

Hosea 11:12-12:14

1. In the Hebrew 11:12 goes with 12:1
2. 11:12 is YHWH finishing his speech against Israel's false realities.
3. 12:1-2 Hosea begins by responding to YHWH's previous words. Hosea accuses both Northern Israel and Judah of violating YHWH's covenant
 - a. 12:2 completes the accusation
 - b. 12:2 also introduces Hosea's comparison of current Israel to Jacob
4. 12:3-8 Hosea compares current Israel to the biblical account of Jacob's life
 - a. This is just like YHWH had compared current Israel to the Exodus generation
 - b. 12:6-8 are a response to 12:2-5 accusations
5. 12:9-11 – YHWH resumes speaking. YHWH focuses on his self-revelation to Israel and their lack of excuse for not knowing what to do.
 - a. 12:9 YHWH revealed himself at the Exodus and in the wilderness
 - b. Then, in 12:10 YHWH turns to the prophets that have spoken (and, are speaking) to Israel in order to reveal YHWH's thoughts and will.
 - c. 12:11 is a puzzling, mysterious riddle (meant to reflect the sayings similar to the words of the prophets referred to in 12:10).
6. 12:12-14 Hosea speaks. He expands on the very words YHWH spoke in 12:9-11:
 - a. Compare: 12:9 Exodus fled to wilderness and tents with 12:12 Jacob fled to Aram to work for wife
 - b. Compare: 12:10 role of the prophets with 12:13 a prophet led the Exodus and guarded the people
 - c. Compare 12:11 a riddle concerning religious locations, sacrifices and altars with 12:14 Israel is left responsible for their sins since all they offered was provocation (their worship provoked YHWH instead of providing propitiation for their sins).

Hosea 11:12 – **“Ephraim has surrounded me with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit, but Judah still walks with God and is faithful to the Holy One.”**

5750 [e]	3063 [e]	3478 [e]	1004 [e]	4820 [e]	669 [e]	3585 [e]	5437 [e]
'ōḏ	wī·hū·ḏāh,	yis·rā·'ēl;	bēt	ū·ḥə·mir·māh	'ēp·ra·yim,	ḅə·ka·ḥaš	sə·bā·bu·nī
עֹד	וַיְהוּדָה	יִשְׂרָאֵל	בַּיִת	וּבְמִרְמָה	אֶפְרַיִם	בְּלִחַשׁ	סָבְבֵנִי 12
still	but Judah	of Israel	the house	and with deceit	Ephraim	with lies	Has encircled Me
Adv	Conj-w N-proper-ms	N-proper-ms	N-msc	Conj-w, Prep-b N-fs	N-proper-ms	Prep-b N-ms	V-Qal-Perf-3cp 1cs

539 [e]	6918 [e]	5973 [e]	410 [e]	5973 [e]	7300 [e]
ne·'ē·mān.	qə·ḏō·wō·šim	wə·'im-	'ēl,	'im-	rād
נֶאֱמָן:	קְדוֹשִׁים	וְעִם-	אֵל	עִם-	רָד
[who is] faithful	the Holy one	and Even with	God	with	walks
V-Nifal-Prtcpl-ms	Adj-mp	Conj-w Prep	N-ms	Prep	V-Qal-Perf-3ms

1. Israel's last king Hoshea would be taken captive by Assyria in 725 BC and Shalmaneser V invaded and laid siege on Samaria that same year. Samaria would fall to Sargon II in 722 BC.

