

HOSEA

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A verse can express a spiritual truth even if it is in a story which may not be historical.

Each time the subject of a verse changes from “Yahweh”
to “God” and vice versa, there is a new paragraph.

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<p>1:1 The word of the Lord that came unto Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.</p> <p>2 The beginning of the word of the Lord by Hosea. And the Lord said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the Lord.</p> <p>3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son.</p> <p>4 And the Lord said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.</p> <p>`</p>	<p>1:1 This is the word of the Lord that came to Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam II the son of Jehoash, king of Israel.</p> <p>2 This is the beginning of the word of the Lord by Hosea. The Lord said to Hosea, “Go and marry a wife who will be unfaithful and have children who will be unfaithful. For the land has been very unfaithful by departing from the Lord.”</p> <p>3 So Hosea went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, who conceived and bore him a son.</p> <p>4 And the Lord said to Hosea, “Call your son’s name Jezreel (God scatters). For in a little while, I will avenge the blood of Jezreel (Israel) upon the family of Jehu and will cause to cease the kingdom of Israel (the ten northern tribes of Israel).</p>

<p>5 And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.</p> <p>6 & And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And God said unto him, Call her name Loruhamah: for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away.</p> <p>7 But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the Lord their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.</p> <p>8 & Now when she had weaned Loruhamah, she conceived, and bare a son.</p> <p>9 Then said God, Call his name Loammi: for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God.</p> <p>10 & Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.</p> <p>11 Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel.</p>	<p>5 “And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.”</p> <p>6 And Gomer conceived again and bore a daughter. And God said to Hosea, “Call your daughter’s name Loruhamah (Unloved). For I will not have mercy anymore upon the house of Israel, but I will utterly take them away.</p> <p>7 “But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah and will save them by the Lord their God, and will not save them by the bow, by the sword, by battle, by horses, nor by cavalry.”</p> <p>8 Now when Gomer had weaned Loruhamah (Unloved), she conceived and bore a son.</p> <p>9 Then God said, “Call the name of this son Loammi (not My people); for you are not My people, and I will not be your God.”</p> <p>10 Yet the number of the children of Israel will be as numerous as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered. And it shall come to pass that in the place where it was said to them, “You are not My people.” There it will be said to them, “You are the children of the living God.”</p> <p>11 Then the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land. For great shall be the day of Jezreel (God sows Israel).”</p>
<p>2:1 Say ye unto your brethren, Ammi; and to your sisters, Ruhamah.</p> <p>2 Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts;</p> <p>3 Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst.</p> <p>4 And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they be the children of whoredoms.</p> <p>5 For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink.</p> <p>6 & Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with</p>	<p>2:1 The Lord said, “Say to your relatives, ‘Ammi’ (God’s people); and to your sisters, ‘Ruhamah’ (She has obtained mercy.)</p> <p>2 “Plead with your mother (Israel), plead; for she is not My wife, neither am I her husband. Therefore, let her put away her unfaithfulness out of her sight and her adulteries from between her breasts</p> <p>3 “lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst.</p> <p>4 “And I will not have mercy on her children, for they are the children who come from unfaithfulness.</p> <p>5 “For their mother has played the whore: she who conceived them has acted shamefully. For she said, ‘I will run after my lovers that give me my food and my water, my wool and my flax, my olive oil and my drink.’</p> <p>6 “Therefore, behold, I will hedge up her way with</p>

thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths.

7 And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now.

8 For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal.

9 Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness.

10 And now will I discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand.

11 I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.

12 And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, whereof she hath said, These are my rewards that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.

13 And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgot me, saith the Lord.

14 & Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her.

15 And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.

16 And it shall be at that day, saith the Lord, that thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more Baali.

17 For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.

18 And in that day will I make a covenant for them

thorns and make a wall so that she shall not find her path.

7 “And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them but shall not find them. Then she shall say, ‘I will go and return to my first husband (the Lord); for then it was better with me than now.’

8 “For she did not know that I the Lord gave her grain, and wine, and olive oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared in the worship of Baal.

9 “Therefore, I will return, and take away my grain at the time of harvest and my wine at the season of harvest and will recover my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness.

10 “And now I will uncover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and nothing shall deliver her out of My hand.

11 “I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, her Sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.

