

¹Hear ye this, O priests; and hearken, ye house of Israel; and give ye ear, O house of the king; for judgment is toward you, because ye have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor.²And the revolters are profound to make slaughter, though I have been a rebuker of them all.³I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim, thou committest whoredom, and Israel is defiled.⁴They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God: for the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of them, and they have not known the LORD.⁵And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them.⁶They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the LORD; but they shall not find him; he hath withdrawn himself from them.⁷They have dealt treacherously against the LORD: for they have begotten strange children: now shall a month devour them with their portions.⁸Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah: cry aloud at Bethaven, after thee, O Benjamin.⁹Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be.¹⁰The princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound: therefore I will pour out my wrath upon them like water.¹¹Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment.¹²Therefore will I be unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness.¹³When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the

Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound. ¹⁴For I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue him . ¹⁵I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.