**CHAPTER** **6**

*God expostulates with the Jews for their ingratitude and sins: for which they shall be punished.*

**1** Hear ye what the Lord saith: Arise, contend thou in judgment against the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.

**2** Let the mountains hear the judgment of the Lord, and the strong foundations of the earth: for the Lord will enter into judgment with his people, and he will plead against Israel.

**3** O my people, what have I done to thee, or in what have I molested thee? answer thou me.

**4** For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and delivered thee out of the house of slaves: and I sent before thy face Moses, and Aaron, and Mary.

**5** O my people, remember, I pray thee, what Balach the king of Moab purposed: and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, from Setim to Galgal, that thou mightest know the justice of the Lord.

**6** What shall I offer to the Lord that is worthy? wherewith shall I kneel before the high God? shall I offer holocausts unto him, and calves of a year old?

**7** May the Lord be appeased with thousands of rams, or with many thousands of fat he goats? shall I give my firstborn for my wickedness, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

**8** I will shew thee, O man, what is good, and what the Lord requireth of thee: Verily, to do judgment, and to love mercy, and to walk solicitous with thy God.

**9** The voice of the Lord crieth to the city, and salvation shall be to them that fear thy name: hear, O ye tribes, and who shall approve it?

**10** As yet there is a fire in the house of the wicked, the treasures of iniquity, and a scant measure full of wrath.

**11** Shall I justify wicked balances, and the deceitful weights of the bag?

**12** By which her rich men were filled with iniquity, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and their tongue was deceitful in their mouth.

**13** And I therefore began to strike thee with desolation for thy sins.

**14** Thou shalt eat, but shalt not be filled: and thy humiliation shall be in the midst of thee: and thou shalt take hold, but shalt not save: and those whomthou shalt save, I will give up to the sword.

**15** Thou shalt sow, but shalt not reap: thou shalt tread the olives, but shalt not be anointed with the oil: and the new wine, but shalt not drink the wine.

**16** For thou hast kept the statutes of Amri, and all the works of the house of Achab: and thou hast walked according to their wills, that I should make thee a desolation, and the inhabitants thereof a hissing, and you shall bear the reproach of my people.