12 “And I will destroy her grapevines and her fig trees of which she has said, ‘These are my rewards that my lovers have given me.’ And I will make her vineyards and orchards into a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.”

13 And the Lord said, “I will punish her for the days of the Baals in which she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels. And she went after her lovers and forgot Me.

14 “Therefore, behold, I will allure her and bring her into the wilderness and speak comfortably to her.

15 “And I will give her, her vineyards from there and the valley of Achor for a door of hope. And she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.”

16 God says, “At that day you shall call me Ishi (my husband); and shall not call me Baal (Master) anymore.

17 “For I will take away the names of the Baals out of her mouth, and they shall not be remembered anymore by their names.

18 “And in that day I will make a covenant for them with the animals of the field, with the birds of the

<p>with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.</p> <p>19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.</p> <p>20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the Lord.</p> <p>21 And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the Lord, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth;</p> <p>22 And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear Jezreel.</p> <p>23 And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.</p>	<p>heavens, and with the creeping things of the ground. And I will break the bow, the sword, and the battle out of the earth, and will make them lie down safely.”</p> <p>19 God said, “Israel, I will betroth you to Me forever; yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness, in justice, in loving-kindness, and in mercies.</p> <p>20 “I will even betroth you to Me in faithfulness, and you shall know the Lord.</p> <p>21 “And it shall come to pass in that day that I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth.</p> <p>22 “And the earth shall hear the grain, the wine, and the olive oil; and they shall hear Jezreel (Israel).”</p> <p>23 “And I will sow her to Me in the earth, and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to those who were not My people, ‘You are My people.’ And they shall say, ‘You are our God.’”</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p>
<p>3:1 Then said the Lord unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the Lord toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine.</p> <p>2 So I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver, and for an homer of barley, and an half homer of barley:</p> <p>3 And I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for another man: so will I also be for thee.</p> <p>4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim:</p> <p>5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days.</p>	<p>3:1 Then the Lord said to me, “Go and love a woman beloved of her friend, although an adulteress, according to the love of the Lord toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods and love the raisin cakes of the heathen.”</p> <p>2 So I bought her for myself for fifteen pieces of silver and ten bushels of barley.</p> <p>3 And I said to her, “You shall stay with me many days; you shall not play the whore, and you shall not commit adultery, and I will be faithful to you.”</p> <p>4 For the children of Israel shall live for many days without a king, without a prince, without a sacrifice, without an image, without an ephod (a priestly vestment), and without idols.</p> <p>5 Afterward, the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God, and David their king, and shall be in awe of the Lord and His goodness in the latter days.</p> <p>`</p>
<p>4:1 Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.</p> <p>2 By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing,</p>	<p>4:1 Hear the word of God, you children of Israel. For God has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, saying, “There is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.</p> <p>2 “By swearing, lying, killing, stealing, and</p>

and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood.

3 Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.

4 Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people are as they that strive with the priest.

5 Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother.

6 & My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

7 As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame.

8 They eat up the sin of my people, and they set their heart on their iniquity.

9 And there shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings.

10 For they shall eat, and not have enough: they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase: because they have left off to take heed to the Lord.

11 Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.

12 & My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.

13 They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof is good: therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery.

14 I will not punish your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your spouses when they commit adultery: for themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots: therefore the people that doth not understand shall fall.

15 & Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, yet let not Judah offend; and come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Bethaven, nor swear, The Lord liveth.

committing adultery, they break out; and blood touches blood.

3 "Therefore, the land shall mourn, and everyone who dwells in the land shall languish along with the animals of the field, and with the birds of the heavens. Yes, the fish of the sea also shall languish.

4 "Yet let no one strive, nor reprove another; for your people are as those who strive with the priest.

5 "Therefore, you shall fall in that day, and the prophet also shall fall with you in that night; and I will destroy your mother.

6 "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you so that you shall not be a priest to Me. Seeing that you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.

7 "As they increased, they sinned against Me; therefore, I will change their glory into shame.

8 "They eat up the sin of My people, and they set their heart on their iniquity.

9 "And there shall be, like people, like priest; and I will punish them for their ways and repay them for their actions.

10 "For they shall eat and not have enough; they shall be unfaithful and shall not increase because they have stopped taking heed to the Lord."