2. The days of Hosea (760-710 BC) were some of Judah's better days of obedience as king Hezekiah (715-686 BC) was led by the prophet Isaiah (740-681 BC).
3. Israel has surrounded YHWH worship with "lies" or false realities and deceptive ideologies.
4. But, some translations are critical of Judah saying that Judah still walks with deity, which is el in Hebrew, the name of the high god in Canaanite worship (El is over Baal). Notice, if Judah was be faithful to YHWH, it would seem better to say Judah is still walking with YHWH, the covenant name of their God instead of saying "El".
5. Likewise, "the Holy One" may not be YHWH here, but the holy gods of Baal worship, which is all the local Baals.
6. Some translations:
 - a. NIV – "Ephraim has surrounded me with lies, Israel with deceit. And Judah is unruly against God, even against the faithful Holy One."
 - b. NLT – "Israel surrounds me with lies and deceit, but Judah still obeys God and is faithful to the Holy One."
 - c. NASB – "Ephraim surrounds Me with lies And the house of Israel with deceit; Judah is also unruly against God, Even against the Holy One who is faithful."
 - d. KJ – " Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the saints."
 - e. Contemporary English Version – "Israel is deceitful to me, their loyal and holy God; they surround me with lies, and Judah worships other gods."
 - f. Darby – "Ephraim encompasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit; but Judah yet walketh with God, and with the holy things of truth."
 - g. Orthodox Jewish Bible – "Ephrayim compasseth Me about with kachash (lies), and Bais Yisroel with mirmar (deceit; but Yehudah still is unruly against El, and against Kadoshim (Holy One))"
 - h. Christian Standard Bible – "Ephraim surrounds me with lies, the house of Israel, with deceit. Judah still wanders with God and is faithful to the holy ones."

Hosea 12:1 – **"Ephraim feeds on the wind and pursues the east wind all day long; they multiply falsehood and violence; they make a covenant with Assyria, and oil is carried to Egypt."**

7701 [e]	3577 [e]	3117 [e]	3605 [e]		6921 [e]	7291 [e]	7307 [e]	7462 [e]	669 [e]	
wā-šōq	kā-zāb	hay-yō-wm	kāl-		qā-dîm,	wə-rō-dêp	rū-ah	rō-'eh	'ep-ra-yim	
—	וְשׂוֹד	כָּזָב	הַיּוֹם	כָּל־	—	קְדִים	וְרִדְף	וְרִיחַ	רֵעָה	אֶפְרַיִם 1
	and desolation	lies	daily	all	the east [wind]	and pursues	on the wind	feeds	Ephraim	
	Conj-w N-ms	N-ms	Art N-ms	N-msc	N-ms	Conj-w V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	N-cs	V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	N-proper-ms	
		2986 [e]	4714 [e]	8081 [e]	3772 [e]	804 [e]	5973 [e]	1285 [e]	7235 [e]	
		yū-bāl.	le-miṣ-ra-yim	wə-še-men	yik-rō-tū,	'aš-šūr	'im-	ū-bə-rūt	yar-beh;	
		יֹבֵל:	לְמִצְרַיִם	וְשֶׁמֶן	יַכְרֹתוּ	אֲשׁוּר	עִם-	וּבְרִית	יִרְבֶּה	
		is carried	to Egypt	and oil	they make	Assyria	with	and a covenant	He increases	
		V-Hofal-Imperf-3ms	Prep-I N-proper-fs	Conj-w N-ms	V-Qal-Imperf-3mp	N-proper-fs	Prep	Conj-w N-fs	V-Hifil-Imperf-3ms	

1. "wind"
 - a. Refers to false philosophies and alternative realities created and embraced by Israel. This "wind" was sown as a seed into their culture, media and schools to grow into a whirlwind:
 "For they sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. The standing grain has no heads; it shall yield no flour; if it were to yield, strangers would devour it." – Hosea 8:7
 - b. Wind could refer to the character trait of those false philosophies and alternative realities in that the wind is:
 - i. elusive (you cannot catch it)
 - ii. represents emptiness
 - iii. endless and unknown
2. "feeds" – **roeh** -
 - a. The Hebrew word means "feed on" when used of cattle grazing. So, cattle graze.
 - b. The Hebrew word means "shepherd" when used in reference to humans. So, humans shepherd the cattle.
 - c. When this is compared to the next line in the verse "and pursue the east wind all day long", this becomes clearer that Israel is trying to shepherd the wind and end up chasing it endlessly with no productivity.
3. "East wind" –
 - a. In Israel a west wind is a normal daily occurrence blowing in off the Mediterranean Sea, but an East wind is destructive called a sirocco.
 - b. James 1:11 uses "scorching wind" which is referring to the "east wind" or sirocco (from Arabic shark="east) which raises the temperature 15-20 degrees in a few hours. This is the destructive wind of the wilderness referred to in Job 1:19; Jer. 4:11; 13:24
 - c. Israel is trying to control something that is:
 - i. Impossible to control
 - ii. Elusive
 - iii. Destructive
 - d. Israel is playing with fire and will get burned.
4. The rest of the verse explains, again, what is going to be their destruction:
 - a. Their lack of integrity which leads to breaking covenants and lying
 - b. The fact they are trying to lie and deceive international powers greater than themselves: Assyria and Egypt.
 - c. This is almost the image of an adulterous wife (like Gomer; like Israel) trying to play both the wife and the adulterous.

