### Hosea

## Chapter 13

1‘According to what Ephraim said;  
 IsraEl’s righteous laws came from Him…  
 Then he turned to a BaAl and he died.  
  
 2‘Yet, they’ve continued to sin,  
 And cast images of idols with their silver,  
 Which are thereafter finished by craftsmen  
 Who say:  
  
 ‘Now we must sacrifice men,  
 Because there aren’t enough calves anymore!’  
  
 3‘So, they’re like morning fog,  
 Which like the dew, fades away…  
 As chaff on the floors, they’ll just blow away,  
 And like tears, they’ll dry.  
  
 4‘[God says:]  
  
 ‘I am Jehovah your God…  
 I’m the One who led you from Egypt,  
 And no other God, should you know,  
 For there are no saviors other than Me!  
  
 5‘I shepherded you in the desert,  
 And in barren lands, made pastures for you.  
 6But then, your hearts became haughty,  
 And because of this, you forgot Me.  
  
 7‘So I’ll be like a panther or a leopard to you…  
 Like the ways of the Like the ways of the <span class="placename">AssyrianLike the ways of the <span class="placename">Assyrian</span> people.  
 8Then like an angry bear, I’ll attack you!  
 Yes, I’ll rip you to pieces,  
 Then feed you to my cubs in the woods…  
 Wild beasts of the fields will rip you apart!’  
  
 9‘O IsraEl,  
  
 ‘Because you’re now so corrupt,  
 Who will come to your aid?  
  
 10‘And what has happened to your king…  
 Why isn’t he saving your cities…  
 Why doesn’t he come and serve as your judge?  
  
 ‘A long time ago you had asked Me  
 To give you a king as your ruler!  
 11So I gave you a king in My anger,  
 And My rage was then satisfied.  
  
 12‘But from ‘But from <span class="placename">Ephraim‘But from <span class="placename">Ephraim</span>, then came much injustice,  
 And he tried to cover his sins.  
 13So the pangs of birth are now coming to him.  
 And even his smartest of sons  
 Won’t stop the destruction of his young.  
  
 14‘Will I save them from the hands of the grave?  
 Will I [pay] their ransom from death?  
 Where is your punishment, O death,  
 And where is your sting, O place of the dead?  
 For, consoling them is far from My eyes!  
  
 15‘This is why I’ll separate brothers  
 And send burning winds from the desert to them,  
 Which will dry up their veins  
 And wipe away all their springs…  
 Their land and good things will wither and dry.  
  
 16‘‘<span class="placename">Samaria‘<span class="placename">Samaria</span> will be wiped away  
 Because she resisted her God.  
 So her people will fall by the sword…  
 Then those by her breasts will be dashed [to the ground]  
 And those in the womb will be shredded!’