

as Admah? How shall I make thee as Zeboim? My heart is turned within me; my compassions are kindled altogether. I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger; I will not return to destroy Ephraim. For I am God, and not man: the Holy One in the midst of thee, and I will not come in wrath." Here we feel the Divine heart-beat. It is in line with the strong assurance of Ezek.33:11. "Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, o house of Israel?" (Ezek.33:11). The 10th and 11th verses declare the eventual realization of this Divine desire. "They shall walk after Jehovah, who will roar like a lion. For he will roar, and the children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria. And I will make them to dwell in their houses, saith Jehovah" . "These verses contain gracious promises of the return of the Israelites to the true worship and service of God and their restoration to their own land from the different places in which they had been scattered" (Hend.) That "Jehovah will roar like a lion" means that He is thoroughly aroused and puts forth his majestic energy and power in favor of His people whom He now calls His "children", and who will follow Him with some trepidation, perchance, as they then gain knowledge of the awe-inspiring power of Jehovah. We do not know all the circumstances connected with Israel's final return to their land, but the text hints strongly that it will be in haste, even as birds that have escaped from their enemies and who hasten to their own safe places of abode.

Chapters 12 and 13 again contains complaints of Jehovah against His unreliable people, with warnings of disaster,

Chapter 14 begins with a call to repentance in which free grace