

# Hosea 5

## Chapter 5

<sup>1</sup> **H**EAR 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.

<sup>2</sup> And the revolvers are profound to make slaughter, though I *have been* a rebuker of them all.

<sup>3</sup> I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim, thou committest whoredom, *and* Israel is defiled.

<sup>4</sup> They 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.

<sup>5</sup> And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them.

<sup>6</sup> They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the LORD; but they shall not find *him*; he hath withdrawn himself from them.

<sup>7</sup> They have dealt treacherously against the LORD: for they have begotten strange children: now shall a month devour them with their portions.

<sup>8</sup> Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, *and* the trumpet in Ramah: cry aloud *at* Beth-aven, after thee, O Benjamin.

<sup>9</sup> Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be.

<sup>10</sup> The princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound: *therefore* I will pour out my wrath upon them like water.

<sup>11</sup> Ephraim *is* oppressed *and* broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore *will* I *be* unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness.

<sup>13</sup> When 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.

<sup>14</sup> For 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*.

<sup>15</sup> ¶ I will go *and* return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.