B. Depravity of Israel, 4:1-13

1. Characteristics of depravity, 1-11 a. Insusistants Animalistic, 1. Cows of Bashan.

E of jordan. Herds were strong and well-nourished, cf. bulls of bashan, Ps 22:12. Women of Samaria lived an animal existence in their luxury.

b. Insatiable, 1-3. Always want more, 1. Rob poor to get it, 1. Badger husbands to provide it, 1. God's judgment is sure, 2-3. With hooks like animals they were. Fishhooks bec too many women and no other hooks left. v.3 cast forth into Harmon-place of exile.

e. Religious, 4-5. Irony. Bethel and Gilgal centers of worship. Bring yearly sacrifice (1 Sam 1:3,7,21)ever day and 3rd yr tithe every 3 days (Deur 14:23;25:12). Leavened cakes with thank offering, Lev 7:14. Free-will off, Deut 12:6. This liketh you=this pleases you.

4. Calloused, 6-11. Of parnings of past judgments.
(1)Famine,6. Cleanness of teeth=nothing to eat.
(2)Drought,7-8.Note God sends and withhoods tain.
(3)Blasting and mildew,9. Blasting=effects of scorching
(4)Pentilence and sword,10. Epidemics. Like awful ones poured out on Egypt.

(5)Earthquake, 11. ? Overthrow may mean this. Better to say calamity. Each of these remindars ends with same sad refrain--not returned to me.

Consequences of depravity, 12-13. Judgment

 The sentence, 12a. Judgment predicted but not describ.
 The plea,12b. Prepare so won't be judged. Call to repentance and every warning of judgmt is this.
 The Judge, 13. Yetzer mts and bara wind, knows musing or meditation of heart, makes morning dark with storm clouds and walks on high places=clouds. Jeh of hosts=majesty.

C. Dirge over Israel, 5:1-6:14. 3rd sermon. Dirge,1. Not spontaneous but a composition. 1. The Ruin of Israel, 5:1-17

a. Present state of Is.2a. Virgingunconquered so far.

b. Future state, 2b-3. Forsaken, 2. Decimated, 3 by 9/10:
c. Escape for Is, 4-9. Seek Lord. Not false worship at Bethel and Gilgal, 5. Otherwise fire in Is and none of idols of Bethel can put it out. Joseph stands for Is (N kgdm). As ancestor of Ephraim, most powerful tribe God described in 9-10. Creator, 9. Judge 10. 7 stars=Plei ades. Causes morning to follow night, and night morning. Brings rain. 10=that causeth devastation to falsh forth.

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