Hosea 12:2 – “The Lord has an indictment against Judah and will punish Jacob according to his ways; he will repay him according to his deeds.

3290 [e]	5921 [e]	6485 [e]	3063 [e]	5973 [e]	3069 [e]	7379 [e]
ya·'ā·qōḇ	'al-	wə·līp·qōḏ	yə·hū·ḏāh;	'im-	Yah·weh	wə·rīḇ
יַעֲקֹב	עַל־	וְלִפְקֹד	יְהוּדָה	עַם־	יְהוָה	וְרִיב ²
Jacob	on	and will punish	Judah	against	Yahweh [brings]	And a charge
N-proper-ms	Prep	Conj-w, Prep-I V-Qal-Inf	N-proper-ms	Prep	Prep-I N-proper-ms	Conj-w N-ms

	7725 [e]	4611 [e]	1870 [e]
	lōw.	yā·šīḇ	kə·ma·'ā·lā·lāw
.	לֹוְ	יָשִׁיב	כַּמַּעֲלָיו
	him	He will recompense	According to his deeds
Prep 3ms	V-Hifil-Imperf-3ms	Prep-k N-mpc 3ms	Prep-k N-cpc 3ms

1. Hosea began to speak in 12:1-2 and continues to speak through 12:3-8.
2. “Jacob” likely refers to all of Israel – Northern Israel and Judah
3. Jacob was the ancestor of the 12 tribes in both Northern Israel and southern Judah.
4. These two nations are going to be held accountable for their sins.
5. The next two verses 12:3-4 recall historical events in Jacob’s life:
 - a. Genesis 25:26 - At birth he struggled with man (Esau)
 - b. In life he struggled with God:
 - i. Genesis 32:25-29 - the angel at the Jabbok River on the way back from Aram
 - ii. Genesis 35:1-15 – after Jacob had returned to the Promised Land God called him to worship at Bethel and fulfill his vow he had made in Genesis 28:10-22 (There Jacob had meet God at Bethel on the way to Aram.)

Hosea 12:3 – “In the womb he took his brother by the heel, and in his manhood he strove with God.”

430 [e]	854 [e]	8280 [e]	202 [e]	251 [e]	853 [e]	6117 [e]	990 [e]
'ē·lō·hīm.	'et-	śā·rāh	ū·ḇə·'ō·w·nōw	'ā·hīw;	'et-	'ā·qab	bab·be·ṭen
אֱלֹהִים:	אֶת־	שָׂרָה	וּבְאוֹנוֹ	אָחִיו	אֶת־	עָקַב	בְּבֶטֶן ³
God	with	he struggled	and in his strength	his brother	-	He took by the heel	In the womb
N-mp	Prep	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Conj-w, Prep-b N-msc 3ms	N-msc 3ms	DirObjM	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Prep-b, Art N-fs

1. Jacob’s struggle to receive the blessing began in the womb.
 - a. God’s will was that the younger would be blessed (Genesis 25:22-26)
 - b. Jacob legally attained from Esau (Genesis 25:29-34)
 - c. Jacob deceives Isaac for the blessing (Genesis 27)
2. Jacob wrestled with the angel (angel of the Lord, God) and demanded a blessing and his name was changed (Genesis 32)

Hosea 12: 4 – “**He strove with the angel and prevailed; he wept and sought his favor. He met God at Bethel, and there God spoke with us—**“

