

Hosea 13

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13 When Ephraim spake trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died. (Trembling- spoke with authority <the Word of God> he did right by God; but Baal worship doomed him)

² And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let the men that sacrifice kiss the calves. (Traditions of men <Jeroboam's calves>, instead of God's truth. Today – Easter, rapture doctrine, etc...)

³ Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud and as the early dew that passeth away, as the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney. (The morning cloud and early dew all dry up and disappear in the heat of the day. They all go into nothingness, as if they never existed)

⁴ Yet I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no saviour beside me. (Only God can save us)

⁵ I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought. (HE preserved Israel for 40 years in the wilderness. HE can preserve us now in the time of spiritual drought <hearing the true Word of God>. All churches teach today are the traditions of men)

⁶ According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me. (Fickle people. They take God's gifts, then turn their backs to Him)

⁷ Therefore I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard by the way will I observe them: (Don't want God's help; then HE won't give it)

⁸ I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: the wild beast shall tear them. (Insulting God brings judgment and chastening. If God takes away His protection, the world will eat you up)

⁹ O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help. (If they repent)

¹⁰ I will be thy king: where is any other that may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes? (They chose men kings over God. Men are easily bribed and perverted. Only God can judge righteously and not turn aside)

¹¹ I gave thee a king in mine anger, and took him away in my wrath. (Man kings led Israel to ruin. They chose a man king over God, and paid for it dearly)

¹² The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is hid. (They think God doesn't see what they're doing. HE does)

¹³ The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him: he is an unwise son; for he should not stay long in the place of the breaking forth of children. (The sorrows of the end times will come faster and faster as labor pains of a woman having a child. This will result in the birth of a new age)

¹⁴ I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes. (Satan's name is death; spiritual death. God will redeem the people upon their repentance and set things right again. This will be the Millennium period)

¹⁵ Though he be fruitful among his brethren, an east wind shall come, the wind of the LORD shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: he shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant vessels. (But, today, because of their idolatry and turning away from God, the world will eat their gains and leave them empty)

¹⁶ Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up. (Antichrist will turn Israel into a spiritual wilderness through his deception. The people will buy into his doctrine, hook, line and sinker)