11 The Lord says, "Unfaithfulness, wine, and new wine take away the heart.

12 "My people ask counsel of their stocks, and their staff talks to them. For the spirit of unfaithfulness has caused them to err, and they have been unfaithful to their God.

13 "They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains and burn incense upon the hills under oaks and poplars and elms because the shadow of these trees is considered good. Therefore, your daughters shall be unfaithful, and your spouses shall commit adultery.

14 "I will not punish your daughters when they are unfaithful, nor your spouses when they commit adultery. For they are separated with whores, and sacrifice with them; therefore, the people who do not understand shall fall.

15 "Though you, Israel, are unfaithful, yet let not Judah offend; and do not go to Gilgal, neither go up to Beth-aven (house of idolatry) nor swear there,

<p>16 For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer: now the Lord will feed them as a lamb in a large place.</p> <p>17 Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone.</p> <p>18 Their drink is sour: they have committed whoredom continually: her rulers with shame do love, Give ye.</p> <p>19 The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their animal sacrifices.</p>	<p>'The Lord lives.'</p> <p>16 "For Israel slides back as a backsliding heifer; now the Lord will feed the people of Israel as lambs in a large place.</p> <p>17 "The people of Ephraim (the ten northern tribes of Israel) are joined to idols; let them alone.</p> <p>18 "Their drink is sour; they have been unfaithful continually; their rulers love shame more than glory.</p> <p>19 "The wind has bound them up in its wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their pagan sacrifices."</p>
<p>5:1 Hear ye this, O priests; and hearken, ye house of Israel; and give ye ear, O house of the king; for judgment is toward you, because ye have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor.</p> <p>2 And the revoltors are profound to make slaughter, though I have been a rebuker of them all.</p> <p>3 I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim, thou committest whoredom, and Israel is defiled.</p> <p>4 They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God: for the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of them, and they have not known the Lord.</p> <p>5 And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them.</p> <p>6 They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the Lord; but they shall not find him; he hath withdrawn himself from them.</p> <p>7 They have dealt treacherously against the Lord: for they have begotten strange children: now shall a month devour them with their portions.</p> <p>8 Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah: cry aloud at Bethaven, after thee, O Benjamin.</p> <p>9 Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be.</p> <p>10 The princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound: therefore I will pour out my wrath upon them like water.</p> <p>11 Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the</p>	<p>5:1 The Lord says, "Hear this, O priests; and pay attention, you people of Israel; and listen, O family of the king. For judgment has come to you, because you have been a snare on Mizpah and a net spread upon Tabor.</p> <p>2 "And the revoltors are profound to make slaughter though I have been a rebuker of them all.</p> <p>3 "I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from Me; for now, O Ephraim, you are unfaithful, and Israel is defiled."</p> <p>4 They will not frame their actions to turn to their God, for the spirit of unfaithfulness is in the midst of them, and they have not known the Lord.</p> <p>5 And the pride of the people of Israel testifies against them; therefore, they shall fall in their iniquity, and Judah shall fall with them.</p> <p>6 They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the Lord, but they shall not find Him; He has withdrawn Himself from them.</p> <p>7 They have dealt treacherously against the Lord, for they have fathered strange children; now a month shall devour them with their portions.</p> <p>8 Blow the cornet in Gibeah and the trumpet in Ramah; cry aloud at Bethaven after Benjamin.</p> <p>9 Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke; among the tribes of Israel, I have made known that which shall surely be.</p> <p>10 The Lord says, "The princes of Judah were like those who move boundary markers to enlarge their land. Therefore, I will pour out My wrath upon them like water.</p> <p>11 "The people of Ephraim are oppressed and broken in judgment because they willingly walked</p>