2603 [e]	1058 [e]	3201 [e]	4397 [e]	413 [e]	7786 [e]
way-yiṭṭan-nen-	bā-kāh	way-yu-kāl,	mal'āk	'el-	wāy-yā-śar
וַיִּתְחַנֵּן	בָּכָה	וַיִּכָּל	מַלְאָךְ	אֶל-	וַיִּשָׂר 4
and sought favor	He wept	and prevailed	the Angel	with	And Yes he struggled
Conj-w V-Hitpael-ConseclImperf-3ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms	N-ms	Prep	Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms

5973 [e]	1696 [e]	8033 [e]	4672 [e]	1008 [e]		
'im-mā-nū.	ye-dab-bêr	wə-šām	yim-šā'en-nū,	'êl	bêt-	lōw;
עִמָּנוּ:	יְדַבֵּר	וְשָׁם	יִמְצְאֵנוּ	אֵל	בֵּית-	לוֹ
to us	He spoke	and there	He found Him	Bethel	[in]	from Him
Prep 1cp	V-Piel-Imperf-3ms	Conj-w Adv	V-Qal-Imperf-3ms 3mse	N-proper-fs	Prep	Prep 3ms

1. Hosea provides more details and insight into Jacob’s struggle with God
2. This example is either negative or positive:
 - a. Negative: Current Israel is difficult and stubborn forcing their own will. They will be punished.
 - b. Positive: Current Israel is NOT seeking the blessing and birthright of the Abrahmic Covenant like Jacob was. It was God’s will to bless Israel. Jacob pursued that blessing from the womb and throughout his life. Current Israel is not interested in pursuing YHWH or his blessing. They will be punished.
3. At the Jabbok River Jacob could not be overcome by the angel (God) because Jacob desired the blessing so intensely. In fact, Jacob even wept and begged for the blessing.
4. Then, Jacob returned to Bethel after 20 years (Genesis 31:38) and fulfilled his vow at Bethel that he had previously made at Bethel.
 - a. Jacob makes a vow at Bethel on the way to Paddan-Aram – Genesis 28:20-22
 - b. Jacob fulfills his vow at Bethel after more than 20 years and the Lord blesses him in Genesis 35 at Bethel:

“After Jacob returned from Paddan Aram, God appeared to him again and blessed him. God said to him, “Your name is Jacob, but you will no longer be called Jacob; your name will be Israel.” So he named him Israel. And God said to him, “I am God Almighty (Hebrew *El-Shaddai*); be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will be among your descendants. The land I gave to Abraham and Isaac I also give to you, and I will give this land to your descendants after you.” Then God went up from him at the place where he had talked with him. Jacob set up a stone pillar at the place where God had talked with him, and he poured out a drink offering on it; he also poured oil on it. Jacob called the place where God had talked with him Bethel.”

Hosea 12:5 – “the Lord, the God of hosts,
the Lord is his memorial name:”

2143 [e]	3068 [e]		6635 [e]	430 [e]	3068 [e]
zīk·rōw.	Yah·weh	–	haṣ·ṣə·bā·'ō·wt;	'ē·lō·hê	Yah·weh
	זָכָרוּ	יְהוָה	–	הַצְבָּאוֹת	אֱלֹהֵי יְהוָה 5
His memorable [name]	Yahweh [is]		of hosts	God	That is Yahweh
N-msc 3ms	N-proper-ms		Art N-cp	N-mpc	Conj-w N-proper-ms

1. “YHWH, eloheem of hosts, YHWH memorial”
 - a. Eloheem = God
 - b. Hosts = army, war
 - c. Memorial = remembrance, memory, renown, name
2. The God that Jacob sought and found and was blessed by is the same God that current Israel is to be seeking.
 - a. He is the same God.
 - b. He is the God of all the spiritual forces
 - c. He can do for current Israel what he did and promised he'd do for Jacob and his descendents

Hosea 12:6 – “**So you, by the help of your God, return, hold fast to love and justice, and wait continually for your God.**”

