### Hosea

## Chapter 12

1‘Like an evil wind, ‘Like an evil wind, <span class="placename">Ephraim‘Like an evil wind, <span class="placename">Ephraim</span>’s become…  
 One who pursues burning winds all day long  
 And does many things that are empty and vain.  
 With With <span class="placename">Assyria With <span class="placename">Assyria</span>, he’s made treaties of peace,  
 And he’s traded olive oil down in Egypt.  
  
 2‘And Jehovah has a case against ‘And Jehovah has a case against <span class="placename">Judah‘And Jehovah has a case against <span class="placename">Judah</span>,  
 So He’ll punish Jacob according to his ways,  
 Then pay him back for the bad things he’s done.  
  
 3‘For, while he was still in the womb,  
 He caught the heel of his brother  
 And grew in strength with his God.  
 4With an angel, he wrestled and won;  
 Then he wept and begged [for a blessing].’  
  
 [‘And God said:]  
  
 ‘So, there in [‘So, there in [<span class="placename">BethEl‘So, there in [<span class="placename">BethEl</span>], he found Me.  
 5And it was also there where I said  
 From now on, I must be remembered  
 As Jehovah, the Almighty.’  
  
 6‘So, you should return to your God…  
 Show mercy and learn to be fair…  
 Yes, always [stay close] to Jehovah!  
  
 [‘Yet God says:]  
  
 7‘Yet, in [your land], you have unrighteous scales,  
 And you love to tyrannize others.  
 8So, Ephraim is saying:  
  
 ‘I’ve become rich,  
 And I’ve found many ways to relax.’  
  
 ‘But he’ll never see the fruits of his work,  
 Because of the evil he’s doing.  
  
 9‘I am Jehovah, your God…  
 I’m the One who led you from Egypt.  
 And I’ll settle you in your tents once again  
 As I did in the days of My holiday feasts.  
  
 10‘Once more, I’ll speak by My Prophets,  
 And many visions, I’ll send them;  
 For it’s through the hands of the Prophets  
 That I’m being described.’  
  
11[And Hosea says:]  
  
 ‘ ‘<span class="placename">GilGal ‘<span class="placename">GilGal</span> no longer exists  
 Because their kings offered things that were false.  
 So their altars are heaps of turtle manure…  
 The type that’s found in unplanted fields.  
  
 12‘To the plains of ‘To the plains of <span class="placename">Syria‘To the plains of <span class="placename">Syria</span>, Jacob had gone,  
 As IsraEl’s servant searched for a wife;  
 Then, for a woman, he watched over sheep.  
  
 13‘And it was by [JoSeph], a Prophet of God,  
 That IsraEl was led down to That IsraEl was led down to <span class="placename">Egypt That IsraEl was led down to <span class="placename">Egypt</span>.  
 Then, by that very same Prophet,  
 IsraEl’s people were saved.  
  
 14‘But now that ‘But now that <span class="placename">Ephraim‘But now that <span class="placename">Ephraim</span>’s provoked [God] to rage;  
 His blood will be poured out upon him…  
 For Jehovah will pay him back for his scorn.’