<p>commandment. 12 Therefore will I be unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness. 13 When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound. 14 For I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue him. 15 & I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.</p>	<p>after vanity. 12 “Therefore, I will be to Ephraim as a moth and to the house of Judah as rottenness. 13 “When Ephraim saw its sickness, and Judah saw its wound, then Ephraim went to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb. Yet he could not heal them nor cure them of their wound. 14 “For I will be to Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah; I, even I, will tear and then go away; I will take away, and no one shall come to the rescue. 15 “I will go and return to My place, till they acknowledge their offense, and seek Me; in their affliction they will seek Me early.”</p>
<p>6:1 Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. 2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. 3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. 4 & O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away. 5 Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth. 6 For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. 7 But they like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me. 8 Gilead is a city of them that work iniquity, and is polluted with blood. 9 And as troops of robbers wait for a man, so the company of priests murder in the way by consent: for they commit lewdness. 10 I have seen an horrible thing in the house of Israel: there is the whoredom of Ephraim, Israel is defiled. 11 Also, O Judah, he hath set an harvest for thee, when I returned the captivity of my people.</p>	<p>6:1 The people say, “Come, and let us return to the Lord; for He has torn us, and He will heal us; He has struck us down, and He will bind us up. 2 “After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up and we shall live in His sight. 3 “Then we shall know if we continue on to know the Lord; His going forth is prepared as the morning. And He shall come to us as the rain, as the latter and former rain to the earth.” 4 But the Lord says, “O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? For Your goodness is as a morning cloud’ and as the early dew, it goes away. 5 “Therefore, I have cut at them by the prophets; I have slain them by My words, and My judgments are like the light that goes forth. 6 “For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. 7 “But they like persons do, have transgressed the covenant; therefore, they have dealt treacherously against Me. 8 “Gilead is a city of those who work iniquity, and is polluted with blood. 9 “And as troops of robbers wait for a person, so the company of priests murder in the way by consent; for they commit lewdness. 10 “I have seen a horrible thing regarding the people of Israel: there is the whoredom of Ephraim; Israel is defiled. 11 “Also, Judah, I have set a time for punishing My people.”</p>

<p>7:1 When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was discovered, and the wickedness of Samaria: for they commit falsehood; and the thief cometh in, and the troop of robbers spoileth without.</p> <p>2 And they consider not in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them about; they are before my face.</p> <p>3 They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies.</p> <p>4 They are all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, who ceaseth from raising after he hath kneaded the dough, until it be leavened.</p> <p>5 In the day of our king the princes have made him sick with bottles of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners.</p> <p>6 For they have made ready their heart like an oven, whiles they lie in wait: their baker sleepeth all the night; in the morning it burneth as a flaming fire.</p> <p>7 They are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges; all their kings are fallen: there is none among them that calleth unto me.</p> <p>8 Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned.</p> <p>9 Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not.</p> <p>10 And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face: and they do not return to the Lord their God, nor seek him for all this.</p> <p>11 & Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.</p> <p>12 When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them, as their congregation hath heard.</p> <p>13 Woe unto them! for they have fled from me: destruction unto them! because they have transgressed against me: though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against me.</p> <p>14 And they have not cried unto me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds: they assemble themselves for corn and wine, and they</p>	<p>7:1 The Lord says, "When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was discovered, the wickedness of Samaria, for they commit falsehood. And the thief comes in, and the troop of robbers plunders outside.</p> <p>2 "And they do not consider in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness; their own actions show who they are: their actions are before Me.</p> <p>3 "They make the king glad by their wickedness, and the princes by their lies.</p> <p>4 "They are all adulterers, like an oven heated by the baker, who ceases from raising the bread after he has kneaded the dough until it is leavened.</p> <p>5 "In the day of our king the princes have made him sick with wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners.</p> <p>6 "For they have made ready their heart like an oven; while they lie in wait, their baker sleeps all night; in the morning it burns as a flaming fire.</p> <p>7 "They are all as hot as an oven and have devoured their judges; all their kings have fallen; no one among them calls to Me.</p> <p>8 "The people of Ephraim have mixed themselves with foreigners; Ephraim is a cake not turned.</p> <p>9 "Foreigners have devoured the strength of Ephraim, and Ephraim does not know it; yes, gray hairs are here and there upon Ephraim, yet are not known.</p> <p>10 "And the pride of Israel testifies against Israel, and they do not return to the Lord their God, nor seek Him for all this.</p> <p>11 "Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart; the people of Ephraim call to Egypt; they go to Assyria.</p> <p>12 "When they go, I will spread My net upon them; I will bring them down as the birds of the heavens; I will chastise them, as their congregation has heard.</p> <p>13 "Woe to them! For they have fled from Me; destruction to them! They have transgressed against Me, and have spoken lies against Me, though I have redeemed them.</p> <p>14 "And they did not cry out to Me with their heart when they howled upon their beds. They assemble themselves for grain and wine, and they rebel against Me.</p>
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<p>rebel against me. 15 Though I have bound and strengthened their arms, yet do they imagine mischief against me. 16 They return, but not to the most High: they are like a deceitful bow: their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue: this shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.</p>	<p>15 "Though I have trained them and strengthened their arms, they imagine mischief against Me. 16 "They return, but not to the most High; they are like a deceitful bow; their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue. This shall be their derision in the land of Egypt."</p>
<p>8:1 Set the trumpet to thy mouth. He shall come as an eagle against the house of the Lord, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law. 2 Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee. 3 Israel hath cast off the thing that is good: the enemy shall pursue him. 4 They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off. 5 & Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast thee off; mine anger is kindled against them: how long will it be ere they attain to innocency? 6 For from Israel was it also: the workman made it; therefore it is not God: but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces. 7 For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up. 8 Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure. 9 For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim hath hired lovers. 10 Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes. 11 Because Ephraim hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin. 12 I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing. 13 They sacrifice flesh for the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat it; but the Lord accepteth them not; now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins: they shall return to Egypt. 14 For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth</p>	<p>8:1 The Lord says, "Set the trumpet to your mouth. Enemies like eagles are swooping down against the temple of the Lord because the people of Israel have transgressed My covenant and trespassed against My law. 2 "Israel shall cry out to Me, 'My God, we know you.' 3 "Israel has cast off the thing that is good; the enemy shall pursue it. 4 "They have set up kings, but not by Me; they have made princes, and I did not know it. From their silver and gold, they have made themselves idols so that they may be cut off. 5 "Your golden calf, O Samaria, has cast you off; My anger is kindled against them; how long will it be before they attain innocence? 6 "It was from Israel; the workman made it; therefore it is not God; the golden calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces. 7 "For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind; it has no stalk; the bud shall yield no grain; if it yields grain, foreigners shall eat it up. 8 "Israel is swallowed up; now they shall be among the Gentiles as a vessel in which there is no pleasure. 9 "For they have gone up to Assyria, a wild donkey alone by itself; Ephraim has hired lovers. 10 "Yes, though they have hired nations to help them, I now will gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes. 11 "Because the people of Ephraim have made many altars to sin, altars shall be a sin to them. 12 "I have written to them the great things of My law, but they were counted as a strange thing. 13 "They sacrifice flesh for the sacrifices of My offerings and eat it. But the Lord does not accept them; now He will remember their iniquity and punish their sins; they shall return to Egypt. 14 "For Israel has forgotten his Maker and builds</p>

