### Hosea

## Chapter 10

1‘‘<span class="placename">IsraEl‘<span class="placename">IsraEl</span> was a vine with many good branches,  
 And her fruit was [once] straight and true.  
 But the more of her fruit [I provided],  
 The more they built altars to others.  
 And the more prosperity [I brought to] the land,  
 The more they built [shrines to other gods].  
  
 2‘Yes they gave their hearts to such things,  
 So now, they’ll be wiped away.  
 For I’ll cut their altars down to the ground  
 And empty out all of their shrines.  
  
 3‘They say:  
  
 ‘We don’t have a king anymore…  
 Someone we feared [more than God];  
 For, what was Jehovah able to do?’  
  
 4‘So they give excuses and lie;  
 But because I had an agreement with them,  
 My judgments will soon rise against them  
 Like weeds in an untended field.  
  
 5‘To the calf in the [temple] at ‘To the calf in the [temple] at <span class="placename">BethEl‘To the calf in the [temple] at <span class="placename">BethEl</span>  
 The people of Samaria now go.  
 And there, My people have wailed…  
 Which has embittered My soul.  
 For when they should have rejoiced in My glory,  
 They chose to move far away.  
  
 6‘So ‘So <span class="placename">Assyrians‘So <span class="placename">Assyrians</span> will chain them and lead them away  
 As gifts and tributes to their king.  
 And then it’ll be by His decree  
 That That <span class="placename">EphraimThat <span class="placename">Ephraim</span> and That <span class="placename">Ephraim</span> and <span class="placename">IsraElThat <span class="placename">Ephraim</span> and <span class="placename">IsraEl</span> will be shamed.  
  
 7‘‘<span class="placename">Samaria‘<span class="placename">Samaria</span> threw away her [true] King,  
 As though throwing a stick across water.  
 8So the shrines at So the shrines at <span class="placename">BethElSo the shrines at <span class="placename">BethEl</span> (IsraEl’s sin)  
 Will soon be lifted away.  
  
 ‘Then upon all of their altars  
 Thorns and thistles will grow.  
 So, they’ll say to the mountains:  
  
 ‘Come and cover us over!’  
  
 ‘And they’ll say to the hills:  
  
 ‘Fall upon us!’  
  
 9‘But for as long as the hills have existed,  
 <span class="placename">IsraEl<span class="placename">IsraEl</span> has stood in her sins.  
 So no way will her hills [then come to her aid]  
 When war arrives on her unrighteous young  
 10To correct them and bind them together…  
 For, it’ll take [war] to straighten their ways.  
  
 11‘‘<span class="placename">Ephraim‘<span class="placename">Ephraim</span> is [like] a heifer who’s learned to love fights;  
 But, I’ll [grab hold] of her neck  
 And lead And lead <span class="placename">EphraimAnd lead <span class="placename">Ephraim</span> off as [a captive].  
 I [will also force] I [will also force] <span class="placename">JudahI [will also force] <span class="placename">Judah</span> [to plow],  
 And Jacob [to break the hard ground].’  
  
 12‘So, you should sow what’s righteous,  
 And gather the vintage of life!  
 On yourselves, you should shine light of knowledge,  
 And keep on seeking Jehovah  
 Until your [hearts] become righteous!  
  
 13‘Why prefer to overlook the bad things you do  
 And gather the vintage [wine] of the unrighteous?  
 For you’re eating fruit that’s false,  
 And in [war] chariots, you’re putting your faith…  
 You’re trusting in your own power.  
 14But destruction will come to your people,  
 And all your walled [cities] will fall!  
  
 ‘O house of ‘O house of <span class="placename">IsraEl‘O house of <span class="placename">IsraEl</span>,  
  
 ‘As ShalMan once treated the house of JeroBoam  
 In the day of their war,  
 And dashed the mothers on top of their young…  
 15That’s how I’ll treat you for your wicked ways!’