

calamities and sufferings ever since.

We have similar expressions used elsewhere in the Old Testament when the meaning was less than that experienced by the Jews at said time.

Amos. 2 : 9. "Yet destroyed I the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks ; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath." COMMENT. We know the reference here is to the subjugating or driving out of the land those who were not slain in battle. It is strongly figurative language. We do not expect they were tall as cedars or strong as oaks. These are figures.

"Shall burn them uproot and branch." What is meant by "root and branch ?" We presume it means toe and scalp of a nation. The body might be left ; how much more the soul which is not spoken of or referred to at all. Mal. 4 : 3. "And ye shall tread down the wicked ; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this saith the LORD of hosts " COMMENT. The rejecters of JESUS, in the person of the Jews, have been trampled upon ever since they forsook GOD. They were literally trampled upon at the destruction of Jerusalem. The place where their ashes laid and where the temple stood, in which so many were burnt alive, was plowed afterwards.