<p>temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.</p>	<p>temples, and Judah has multiplied walled cities. But I will send a fire upon its cities, and the fire shall devour the palaces of them.”</p>
<p>9:1 Rejoice not, O Israel, for joy, as other people: for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God, thou hast loved a reward upon every cornfloor.</p> <p>2 The floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her.</p> <p>3 They shall not dwell in the Lord'S land; but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean things in Assyria.</p> <p>4 They shall not offer wine offerings to the Lord, neither shall they be pleasing unto him: their sacrifices shall be unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat thereof shall be polluted: for their bread for their soul shall not come into the house of the Lord.</p> <p>5 What will ye do in the solemn day, and in the day of the feast of the Lord?</p> <p>6 For, lo, they are gone because of destruction: Egypt shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury them: the pleasant places for their silver, nettles shall possess them: thorns shall be in their tabernacles.</p> <p>7 The days of visitation are come, the days of recompence are come; Israel shall know it: the prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred.</p> <p>8 The watchman of Ephraim was with my God: but the prophet is a snare of a fowler in all his ways, and hatred in the house of his God.</p> <p>9 They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of Gibeah: therefore he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins.</p> <p>10 I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the firstripe in the fig tree at her first time: but they went to Baalpeor, and separated themselves unto that shame; and their abominations were according as they loved.</p> <p>11 As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception.</p>	<p>9:1 Do not rejoice, O Israel, for joy, as other people do; for you have been unfaithful to your God; you have loved a reward on every threshing floor of grain.</p> <p>2 The floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail.</p> <p>3 They shall not dwell in the Lord's land; but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and his people shall eat ritually unclean things in Assyria.</p> <p>4 They shall not offer wine offerings to the Lord, neither shall they be pleasing to Him. Their sacrifices shall be to them as the bread of mourners; all that eat them shall be polluted, and the food for their soul shall not come into the temple of the Lord.</p> <p>5 What will you do in the solemn day and the day of the feast of the Lord?</p> <p>6 For, behold, they have gone because of destruction; Egypt shall gather them up; Memphis shall bury them. Nettles shall be where the pleasant places for their silver once were; thorns shall be in their tabernacles.</p> <p>7 The days of punishment have come, the days of recompense have come; Israel shall know it. The prophet is considered a fool; the spiritual person is thought to be crazy because of the multitude of your iniquity and your great hatred.</p> <p>8 The sentinel of Ephraim was with my God, but the prophet is a snare of a fowler in all ways and hated in the temple of God.</p> <p>9 They have deeply corrupted themselves, like in the days of Gibeah; therefore, He will remember their iniquity; He will punish their sins.</p> <p>10 The Lord says, “I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your ancestors as the first ripe in the fig tree at its first time. But they went to Baalpeor and separated themselves to that shame, and their abominations were according as they loved.</p> <p>11 “As for the people of Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird from the birth, from the womb, and from the conception.</p>

