Deceitful like Jacob
Hosea 12

12 Ephraim has surrounded me with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit, but Judah still walks with God and is faithful to the Holy One. 1 Ephraim feeds on the wind and pursues the east wind all day long; they multiply falsehood and violence; they make a covenant with Assyria, and oil is carried to Egypt.	*Israel is a liar, like Jacob*
2 The LORD has an indictment against Judah and will punish Jacob according to his ways; he will repay him according to his deeds.	
3 In the womb he took his brother by the heel	Genesis 25:36
and in his manhood he strove with God. 4 He strove with the angel and prevailed;	Genesis 32:22-32
he wept and sought his favor.	Genesis 33:1-20
He met God at Bethel, and there God spoke with us— 5 the LORD, the God of hosts, the LORD is his memorial name:	Genesis 35:1-15
6 "So you, by the help of your God, return, hold fast to love and justice, and wait continually for your God."	*Israel must repent, like Jacob*
. . .	*...or face exile*
12 Jacob fled to the land of Aram;	Genesis 28:1-5
there Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he guarded sheep.	Genesis 29:1-30

© David Haken 2026. All rights reserved.