



**Pamagat:** Israel’s Past, Present Danger, and Future Hope

**Hosea 12:1-14** “Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind: he daily increaseth lies and desolation; and they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt. 2 The LORD hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him. 3 He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with God: 4 Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him in Bethel, and there he spake with us; 5 Even the LORD God of hosts; the LORD is his memorial. 6 Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually.

7 He is a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand: he loveth to oppress. 8 And Ephraim said, Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance: in all my labours they shall find none iniquity in me that were sin. 9 And I that am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt will yet make thee to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feast. 10 I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets. 11 Is there iniquity in Gilead? surely they are vanity: they sacrifice bullocks in Gilgal; yea, their altars are as heaps in the furrows of the fields. 12 And Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheep. 13 And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved. 14 Ephraim provoked him to anger most bitterly: therefore shall he leave his blood upon him, and his reproach shall his Lord return unto him.”

**Panimula:**

As the LORD will chasten Ephraim which made alliances with Egypt and Assyria (v.1 - to feed upon the wind and follow after the east wind – worthless. To trust in man is the same). Her deceitfulness evinced the forefather Jacob, the heel-catcher (12:2-6; Gen. 25:26ff) – (supplanter, cheater, deceiver). Israel’s pride provoked God to anger (12:7-14).

The ten-tribe nation of Israel and the two-tribe nation of Judah had a common heritage, for they both descended from Jacob. Hosea addressed his message to Judah (the southern kingdom) (in 12:2-6) and Israel (the northern kingdom) (in 12:7-14) and draws from the story of Jacob.

**I. A Message to Judah (12:2-6)**

- A. Jacob’s birth (v.3a) – Gen. 25:21-26
- B. Jacob’s blessing (v.3b) – power with God = a prince or behaved himself princely. (v.4) – Gen. 32:24-28.
- C. Jacob’s Bethel – (v.4b) – Jacob learned in Bethel that there was a way back to God from the dark path of sin.
- D. Hosea was warning Judah not to follow the path of Israel (v.2, v.6)

**II. A Message to Israel (12:7-14)**

- A. Jacob was “Jacobed” (v.7) – in Padan-aram by his Uncle Laban. – their was deceitfulness on both sides.
- B. Jacob’s Wife Rachel – (v.12) – In spite of all Jacob’s craftiness, one thing he truly loved was Rachel.
- C. Jacob was deceitful (just as Israel was deceitful to Jehovah).
- D. God was faithful to Jacob, and to Israel.
- E. God faithfulness and love does not preclude his justice (v.14) – his blood upon him – Israel was guilty of sacrificing humans and babies – (bloodguiltiness – the shedding innocent blood).

**Katapusan:**

- 1. Sin does not just break God’s law it also breaks His heart.
- 2. A call to the unconverted (v.6) – turn thou to God and a theological basis for mercy (v.9).
- 3. A certainty of chastisement (v.14).