods? but My people have changed their glory for *that which* does not profit.

(12) Be astonished, O heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be very desolate, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(13) Because My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me the fountain of living waters, *and* dug for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns, that cannot hold water.

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(14) *Is* Israel a servant? *is* he a home born *slave*? why is he spoiled?

(15) The young lions roared upon him, *and* yelled, and they made his land waste: his cities are burned without anyone living in them.

(16) Also the children of Noph and Tahapanes have broken the crown of your head.