8104 [e]	4941 [e]	2617 [e]	7725 [e]		430 [e]	859 [e]
šə·mōr,	ū·miš·pāṭ	ḥe·sed	tā·šūb;		bê·lō·he·kā	wə·'at·tāh
שָׁמַר	וּמִשְׁפָּט	חֶסֶד	תָּשׁוּב		בְּאֵלֹהֶיךָ	וְאַתָּה 6
Observe	and justice	mercy	return	by [the help of] your God		So you
V-Qal-Imp-ms	Conj-w N-ms	N-ms	V-Qal-Imperf-2ms	Prep-b N-mpc 2ms		Conj-w Pro-2ms

	8548 [e]	430 [e]	413 [e]	6960 [e]
	tā·mīḏ.	'ē·lō·he·kā	'el-	wə·qaw·wêh
	תָּמִיד	אֱלֹהֶיךָ	עַל-	וְקַוְוָה
	continually	your God	on	and wait
	Adv	N-mpc 2ms	Prep	Conj-w V-Piel-Imp-ms

1. Because of the previous history Israel should return to YHWH
2. “By the help of your God” indicates that only if God helps them will they be able to.
 - a. God wants them to return to him, just like God wanted Jacob to receive the blessing and birthright.
 - b. God is able. God wants to help them. Now, they have to be like Jacob and seek it.
 - c. Thus, “seek the Lord with all your heart” concept:

- i. Deuteronomy 4:29 – “But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul.”
- ii. Jeremiah 29:13 – “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”
- iii. Matthew 7:7 - “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”
- iv. Acts 17:27 – “God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.”

Hosea 12:7 – “**A merchant, in whose hands are false balances, he loves to oppress.**”

157 [e]	6231 [e]	4820 [e]	3976 [e]	3027 [e]	3667 [e]
'ā·hēḇ.	la·'ā·šōq	mir·māh	mō·zə·nê	bə·yā·dōw	kə·na·'an,
אֶהֱבִי:	לְעַשֵּׂק	מִרְמָה	מֵאֲזַנִּי	בְּיָדוֹ	כְּנֹעַן 7
He loves	to oppress	Deceitful	scales [are]	in his hand	Canaan
V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Prep-l V-Qal-Inf	N-fs	N-mdc	Prep-b N-fsc 3ms	N-proper-ms

1. “Merchant” is literally *Canaan* (Hb) refers to a people as merchants.
2. Now Hosea reveals why Israel and Judah will NOT SEEK the Lord with ALL their hearts:
 - a. They are merchants
 - b. They love money
 - c. They use deceitful scales when measuring their products
 - d. They oppress people for the sake of financial gain

Hosea 12:8 – “**Ephraim has said, “Ah, but I am rich; I have found wealth for myself; in all my labors they cannot find in me iniquity or sin.”**”

202 [e]	4672 [e]	6238 [e]	389 [e]	669 [e]	559 [e]
'ō·wn	mā·šā·tî	'ā·šar·tî,	'ak	'ep·ra·yim,	way·yō·mer
אֶון	מִצָּאתִי	עֲשֵׂרְתִי	אֶךְ	אֶפְרַיִם	וַיֹּאמֶר 8
wealth	I have found	I have become rich	surely	Ephraim	And said
N-ms	V-Qal-Perf-1cs	V-Qal-Perf-1cs	Adv	N-proper-ms	Conj-w V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3ms

2399 [e]	834 [e]	5771 [e]	4672 [e]	3808 [e]	3018 [e]	3605 [e]	
ḥēt.	'ā·šer-	'ā·wōn	lî	yim·šə·'ū-	lō	yə·gî·'ay	kāl- lî;
חַטָּא:	אֲשֶׁר-	עֲוֹן	לִי	יִמְצְאוּ-	לֹא	יִגִּיעֵי	כָּל- לִי
sin	that [is]	iniquity	in me	they shall find	no	my labors	[In] all for myself
N-ms	Pro-r	N-cs	Prep 1cs	V-Qal-Imperf-3mp	Adv-NegPrt	N-mpc 1cs	N-msc

1. Israel and Judah are confident of their wealth. They do not rely on the Lord, but on their own plans, methods and production.
 - a. “I am rich”

- b. "I have found wealth for myself"
- c. "There is no sin or iniquity in my work"
 - i. "labor" means "toil" or "product"
 - ii. "iniquity" – *avon* – "guilt", "punishment"
 - iii. "sin" – *chet* – "sin", "to miss", "to go wrong"
 - iv. or, "There is no punishment or guilt for the ways I've gone wrong or have missed the target of righteousness and justice in my toil or the product I bring to the market.

