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 - An Unwise Son – An Idiomatic Expression
 - A Child Who Won’t Come To The Birth Canal
 - It’s Time For Ephraim’s Iniquity To Come Out, But It Won’t
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 - We Will Not Let Our Iniquity Go
 - We Are Doomed To Die In Our Sins

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