

# Hosea 12

## Chapter 12

<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* Beth-el, 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: therefore shall he leave his blood upon him, and his reproach shall his Lord return unto him.