

Hosea 12

The LORD's Dwelling Place

1. 11:9-12:1 – I Am God, I Will Place

- a. Hos 11:9-11 - The LORD returns to regather them to their houses, and dwell with them.
 - i. Isaiah 11:10 + 12 - Son of David comes, remnant returns, Holy One in the city.
 - ii. Eze 37:21-28 - King comes, Israel returns to the land, God dwells in Israel
 - iii. Rev 1 The Almighty, (2-3) letters to remnant, (21:3) God dwells in the city
- b. 11:10 - When He roars from the East, the children return from the West.
- c. 11:11 - *"I will place them in their houses"* – a) when he returns, b) houses in the land.
- d. 11:12 - Ephraim sows lies and deceit into the wind (12:1), but there is a remnant/hope.

2. 12:1-6 – Jacob's Dwelling Place

- a. 12:1 - *"feedeth on wind"* – carried about with every wind (Eph 4:14), sow/reap Hos 8:7
 - i. *"they do make a covenant..."* - step forward from previous warnings
 - ii. *"oil is carried unto Egypt"* - oil from olive trees is a chief product (faith/light)
- b. 2 - Judah is in trouble, too. Jacob (supplanter) will be punished. Eze 33:17-20, 36:17-19
 - i. *"according to his ways..."* The ways of God and the ways of Jacob (His elect).
 - ii. Jacob was father of no Gentile; Jacob another name of Israel (Ge 32:28, Ro 9:10)
- c. 3 - *"he took his brother..."* - His promised birth – Gen 25:21-26, Rom 9:10-13
 - i. *"by his strength power... prevailed"* Israel called out of trouble Ge 32:25-28, 30
- d. 4 - *"he wept..."* He sought grace Gen 32:5, he feared and called on God 32:9-12
- e. 5 - *"Bethel, and there he spake with us"* = House of God – Gen 28:16-19, 20-21
 - i. *"The LORD is his memorial"* - Gen 35:6-7, 9-15, Exo 3:14-15
- f. 6 - *"turn thou to thy God...and wait"* Mic 6:8, Mt 24:13, Heb 3:14, 6:11-12, 10:36-37

3. 12:7-9 – The God of Israel

- a. Jacob is another name for Israel, the LORD reminds of their father and His promise
- b. 7 - *"He is a merchant"* – that trades truth for wealth. Ephraim a picture of the devil, here
 - i. Jacob deceived his father for the blessing, though God already promised.
- c. 8 - *"I am become rich... none iniquity"* – Their wealth deceives them.
 - i. Jacob became wealthy when dealing with crooked Laban, but what of his sin?
- d. 9 - *"I ... will yet make thee to dwell in tabernacles"* – God sent Jacob back, he will send Israel back to the wilderness as wanderers (9:17), and will bring them back from there.
 - i. Hos 5:15 – God leaves to his place, 9:3 They will not dwell in the land,
 - ii. Hos 12:19 God makes them dwell in tabernacles, 11:11 then in houses, again.

4. 12:10-14 – Israel Brought Back by a Prophet

- a. 10 - *"I have also spoken by the prophets"* – early, sundry, and divers manners Heb 1:1
 - i. *"also"* – because he made a promise to their fathers, and by the prophets
 - ii. *"multiplied visions... similitudes"* – Israel as sticks, trees, heifers, sheep, wives.
- b. 11 - *"is there iniquity in Gilead? Surely..."* - This has been proven before. Jacob sinned.
- c. 12 - *"Jacob fled into the country..."* – due to his sin, worked in another country (7yrs)
- d. 13 - *"by a prophet the LORD brought"* Israel returned to the land of promise by Moses
 - i. This prophet like unto Moses in Deu 18:18-20 and Acts 3:22-23 is Jesus Christ.
- e. 14 - God will punish according to his ways with Jacob = for a time – Rom 11:25,28
 - i. If they do not turn to the Lord, the wrath of God abides – John 3:36