1. When Ephraim spake trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died.

2. And 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.

3. Therefore 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.

4. Yet 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.

5. I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought.

6. According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me.

7. Therefore I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard by the way will I observe them: will I kiss the calves.

8. Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me [is] thine help.

9. O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself! when thou saidst, I will go up to the house of the Lord, even unto the house of the God of Jacob; and thou saidst, My way is hid from the Lord, my words are not hid from mine anger.

10. I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there shall be no one to pity them.
The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up, his sin hid.

The 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.

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.

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.

Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.