2. This ends Hosea words that began in 12:1. Next YHWH speaks for 3 verses: 12:9-11.

Hosea 12:9 – "I am the Lord your God
from the land of Egypt;
I will again make you dwell in tents,
as in the days of the appointed feast."

3427 [e]	5750 [e]	4714 [e]	776 [e]	430 [e]	3068 [e]	595 [e]
'ō-wō-šî-bə-kā	'ōḏ	miš-rā-yim;	mê-'e-reš	'ē-lō-he-kā	Yah-weh	wə-'ā-nō-ḵî
אוֹשִׁיבְךָ	עֹד	מִצְרַיִם	מֵאֶרֶץ	אֱלֹהֶיךָ	יְהוָה	וְאֹנֶכִי 9
I will make you dwell	again	of Egypt	Ever since the land	your God	Yahweh	But I [am]
V-Hifil-Imperf-1cs 2ms	Adv	N-proper-fs	Prep-m N-fsc	N-mpc 2ms	N-proper-ms	Conj-w Pro-1cs
			4150 [e]	3117 [e]		168 [e]
			mō-w-'êḏ.	kî-mê		bā-'o-hā-lîm
			מוֹעֵד:	כִּימִי		בְּאֶהָלִים
			of the appointed feast	as in the days		in tents
			N-ms	Prep-k N-mpc		Prep-b N-mp

1. YHWH begins to speak:
 - a. His words announcing the punishment (12:9)
 - b. His having fulfilled his responsibilities to reveal his plans and intentions to the people (12:10)
 - c. Israel is solely responsible for their own downfall (12:11) even by their own admission as seen in 12:8.
2. They came from Egypt with God, but he will send them back to a life of roaming and living in tents.
3. Instead of living in their wealth they will live in tents like they do during the Feast of Tabernacles when they are to remember the days they lived in the wilderness.
4. The Feast of Tabernacles:
 - a. Was a time of remembering the wilderness and God's provision during a very difficult time.
 - b. Was a time when Israel did not have a land
 - c. Is going to come again in real time in their very near future when they would:
 - i. Again, be without a land

- ii. Live in tents
- iii. But, be provided for by the Lord who would care for them and eventually restore them from this very difficult time that was yet in their very near future.
- iv. It would no longer be a holiday to celebrate, but a real life experience.
- v. The true fulfillment and celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles was yet in Israel's very distant future when they would dwell in the Land with their Messiah.

Hosea 12:10 – **“I spoke to the prophets;
it was I who multiplied visions,
and through the prophets gave parables.”**

7235 [e]	2377 [e]	595 [e]	5030 [e]	5921 [e]	1696 [e]
hir·bê·tî;	ḥā·zō·wn	wə·'ā·nō·kî	han·ne·bî·'îm,	'al-	wə·dib·bar·tî
הִרְבֵּיתִי	חֲזוֹן	וְאֲנֹכִי	הַנְּבִיאִים	עַל־	וְדִבַּרְתִּי 10
have multiplied	visions	and I	the prophets	by	And I have spoken
V-Hifil-Perf-1cs	N-ms	Conj-w Pro-1cs	Art N-mp	Prep	Conj-w V-Piel-ConjPerf-1cs