<p>12 Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them, that there shall not be a man left: yea, woe also to them when I depart from them!</p> <p>13 Ephraim, as I saw Tyrus, is planted in a pleasant place: but Ephraim shall bring forth his children to the murderer.</p> <p>14 Give them, O Lord: what wilt thou give? give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.</p> <p>15 All their wickedness is in Gilgal: for there I hated them: for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of mine house, I will love them no more: all their princes are revolvers.</p> <p>16 Ephraim is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit: yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay even the beloved fruit of their womb.</p> <p>17 My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations.</p>	<p>12 "Though they bring up their children, yet I will bereave them so that there shall not be a person left; yes, woe to them when I depart from them!"</p> <p>13 Ephraim, as I saw Tyre, is planted in a pleasant place; but the people of Ephraim shall bring forth their children to the murderer.</p> <p>14 Give them, O Lord: what will You give? Give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.</p> <p>15 The Lord says, "All their wickedness is in Gilgal; for there I hated them; for the wickedness of their actions, I will drive them out of My temple. I will not love them anymore; all their princes are revolvers.</p> <p>16 "The people of Ephraim have been struck down; their root is dried up; they shall not bear any fruit. Yes, though they bring forth, yet I will slay even the beloved fruit of their womb."</p> <p>17 My God will cast them away because they did not listen to Him, and they shall be wanderers among the nations.</p>
<p>10:1 Israel is an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself: according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images.</p> <p>2 Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty: he shall break down their altars, he shall spoil their images.</p> <p>3 For now they shall say, We have no king, because we feared not the Lord; what then should a king do to us?</p> <p>4 They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant: thus judgment springeth up as hemlock in the furrows of the field.</p> <p>5 The inhabitants of Samaria shall fear because of the calves of Bethaven: for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and the priests thereof that rejoiced on it, for the glory thereof, because it is departed from it.</p> <p>6 It shall be also carried unto Assyria for a present to king Jareb: Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel.</p> <p>7 As for Samaria, her king is cut off as the foam upon the water.</p> <p>8 The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall</p>	<p>10:1 Israel is an empty grapevine, he brings forth fruit for himself. According to the multitude of his fruit, he has increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land, they have made goodly images.</p> <p>2 Their heart is divided; now they shall be found faulty; He shall break down their altars and plunder their images.</p> <p>3 For now they shall say, "We have no king because we were not in awe of the Lord. What then could a king do for us?"</p> <p>4 They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant; thus judgment springs up as hemlock in the furrows of the field.</p> <p>5 The inhabitants of Samaria shall fear because of the calf of Beth-aven. For the people shall mourn over it, and the priests who rejoiced over it for its glory that has departed from it.</p> <p>6 Also, the idol shall be carried to Assyria as a tribute to the great emperor; Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his idol.</p> <p>7 As for Samaria, his king is cut off as the foam upon the water.</p> <p>8 Also, the high places of Bethaven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed. The thorn and the thistle shall</p>

