

Isaiah
Chapter 17

v. 10-- They will be desolate because they trusted in their own strength and go their own ways for their own pleasures--in directions not toward Him. (See Jeremiah 5:22)

v. 11-- When people turn from Him and go their own ways, they will seem to do alright for awhile, as their "plant grows", but when harvesttime comes they will harvest the things of Satan and not of God.

v. 12-- The world and the people of this world go on their way, ignoring the Lord and His calling.

v. 13-14-- As people go on in their world, The Lord is working among His people and when His power comes through His people, the full Body of Christ, these people will wake up to the power of God, but too late.

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v. 1-- The Hebrew word translated as "land" comes from the root word which means "firm". He is referring to those who are set in their ways, and covering their faces with their "wings"--not wanting to really listen to the Lord because He may want them to do what they don't want to do.

v. 2-- "peeled" comes from a word that means obstinate, independent, "Terrible" comes from "fearful". "Nation" means a foreign or Gentile nation, and "meted" in this case means "fastened together". He is speaking of the Gentiles who were lost, independent, unattached to God.

v. 3-- But God called the Gentiles to Him through Jesus.

v. 4-- This is an extremely beautiful verse!! His dwelling place is in us, and His Presence and Love are so refreshing! --As a "cloud of dew in the heat..."

v. 5-- When we are totally turned to Him and we're "ripening" in Him, He is molding our thoughts and personalities to be more like Him. He will cut away our imperfections as un-needed branches so we can bear more fruit. (John 15:1 tells us the Father is the husbandman).

v. 6-- The useless things in us are thrown out of our lives. These are the things of Satan and of this world and can go back to him--we will be left with the beautiful branches of Jesus Christ in our lives!