

is not Elohim; but the egel of Shomron shall be broken in pieces.

|7| For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind; the stalk [*of standing grain*] hath no tzemach (shoot); it shall yield no kemach (flour); and even if it yielded it, zarim would devour it.

|8| Yisroel is swallowed up; now shall they be among the Goyim like a worthless keli (vessel).

|9| For they are gone up to Assyria, a pere (wild donkey) off by itself alone; Ephrayim hath sold herself to ahavim (lovers).

|10| Yea, though they have bargained among the Goyim, now will I gather them, and they shall begin to diminish on account of the massa (burden) of Melech Sarim.

|11| Because Ephrayim hath built many mizbechot for sin, mizbechot shall be unto him to sin.

|12| I have written to him the many things of My torah, but they were regarded as a zar (strange thing).

|13| They sacrifice basar for the sacrifices of Mine offerings, and eat it; but Hashem accepteth them not; now will He remember their avon (iniquity), and visit punishment on their sins; they shall return to Mitzrayim.

|14| For Yisroel hath forgotten His Maker, and buildeth heikhalot; and Yehudah hath multiplied fortified towns; but I will send eish upon his towns, and it shall devour the citadels thereof.

9 Rejoice not, O Yisroel, for joy, as other people; for thou hast gone a-whoring from thy G-d, thou hast loved a reward upon every threshing floor.

|2| The floor and the wine-press shall not feed them, and the tirosh shall fail in her.

|3| They shall not dwell in Hashem's land; but Ephrayim shall return to Mitzrayim, and they shall eat unclean things in Assyria.

|4| They shall not offer yayin offerings to Hashem, neither shall they be pleasing unto Him; their sacrifices shall be unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat thereof shall be polluted; for their bread for their nefesh shall not come into the Beis Hashem.

|5| What will ye do in the Yom Mo'ed, and in the Yom Chag Hashem?

|6| For, lo, they are gone because of destruction; Mitzrayim shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury them; nettles shall possess their valuables of kesef; thorns shall be in their tents.

|7| The days of pekudah (visitation for divine punishment) are come, the yamim of recompence are come; Yisroel shall know it; the navi is a fool, the ish haruach (spiritual man) is meshuga, for the multitude of thine iniquity and great hatred.

|8| The watchman of Ephrayim was with my G-d; but the navi is a snare of a fowler in all his ways, and hatred in the bais of his G-d.

|9| They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the yamim of Giveah; therefore He will remember their iniquity, He will visit their sins.

|10| I found Yisroel like grapes in the midbar; I saw your avot as the bikkurah in the fig tree at her first season; but they went to Ba'al-peor, and separated themselves unto that shame; and their

abominations were according as they loved.

|11| As for Ephrayim, their kavod shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the beten (womb), and from the conception.

|12| Though they bring up their banim, yet will I bereave them, that there shall not be a man left: yea, woe also to them when I depart from them!

|13| Ephrayim, as I saw Tzor, is planted in a pleasant place; but Ephrayim shall bring forth his banim to the murderer.

|14| Give them, O Hashem. What wilt Thou give? Give them a miscarrying rechem (womb) and dry breasts.

|15| All their wickedness is in Gilgal; for there I hated them; for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of Mine bais, I will love them no more; all their sarim (princes) are sorerim (rebels).

|16| Ephrayim is struck, their shores (root) is dried up, they shall bear no fruit; yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay even the beloved fruit of their beten (womb).

|17| My G-d will cast them away, because they did not pay heed unto Him; and they shall be nodedim (wanderers) among the Goyim.

10 Yisroel is a running gefen, he bringeth forth p'ri unto himself; according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the mizbechot; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly matzevot (stone pillars, monuments).

|2| Their lev is deceitful; now shall they bear guilt; He shall break down their mizbechot, He shall destroy their matzevot.

|3| For now they shall say, We have no Melech, because we feared not