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(16) Ephraim is stricken, their root is dried up, they will bear no fruit: yes, though they bring forth, yet I will kill *even* the beloved *fruit* of their womb.
 (17) My God will cast them away, because they did not listen to Him: and they will be wanderers among the nations.

Chapter 10

(1) Israel is an empty vine, he brings forth fruit to himself: according to the multitude of his fruit he has increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images.
 (2) Their heart is divided; now they will be found faulty: He will break down their altars, He will spoil their images.
 (3) Because now they will say, We have no king, because we did not fear {revere} the LORD {Jehovah}; what then should a king do to us?
 (4) They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant: therefore judgment springs up as hemlock in the furrows of the field.
 (5) Those who live in Samaria will fear because of the calves of Bethaven: because its people will mourn over it, and its priests *who* rejoiced on it, because its glory has departed from it.
 (6) It will be also carried to Assyria *for* a present to king Jareb: Ephraim will receive shame, and Israel will be ashamed of his own counsel.

(7) *As for* Samaria, her king is cut off as the foam upon the water.
 (8) The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, will be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle will come up on their altars; and they will say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.
 (9) O Israel, you have sinned from the days of Gibeah: there they stood: the battle in Gibeah against the children of evil deeds did not overtake them.
 (10) *It is* in My desire that I should punish them; and the people will be gathered against them, when they will bind themselves in their two furrows.
 (11) And Ephraim *is as* a heifer *that is* taught, *and* loves to tread out *the corn*; but I passed over upon her fair neck: I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah will plow, *and* Jacob will break his clods.
 (12) Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow {unsown} ground: because *it is* time to seek the LORD {Jehovah}, until He comes and rains righteousness upon you.
 (13) You have plowed wickedness, you have reaped evil; you have eaten the fruit of lies: because you trusted in your own way, in the multitude of your mighty men.
 (14) Therefore a storm will arise among your people, and all your fortresses will be spoiled, as Shalman spoiled Betharbel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces upon *her* children.

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(15) So Bethel will do to you because of your great wickedness: in a morning the king of Israel will be completely cut off.

Chapter 11

- (1) When Israel *was* a child, then I loved him, and called My son out of Egypt.^a
- (2) As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed to Baalim, and burned incense to graven images.
- (3) I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they did not know that I healed them.
- (4) I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love: and I was to them as those who take off the yoke on their jaws, and I gave to them food.
- (5) He will not return into the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian will be his king, because they refused to return.
- (6) And the sword will stay on his cities, and will consume his branches, and devour *them*, because of their own counsels.
- (7) And My people are bent to backsliding from Me: though they called them to the most High, no one at all would exalt *Him*.
- (8) How shall I give you up, Ephraim? *how* shall I deliver you, Israel? how shall I make you as Admah?^b *how* shall I set you as Zeboim?^c My heart has turned inside Me, My desire to change My judgments are kindled together.

- (9) I will not execute the fierceness of My anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: because I *am* God, and not man; the Holy One in your midst: and I will not enter into the city.
- (10) They will walk after the LORD {Jehovah}: He will roar like a lion: when He roars, then the children will tremble from the west.
- (11) They will tremble as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria: and I will place them in their houses, says the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (12) Ephraim encircles me with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah still rules with God, and is faithful with the saints.

Chapter 12

- (1) Ephraim feeds on wind, and follows after the east wind: he daily increases lies and desolation; and they make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt.
- (2) The LORD {Jehovah} has also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his deeds He will pay him.
- (3) He took his brother by the heel in the womb,^a and by his strength he had power with God:
- (4) Yes, he had power over the angel, and prevailed:^b he wept, and made requests to Him: he found Him *in* Bethel, and there He spoke with us;

11:1a – out of Egypt I called My Son – Mat. 2:15
11:8b - Admah - earthy - a place near the dead
11:8c - Zeboim - gazelles - a place in Palestine
12:3a – Gen. 25:26
12:4b – Gen. 32:24-30