

<sup>1</sup>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.<sup>2</sup>The LORD hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him.<sup>3</sup>He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with God:<sup>4</sup>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;<sup>5</sup>Even the LORD God of hosts; the LORD is his memorial.<sup>6</sup>Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually.<sup>7</sup>He is a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand: he loveth to oppress.<sup>8</sup>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.<sup>9</sup>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.<sup>10</sup>I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.<sup>11</sup>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.<sup>12</sup>And Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheep .<sup>13</sup>And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved.<sup>14</sup>Ephraim provoked him to anger most bitterly:

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therefore shall he leave his blood upon him, and his reproach shall his Lord return unto him.