<p>be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us. 9 O Israel, thou hast sinned from the days of Gibeah: there they stood: the battle in Gibeah against the children of iniquity did not overtake them. 10 It is in my desire that I should chastise them; and the people shall be gathered against them, when they shall bind themselves in their two furrows. 11 And Ephraim is as an heifer that is taught, and loveth to tread out the corn; but I passed over upon her fair neck: I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall plow, and Jacob shall break his clods. 12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. 13 Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men. 14 Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people, and all thy fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shalman spoiled Betharbel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces upon her children. 15 So shall Bethel do unto you because of your great wickedness: in a morning shall the king of Israel utterly be cut off.</p>	<p>come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, "Cover us," and to the hills, "Fall on us." 9 The Lord says, "O Israel, you have sinned from the days of Gibeah. There they stood; the battle in Gibeah against the children of iniquity did not overtake them. 10 "It is My desire that I should chastise them, and the people shall be gathered against them when they shall bind themselves in their two furrows. 11 "Ephraim is like a heifer that is taught and loves to tread out the grain, but I passed over upon her fair neck. I will make Ephraim ride; Judah shall plow, and Jacob shall break his clods. 12 "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground. For it is time to seek the Lord, till He comes and rains righteousness upon you. 13 "You have plowed wickedness and have reaped iniquity; you have eaten the fruit of lies because you trusted in your way, in the multitude of your mighty people. 14 "Therefore a tumult shall arise among your people, and all your fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shalman spoiled Betharbel in the day of battle. The mother was dashed in pieces upon her children. 15 "So shall Bethel do to you because of your great wickedness; on a morning the king of Israel shall be utterly cut off."</p>
<p>11:1 When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. 2 As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images. 3 I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them. ` 4 I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love: and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them. ` 5 & He shall not return into the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return. 6 And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and devour them, because of</p>	<p>11:1 The Lord says, "When Israel was a child, then I loved him and called My son out of Egypt. 2 "The more I called the people of Israel, the more they went from Me; they sacrificed to Baalim and burned incense to idols. 3 "I taught the people of Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they did not know that I healed them. 4 "I drew them with the cords of a person, with bands of love; and I was to them as those who take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid out food for them. 5 "They shall return into the land of Egypt, and the Assyrians shall rule over them because they refused to return to Me. 6 "And the sword shall abide on their cities, and shall consume their branches, and devour them</p>

<p>their own counsels. 7 And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt him. 8 How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? how shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together. 9 I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city. 10 They shall walk after the Lord: he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west. 11 They shall tremble as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria: and I will place them in their houses, saith the Lord. 12 Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the saints.</p>	<p>because of their own counsels. 7 “My people are prone to backsliding from Me; though they were called to the most High, no one at all would exalt Him. 8 “How shall I give you up, Ephraim? How shall I deliver you, Israel? How shall I make you as Admah? How shall I set you as Zeboim? My feelings toward are turned within Me; My repentings are kindled together. 9 “I will not execute the fierceness of My anger; I will not return to destroy Ephraim. For I am God, and not a person, the Holy One in the midst of you; and I will not enter into the city. 10 “They shall walk after the Lord; He shall roar like a lion; when He shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west. 11 “They shall tremble like a bird out of Egypt and like a dove out of the land of Assyria, and I will place them in their houses, says the Lord.” 12 The Lord says, “Ephraim encompasses Me with lies and the people of Israel with deceit, but Judah still rules with God and is faithful with the saints.”</p>
<p>12:1 Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind: he daily increaseth lies and desolation; and they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt. 2 The Lord hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him. 3 & He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with God: 4 Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him in Bethel, and there he spake with us; 5 Even the Lord God of hosts; the Lord is his memorial. 6 Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually. 7 & He is a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand: he loveth to oppress. 8 And Ephraim said, Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance: in all my labours they shall find none iniquity in me that were sin. 9 And I that am the Lord thy God from the land of Egypt will yet make thee to dwell in tabernacles, as</p>	<p>12:1 Ephraim feeds on the wind and follows after the east wind. He daily increases lies and desolation, and they make a covenant with the Assyrians, and olive oil is carried into Egypt.” 2 The Lord also has a controversy with Judah and will punish Jacob according to His ways; according to his actions, He will judge him. 3 Jacob took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with God. 4 Yes, he had power over the angel and prevailed; he wept and made supplication to Him; he found God in Bethel, and there He spoke with us; 5 even the Lord God of hosts, the Lord is his memorial. 6 Therefore turn to your God; keep mercy and justice and wait on your God continually. 7 The Lord says, “He is a merchant; the balances of deceit are in his hand: he loves to oppress. 8 “Ephraim said, ‘Yet I have become rich I have found substance for me; in all my labors they shall find no iniquity in me that is a sin.’ 9 “But I that am the Lord your God from the land of Egypt can still make you dwell in tents, like in the</p>

