

Hosea 12    **God Chronicles the Past**

2/12/2020

- I.    The Condemnation of Ephraim    v 1
- II.   The Controversy with Judah        v 2
- III.  The Chronicles of Jacob            v 2 - 3

In this chapter :

God continues to cite the sinful behavior of the Northern kingdom (Ephraim). He notes their *desolation* (v 1), *deceit* (v 7), and multiple denials (v 8 -11).

Next, a warning is given to Judah, the Southern kingdom (v 2).

Finally, the Lord reminds them of their heritage through their forefather Jacob and how he obtained *power with God* (v 3).

### I. The Condemnation of Ephraim v 1, 7-11, 14

v 1 *east wind* Gen 41:6 Exo 10:13 Job 15:2  
 note: *north wind* Pr 25:23 & Song 4:16 ~ John 3:8

v 7 *merchants, deceit, oppress* Pro 11:1, 20:23

v 8 They deny their shady business practices.

v 9 They have denied their God, who will bring them back into the wilderness.

v 10 They have denied God's *prophets* - both their writings and their preaching.  
*visions* - Numbers 12:6

*similitudes* - a comparison, likeness, resemblance ~ *parables* Matt 13:10-17

~ *simile* - figures of speech using 'like' or 'as' to make a comparison (*crazy like a fox*)

v 11 They deny the *iniquity* of the *altars* to their idols.

v 14 The result of their evil ways will be death and destruction.

### II. The Controversy with Judah v 2

Sadly, Judah is following Ephraim's bad example.    read - Ezekiel 23

### III. The Chronicles of Jacob v 2-5, 13-14

Ephraim had a *goodly heritage* (Ps 16:6) from their forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God reminds them that Jacob's night of prayer - Genesis 32:24-32, followed *Bethel*, Genesis 28:10-22

note: v 4 ...*there he* (Jacob) *spake with us* = the answer to Genesis 1:26

ref: *Analytical Bible Expositor*, vol 9, John G. Butler, 2013, LBC Publ.

**Hosea : Outline** (by Dr. Wiersbe)

- I. Israel's Unfaithfulness Pictured ch 1 - 3**
  - ch 1 The Marriage
  - ch 2 The Mess and the Message
  - ch 3 God's Redemptive Love
  
- II. Israel's Sins Proclaimed ch 4 - 7**
  - ch 4 The Great Controversy
  - ch 5 The Lord's Rebuke
  - ch 6 Come & Return unto the Lord
  - ch 7 Israel is like a silly dove
  
- III. Israel's Judgment Pronounced ch 8 - 10**
  - ch 8 Reaping the Whirlwind
  - ch 9 In the catalog of sin, the costs are high !
  - ch 10 Empty Vines are Cut Off
  
- IV. Israel's Restoration Promised ch 11 - 14**
  - ch 11 God Never Gives Up (on His children)
  - ch 12 God Chronicles the Past
  - ch 13 God will Ransom His People
  - ch 14 God will Heal His People

references:

1. *Concise Survey of the Bible*, G. Campbell Morgan, 1993, AMG Publ.
2. *Willmington's Guide to the Bible*, Dr. H.L. Willmington, 1981, Tyndale Publ.
3. *Thru The Bible*, Volume 3, Dr. J. Vernon McGee, 1982, Thomas Nelson Publ.
4. *The MacArthur Bible Commentary*, John MacArthur, 2005, Thomas Nelson Publ.
5. *Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the Old Testament*, 1993, Victor Books
6. *Analytical Bible Expositor*, vol 9, John G. Butler, 2013, LBC Publ.