

Hosea 13

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13 When Ephraim spake trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died. (Trembling – when he spoke with authority <the Word of God> he did right by God; God exalted him for it. But when he turned against God and worshipped Baal; his Baal worship doomed him to destruction)

²And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let the men that sacrifice kiss the calves. (These were the traditions of heathen men - worshipping Jeroboam's calves; instead of studying God's Word and worshipping God in the temple)

(Today, they still follow the traditions of men – Easter, rapture doctrine which is taught in most Christian churches. It is better to find a true teacher of God's Word <chapter by chapter, verse by verse>; and worshipping God at home than to waste your time sitting in some church where you will learn nothing; because most Christian churches only teach traditions of men)

³Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud and as the early dew that passeth away, as the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney. (The morning cloud and early dew all dry up and disappear in the heat of the day. They all evaporate, as if they never existed. They are worthless for watering crops)

(The chaff that blows in the wind and the smoke that rises from the chimney are symbolic for the teachings that follow the latest trends. They go this way now, and they will go another way next month. These people learn nothing about what God says – what is written in the Bible)

(God's true Word never changes. It is the Rock that we will stand upon when the world is shaken in the end days of this Age)

⁴Yet I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no saviour beside me. (Only God can save us. His name is Jesus Christ – the Savior) (Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me) John-14:6

⁵I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought. (HE preserved Israel for 40 years in the wilderness. HE can preserve us now in the time of spiritual drought <hearing the true Word of God>. Most Christian churches teach today teach the traditions of men)

Amos-8:11 (Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD)

⁶According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me. (They are a fickle people. When God fed them and cared for them in the wilderness, they accepted His gifts with zeal. But when they were all set up in the Promised Land, then they turn their backs to Him)

⁷Therefore I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard by the way will I observe them: (They don't want God's help; therefore HE won't provide it anymore)

⁸I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: the wild beast shall tear them. (Insulting God brings judgment and chastening. If God takes away His protection, the world will eat you up. They will take what you have and you will be left with nothing)

⁹O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help. (God can still save us if we repent and return to Him. Most people are so confused that they don't have the wisdom to do that)

¹⁰I will be thy king: where is any other that may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes? (In their ignorance, they chose men kings over God. Men are easily bribed and perverted. Only God can judge righteously and not be turned aside)

¹¹I gave thee a king in mine anger, and took him away in my wrath. (They chose a man king over God, and paid for it dearly. Man kings led Israel to ruin)

¹²The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is hid. (They think that God doesn't see what they're doing. HE does. God sees all)

¹³The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him: he is an unwise son; for he should not stay long in the place of the breaking

forth of children. (The sorrows of the end times will come faster and faster; like the labor pains of a woman having a child. They will result in the birth of a new Age. Will we be ready for that? Have we studied God's Word in depth so that we can understand what is happening?)

¹⁴ I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes. (Satan's name is death; spiritual death. God will destroy his one world system and his false church)

(God will redeem the people upon their repentance and set things right again. That will happen during the Millennium Period)

¹⁵ Though he be fruitful among his brethren, an east wind shall come, the wind of the LORD shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: he shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant vessels. (But, today, because of their idolatry and their turning away from God, the world will devour all of their gains and leave them empty)

(The east wind was a dry wind that came up out of the desert. It destroyed the crops, so that there was only a very poor harvest)

¹⁶ Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up. (Antichrist will turn Israel into a spiritual wilderness through his deception. The people will buy into his doctrine, hook, line and sinker. They will worship him and abandon God because they are Biblically ignorant)