<p>in the days of the solemn feast. 10 I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets. 11 Is there iniquity in Gilead? surely they are vanity: they sacrifice bullocks in Gilgal; yea, their altars are as heaps in the furrows of the fields. 12 And Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheep. 13 And by a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved. 14 Ephraim provoked him to anger most bitterly: therefore shall he leave his blood upon him, and his reproach shall his Lord return unto him.</p>	<p>days of the solemn feast. 10 "I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions and used similitudes by the service of the prophets. 11 "Is there iniquity in Gilead? Surely they are vanity; they sacrifice bulls in Gilgal; yes, their altars are as heaps in the furrows of the fields." 12 Our ancestor Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Jacob, who was renamed Israel, served for a wife, and he kept sheep to be allowed to marry one of Laban's daughters. 13 And by a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet he was preserved. 14 Ephraim provoked Him to anger most bitterly; therefore, He shall leave his blood upon him, and his reproach shall his Lord return to him.</p>
<p>13:1 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: 8 I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: the wild beast shall tear them. 9 & O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help.</p>	<p>13:1 When Ephraim spoke trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died. 2 And now the people of Israel sin more and more and have made themselves molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen. How can they stupidly say, "Let the people who sacrifice kiss the calves." 3 Therefore, they shall be like the morning cloud and like the early dew that passes away, like the chaff that is driven by the whirlwind from the threshing floor, and like the smoke out of a chimney. 4 Yahweh says, "I am Yahweh your Deity from the land of Egypt, and you shall know no god but Me, for there is no Savior besides Me. 5 "I knew you 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, they have forgotten Me. 7 "Therefore, I will be to them like a lion; like a leopard by the way, I will observe them. 8 "I will meet them like a Mother bear that is bereaved of her cubs and will tear out their heart, and there I will devour them like a lion. The wild beast shall tear them. 9 "O Israel, you have destroyed yourself; but in Me is your help.</p>

<p>10 I will be thy king: where is any other that may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes? 11 I gave thee a king in mine anger, and took him away in my wrath. 12 The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is hid. 13 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. 14 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. 15 & 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. 16 Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.</p>	<p>10 "I will be your king; where is any other that can save you in all your cities, including your judges of whom you said, 'Give me a king and princes'? 11 "I gave you a king in My anger and took him away in My wrath. 12 "The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is hidden. 13 "The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him; he is an unwise son, for he should not stay long in the place where children are given birth. 14 "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death; O death, I will be your plagues. O grave, I will be your destruction; repentance shall be hidden from Me. 15 "Though he is 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 plunder the treasure of all his pleasant vessels. 16 "Samaria shall become desolate; for Samaria has rebelled against God; the people of Samaria shall fall by the sword. Their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped open."</p>
<p>14:1 O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. 2 Take with you words, and turn to the Lord: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips. 3 Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy. 4 & I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him. 5 I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. 6 His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. 7 They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.</p>	<p>14:1 O Israel, return to the Lord your God; for you have fallen by your iniquity. 2 Take with you words and turn to the Lord and say to Him, "Take away all iniquity and receive us graciously. So will we render the fruit of our lips. 3 "Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses. Neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, 'You are our gods, for in you the fatherless find mercy.'" 4 The Lord says, "I will heal their backsliding; I will love them freely, for My anger has turned away from them. 5 "I will be as the dew to Israel; he shall grow as the lily and cast forth his roots like Lebanon. 6 "His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree and his smell like the cedars of Lebanon. 7 "Those who dwell under His shadow shall return; they shall revive as the grain and grow as the grapevine; the scent of this shall be as the wine of</p>

<p>8 Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him, and observed him: I am like a green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found.</p>	<p>Lebanon. 8 "Ephraim shall say, 'What have I to do anymore with idols?' I have heard him and observed him; I am like a green fir tree. From Me is your fruit found."</p>
<p>9 Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.</p>	<p>9 Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? Who is prudent, and he shall know them? For the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them; but transgressors shall fall because they ignore them.</p>