

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: November 1, 2023**  
**Hosea 11:12-13:16**

1. What does God say about Israel in 11:12-12:1?
  - A. Uhh...aren't we done yet? Bad things. Over and over again.
  - B. Ephraim feeds on wind — Flatters himself with vain, delusive hopes, of receiving effectual support from the alliances which he forms. It is a proverbial expression to signify labor in vain, or pursuing such measures as will bring damage rather than benefit.
  
2. What does God say about Israel & Judah in 12:2-5?
  - A. He speaks about Jacob's birth. Jacob's was called Israel, but his birth name Jacob meant "grabber" or "usurper." He and his brother were twins, but he was intent and making himself first from the womb (Genesis 25:26)...and stole his brother's birthright (Genesis 27).
  - B. He reminds Israel of Jacob's struggle with the angel and his perseverance, after which he was called Israel or "one who prevails with God."
  - C. He reminds Israel of Jacob seeing God at Bethel (Genesis 28)
  
3. Jacob's story was unique in a time where few had truly known God. He had been a prophesy about him from birth that was not very flattering, but God spoke new life into him with a new name. This should not be a unique story any more, because this is what God has promised all of us through the Gospel. But Israel the man because Israel the nation and forgot God. Does this ever happen to us? Individually? As a nation? Give examples. Share stories. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What is God's call to Israel and his reason for reminding them of their past with God?
  - A. ...you \_\_\_\_\_ to your \_\_\_\_\_; maintain \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and wait for your \_\_\_\_\_.
  
5. Following this, God returns to talking about how Israel has strayed. Then, again, he reminds Israel, the people, of his salvation in their life. What is God talking about in verse 12:13? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What about in 13:4-8? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What is God talking about in 13:9-13 (this should sound familiar if you studied with us in 1 Samuel)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. What does God say in 13:14? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Where have I heard something like this before (See 1 Corinthians 15:55-57)? What does Paul say about this prophecy? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Verses 13:15-16 after the previous text make God sound like he is double-minded or has multiple personalities. The truth is, the outcome is not decided...for any of us. He speaks truth to us and we get to decide the ending. Which will you choose? \_\_\_\_\_  
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