

Hosea 12

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12 Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind: he daily increaseth lies and desolation; and they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt. (They allow themselves to be deceived by Satan, and go into his captivity) (Last verse of Chapter 11 should have been in this chapter, before this verse) (Wind cannot feed people. The East wind came up off of the desert. It was all just a lot of hot air. It destroyed the crops through its dryness)

²The LORD hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him. (Jacob stands for all 12 tribes. Israel fell first, but Judah also fell later)

³He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with God: Malachi, Romans-11 (Jacob I loved, Esau I hated - because of their behavior in the First Age. Esau cared nothing about his heritage or about God. He only cared about himself)

⁴Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him in Bethel, and there he spake with us; Genesis-32:28 (God won, but changed Jacob's name to Israel. This honor is why it says Jacob prevailed)

⁵Even the LORD God of hosts; the LORD is his memorial.

⁶Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment and wait on thy God continually. (Do what's just and right, and be patient for Jesus' return)

⁷He is a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand: he loveth to oppress. (Instead, he steals from his customers with false scales. He believes that that's the way to be successful in business)

⁸And Ephraim said, Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance: in all my labours they shall find none iniquity in me that were sin. (Riches don't pardon sin. The ways of the world don't bring salvation. He is only fooling himself)

⁹And I that am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt will yet make thee to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feast. (Only with repentance)

¹⁰ I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets. (And yet, most people won't listen. They call it superstition and continue in their crooked ways of the world)

¹¹ Is there iniquity in Gilead? surely they are vanity: they sacrifice bullocks in Gilgal; yea, their altars are as heaps in the furrows of the fields. (They talk holiness, yet never obey the true Word of God. In Gilgal, they chose a man king <Saul> over God as the true King)

¹² And Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheep.

¹³ And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved. (This was Moses)

¹⁴ Ephraim provoked him to anger most bitterly: therefore shall he leave his blood upon him, and his reproach shall his LORD return unto him. (This was Jeroboam and his golden calves worship. That led Israel into idolatry, from which they never recovered)