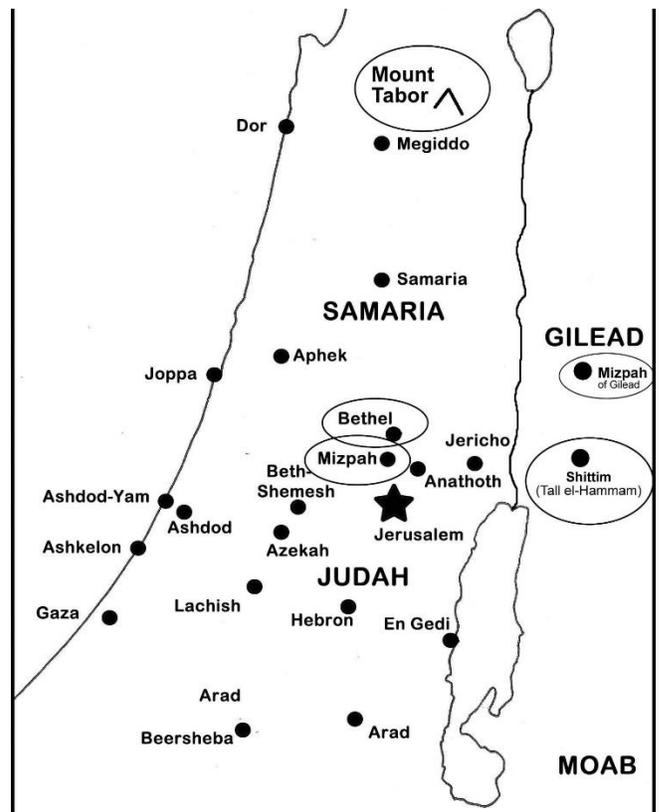
1819 [e]	5030 [e]	3027 [e]
'ā·dam·meh.	han·ne·bî·'îm	ū·bē·yad
אֲדַמָּה:	הַנְּבִיאִים	וּבְיַד
I have given symbols	of the prophets	and through the witness
V-Piel-Imperf-1cs	Art N-mp	Conj-w, Prep-b N-fsc

1. Here God makes it clear he had revealed his plan and intentions through the prophets. YHWH was not to blame for Israel and Judah's ignorance and lack of knowledge.
2. The prophetic role was given to the prophets and the people with:
 - a. Visions
 - b. Parables
3. Hosea, the one writing this book, was one of the many prophets.

Hosea 12:11 – “If there is iniquity in Gilead,
 they shall surely come to nothing:
 in Gilgal they sacrifice bulls;
 their altars also are like stone heaps
 on the furrows of the field.”

7794 [e]	1537 [e]	1961 [e]	7723 [e]	389 [e]	205 [e]	1568 [e]	518 [e]
šə-wā-rîm	bag-gil-gāl	hā-yū,	šāw	'ak-	'ā-wen	gil-'ād	'im-
שׁוֹרִים	בְּגִלְגַּל	הֵיוּ	שׁוֹא	אֶדְ-	אִוְן	גִּלְעָד	אִם
bulls	in Gilgal	They are	vanity	surely	idols	Gilead [has]	Though
N-mp	Prep-b, Art N-proper-fs	V-Qal-Perf-3cp	N-ms	Adv	N-ms	N-proper-fs	Conj

7704 [e]	8525 [e]	5921 [e]	1530 [e]	4196 [e]	1571 [e]	2076 [e]
šā-dāy.	tal-mê	'al	kə-ḡal-lîm,	miz-bə-ḥō-w-tām	gam	zib-bê-ḥū;
שְׂדֵי:	תַּלְמֵי	עַל	בְּגִלְיִם	מִזְבְּחוֹתָם	גַּם	זִבְּחוּ
of the field	the furrows	in	heaps	their altars [shall be]	indeed	Though they sacrifice
N-ms	N-mpc	Prep	Prep-k N-mp	N-mpc 3mp	Conj	V-Piel-Perf-3cp



1. Gilead is on the east of the Jordan and Gilgal is on the west. So, the whole land, and both nations were guilty.
2. These holy sites were places of corruption. Bulls were being sacrificed at the wrong place
3. The people and their altars would come to nothing and become stone heaps in a plowed field.

Hosea 12:12 – “Jacob fled to the land of Aram;
there Israel served for a wife,
and for a wife he guarded sheep.”

