

were the occasion of their being visited with great calamities and of being frequently reduced to great distress. But whenever the eyes of the Israelites were opened by those evils which they suffered, so as to enable them to take a view of their true interest, they again became united, their efforts were properly directed, and they again became a great and powerful people. This is what the Prophet states in the words of the text. "The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

What happened to the Israelites of old, we have seen again taking place in these our days, upon the largest scale, which perhaps the world ever saw. As long as the different nations continued to consult their own ease and convenience, and perhaps also the gratification of envious feeling, in witnessing the humiliation and downfall of their neighbours; they each of them in its turn felt the oppressor's rod; and in their hour of degradation had sadly to lament that misery which had come upon them by their want of firm and magnanimous principles.

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