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    - See connection to this in verse 14 – very important!
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* The Hebrew word is Elohim
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* God has seen the abuse of the Israelites in their sufferings
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