3478 [e]	5647 [e]	758 [e]	7704 [e]	3290 [e]	1272 [e]
yiś·rā·'ēl	way·ya·'ā·bōd	'ā·rām;	śe·dêh	ya·'ā·qōb	way·yib·rah
יִשְׂרָאֵל	וַיַּעֲבֹד	אַרָּם	שָׂדֵה	יַעֲקֹב	וַיִּבְרַח 12
Israel	and served	of Syria	to the country	Jacob	And fled
N-proper-ms	Conj-w V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3ms	N-proper-fs	N-msc	N-proper-ms	Conj-w V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3ms

8104 [e]	802 [e]	802 [e]
śā·mār.	ū·bē·'iš·śāh	bē·'iš·śāh,
שָׂמַר:	וּבְאִשָּׁה	בְּאִשָּׁה
he tended [sheep]	and for a wife	for a spouse
V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Conj-w, Prep-b N-fs	Prep-b N-fs

1. Hosea speaks again. Explaining or sharing insight concerning what YHWH had meant in the last three verses.
2. Jacob had left the Promised Land, labored hard and was treated unfairly for a wife. But, even at that place Jacob served, was useful and ultimately blessed by the Lord.
3. The same will now be true again for Israel:
 - a. They will leave the Promised Land
 - b. They will labor and be mistreated
 - c. They will serve and be useful
 - d. They will be blessed by the same God that blessed Jacob

Hosea 12:13 – “By a prophet the Lord brought Israel up from Egypt,
and by a prophet he was guarded.”

8104 [e]	5030 [e]	4714 [e]	3478 [e]	853 [e]	3068 [e]	5927 [e]	5030 [e]
niś·mār.	ū·bē·nā·bī	mim·miṣ·rā·yim;	yiś·rā·'ēl	'eṭ-	Yah·weh	he·'ē·lāh	ū·bē·nā·bī
נִשְׁמַר:	וּבְנָבִיא	מִמִּצְרַיִם	יִשְׂרָאֵל	אֶת-	יְהוָה	הָעֵלָה	וּבְנָבִיא 13
he was preserved	and by a prophet	out of Egypt	Israel	-	Yahweh	brought	And by a prophet
V-Nifal-Perf-3ms	Conj-w, Prep-b N-ms	Prep-m N-proper-fs	N-proper-ms	DirObjM	N-proper-ms	V-Hifil-Perf-3ms	Conj-w, Prep-b N-ms

1. The prophets:
 - a. Moses was a prophet that led Israel out of Egypt to the Promised Land and guarded Israel in the wilderness
 - b. Israel will again be guarded by the prophets (Word of God revealed to them) and someday return to the Promised Land being led by the prophets, and, ultimately, the Prophet like Moses.

Hosea 12:14 – “Ephraim has given bitter provocation;
so his Lord will leave his bloodguilt on him
and will repay him for his disgraceful deeds.”

1818 [e] wə·dā·māw	8563 [e] tam·rū·rīm;	669 [e] 'ēp·ra·yim	3707 [e] hik·'īs
וְדַמְיוֹ	— תַּמְרוּרִים	אֶפְרַיִם	הִכְעִיס 14
therefore the [guilt] of his bloodshed	most bitterly	Ephraim	Provoked [Him] to anger
Conj-w N-mpc 3ms	N-mp	N-proper-ms	V-Hifil-Perf-3ms

136 [e] 'ā·dō·nāw.	lōw	7725 [e] yā·šīb	2781 [e] wə·her·pā·tōw,	5203 [e] yiṭ·tō·wōš,	5921 [e] 'ā·lāw
אֲדֹנָיו:	לוֹ	יָשִׁיב	וְהִרְפֹּתוֹ	יָטוּשׁ	עָלָיו
his Lord	upon him	return	and his reproach	will leave	upon him
N-mpc 3ms	Prep 3ms	V-Hifil-Imperf-3ms	Conj-w N-fsc 3ms	V-Qal-Imperf-3ms	Prep 3ms

1. Ephraim (Northern Israel) has provoked the Lord (*adonay*, “master”)
2. The Lord (*adonay*, “master”) will leave Israel’s guilt on Israel and not forgive them.
3. Israel will be repaid for what they have done or what they have done will be returned on them.