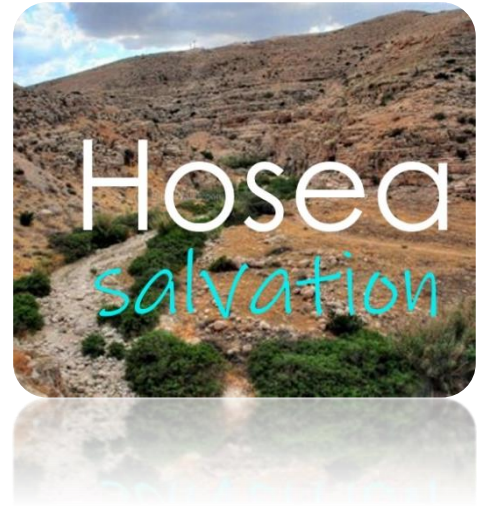


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Who is **Ephraim**? He was the younger of 2 sons of Joseph, who was honored in Egypt by father Israel... to carry all the birthright promises given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Ephraim in the later days would become a commonwealth of nations... a blessing to the whole world; but Hosea tells us, Ephraim disregarded the clear warning of Moses; the children of Israel were to take the land, they were to keep the commandments of God – there were only 10... to guard in their hearts and do; they were not to make alliances with the neighbors, it is better to trust in the Lord than to trust in man or princes... though all nations surround me -- **Psalm 118**. Ephraim and his children thought they were above the ways and law of God; and now, they were going to see the world... and be removed from the land... just as Moses told them 700 years earlier.



¹ When I would heal Israel / those supposed to be ruled by God were sick, then the iniquity of Ephraim was exposed.

Ephraim – the sickest of them all, prophet Isaiah calls him: **drunkards**, the ringleader of the ailing people of God; his ways had been discovered; his iniquity, his inequity, his total disregard for what the Lord God required of them: to fear God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve Him with all his heart and soul, and to keep His commandments -- **Deuteronomy 11**... the Lord God wrote:

1. Do **not** have other gods before Me.
2. Do **not** take the Name of the Lord in vain / do not incautiously or lightly speak His Name
3. Do **not** make graven images of things in heaven, on earth, or under the earth; do not bow down to slavishly serve and worship the work of your hands.
4. Keep the sabbath day; keep it holy / 6 days you and your household will labor; but on the 7th day – instituted in the Garden of Eden, you will rest... and reflect on the Lord.
5. Honor your father and mother, that your days are prolonged on the earth.
6. Do **not** murder
7. Do **not** adulterate
8. Do **not** steal
9. Do **not** falsely accuse your neighbor
10. Do **not** covet anything that belongs to your neighbor, starting with his wife. **(They couldn't do that.)**

And did you notice, these commands are for the good life here on earth. For some reason, they thought these 10 words and nothing more, were too difficult to keep and do. God said in keeping and doing them, they would become a great blessing to all the peoples of the earth; all perfectly good things to do and teach to your children and to their children's children – even in our genius 21st century.

Did you notice? the roman church eliminated #3 and altered the 9 other commandments. It makes you wonder what is in their future for them, doesn't it?

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But did Ephraim listen? **No**. They presumed upon their blessed status; they thought they created their success, [forgetting it is God who gives them the power to gain wealth](#), Deut.8; and then stepping over the line, they turned their position into permission to live lawlessly; rather than live according to every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. So, the Lord will teach them all a lesson – Ephraim, the stubborn drunk and all their thugs and criminals – rich or poor; male or female; young or old... all who follow,

then the iniquity of Ephraim was exposed... and the evil crimes of Samaria / the capital center of the northern kingdom; in the previous chapter, Hosea details the indictment God makes: they are addicted to faithlessness; they possess a whoring spirit; their pride will confront them, their guilt will undo and destroy them -- **Hosea 6:**

for they deal falsely, thieves break in, while robbers steal without / the truth is not in them; deceitful and deceptive, they were rewriting truth; systemic theft prospered inside and out.

² They do not reconsider in their hearts that I remember all their evil deeds: their doings encircle them; they are always in My sight.

³ They amuse the king with their evil doings, and the princes with their lies.

⁴ They are all adulterers, like an oven heated by the baker who ceases to stirrup the fire, till the kneaded dough is leavened.

⁵ In the day of our king / it's his happy birthday; how thoughtful... **the princes are inflamed with bottles of wine; he extends his hand to scorners** / and jokesters, and other party rabble.

⁶ For their hearts are as an oven while they lie in wait all through the night, in the morning, it burns like a flaming fire / their treacherous plans near the hour as they stealthily prepare their plot:

⁷ All of them are hot like an oven, they consume their rulers; all their kings fall, none of them calls on Me / the word: **king**... is a contraction, it comes from: kinning, the one who keeps the kin together, the leaders of their family clans fall; they didn't know the psalms, God said: [I will deliver because he knows My Name; he will call, I will answer, I with him in the trouble to deliver him](#) – **Psalm 91**.

⁸ Ephraim mixed himself among the nations, Ephraim became a cake not turned / something Moses warned that day not to do; Ephraim is flat, charred and crispy.

⁹ Foreigners devour his strength, but he does not notice, gray hairs are dusting upon him, but he does not notice / he's weak and decaying fast, still happening in the world today.

¹⁰ The pride of Israel witnesses against them: yet they do not return to the LORD their God, or search for Him.

¹¹ Ephraim is like a silly, unfeeling dove: crying to Egypt, flying to Assyria.

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12 When they go, I will throw My net over them; and bring them down like birds of the air; when I hear them assemble, I will discipline them / to instruct and train them, since they are the people of God, not real birdbrains.

13 Woe to them! for they fled from Me / how terrible it will be for them; this is the Creator talking... He knows the pitfalls and dangers due to their negligence that they will face:

destruction is theirs, because they rebelled against Me / God doesn't sit in heaven creatively planning some destruction to inflict on them; He simply moves on; He says, your will be done. Mankind does a perfectly fine job creating their own mess; they continue to move boundaries and step over lines:

I would redeem them, but they speak lies against Me.

14 They do not cry to Me from their heart; they wail on their beds / they are like grouchy, whiny, bellicose children, **for grain and wine they assemble, while they rebel against Me.**

15 Though I trained and strengthened their arms, they plot evil against Me.

16 They return, but not to the most High / they had allied with Syria, they returned to *Baal: *Isn't it interesting, the temple of Baal... still in the news today, it had been lost and buried in the desert until found in Syria just prior to 1776; the Supreme Court of the United States... faces the 8 columns included on the Capitol building designed by Thomas Jefferson who was inspired by its discovery.



they are like a deceitful bow so, for all their insolence, their leaders will fall by the sword / they are like a faulty bow, and arrow that swerves; incapable of hitting the target; like all the clueless dupes, and comical clowns they are; **not** like the finely honed, awesome military strategists they could have been:

this will be their ridicule in the land of Egypt / their former house of slavery will be laughing.

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