

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.

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(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.

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

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