

# Hosea 1

- <sup>1</sup> 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**.
- <sup>2</sup> 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**.
- <sup>3</sup> So he went and took **Gomer** the daughter of **Diblaim**; which conceived, and bare him a son.
- <sup>4</sup> 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.
- <sup>5</sup> And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel, in the valley of Jezreel.
- <sup>6</sup> 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**.
- <sup>7</sup> **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**.
- <sup>8</sup> Now when she had weaned Loruhamah, she conceived, and bare a son.
- <sup>9</sup> Then said **God**, **Call his name Loammi: for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God**.
- <sup>10</sup> **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**.
- <sup>11</sup> 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.

# Hosea 2

- <sup>1</sup> Say ye unto your brethren, **Ammi**; and to your sisters, **Ruhamah**.
- <sup>2</sup> **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;
- <sup>3</sup> 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.
- <sup>4</sup> And I will **not** have mercy upon her children; for they be the children of whoredoms.
- <sup>5</sup> 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.
- <sup>6</sup> **Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths.**
- <sup>7</sup> 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.
- <sup>8</sup> **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.**
- <sup>9</sup> 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.
- <sup>10</sup> And now will I **discover** her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and **none** shall **deliver** her *out of* mine hand.
- <sup>11</sup> I will also **cause** *all* her mirth to **cease**, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and *all* her solemn feasts.
- <sup>12</sup> 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.
- <sup>13</sup> 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 **forgat** me, saith the **LORD**.
- <sup>14</sup> Therefore, behold, I will **allure** her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak *comfortably* unto her.

# Hosea 2

- <sup>15</sup> 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**.
- <sup>16</sup> And it shall be at that day, saith the **LORD**, that thou shalt call me **Ishi**; and shalt call me no more **Baali**.
- <sup>17</sup> For I will take away the names of **Baalim** *out* of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.
- <sup>18</sup> And in that day will I make a covenant for them 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.
- <sup>19</sup> 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.
- <sup>20</sup> I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the **LORD**.
- <sup>21</sup> 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;
- <sup>22</sup> And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear **Jezreel**.
- <sup>23</sup> 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**.

# Hosea 3

- <sup>1</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> So I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver, and for an homer of barley, and an half homer of barley:
- <sup>3</sup> 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.
- <sup>4</sup> 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*.
- <sup>5</sup> *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*.

# Hosea 4

- <sup>1</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood.
- <sup>3</sup> 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.
- <sup>4</sup> Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people are as they that strive with the priest.
- <sup>5</sup> Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet *also* shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother.
- <sup>6</sup> 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.
- <sup>7</sup> As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame.
- <sup>8</sup> They eat up the sin of my people, and they set their heart on their iniquity.
- <sup>9</sup> And there shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings.
- <sup>10</sup> 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**.
- <sup>11</sup> Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.
- <sup>12</sup> 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**.
- <sup>13</sup> 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.
- <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> For **Israel** slideth back as a backsliding heifer: now the **LORD** will feed them as a lamb in a large place. <sup>17</sup> **Ephraim** is joined to idols: let him *alone*. <sup>18</sup> Their drink is sour: they have committed whoredom *continually*: her rulers with shame do love, Give ye. <sup>19</sup> The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

# Hosea 5

- <sup>1</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> And the revolters are profound to make slaughter, though I have been a rebuker of them *all*.
- <sup>3</sup> I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim, thou committest whoredom, and Israel is defiled.
- <sup>4</sup> 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.
- <sup>5</sup> 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.
- <sup>6</sup> 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.
- <sup>7</sup> They have dealt treacherously against the LORD: for they have begotten strange children: now shall a month devour them with their portions.
- <sup>8</sup> Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah: cry aloud at Bethaven, *after* thee, O Benjamin.
- <sup>9</sup> Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall *surely* be.
- <sup>10</sup> The princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound: therefore I will pour out my wrath upon them like water.
- <sup>11</sup> Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment, because he willingly walked *after* the commandment.
- <sup>12</sup> Therefore will I be unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness.
- <sup>13</sup> 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.
- <sup>14</sup> 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.
- <sup>15</sup> 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*.

# Hosea 6

- <sup>1</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.
- <sup>3</sup> 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.
- <sup>4</sup> 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.
- <sup>5</sup> 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.
- <sup>6</sup> For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.
- <sup>7</sup> But they like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me.
- <sup>8</sup> **Gilead** is a city of them that work iniquity, and is polluted with blood.
- <sup>9</sup> And as troops of robbers wait for a man, so the company of priests murder in the way by consent: for they commit lewdness.
- <sup>10</sup> I have seen an *horrible* thing in the house of **Israel**: there is the whoredom of **Ephraim**, **Israel** is defiled.
- <sup>11</sup> Also, O **Judah**, he hath set an harvest for thee, when I returned the captivity of my people.

# Hosea 7

- <sup>1</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.
- <sup>3</sup> They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies.
- <sup>4</sup> 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.
- <sup>5</sup> In the day of our king the princes have made him sick with bottles of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners.
- <sup>6</sup> 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.
- <sup>7</sup> 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.
- <sup>8</sup> Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned.
- <sup>9</sup> Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not.
- <sup>10</sup> 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.
- <sup>11</sup> Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.
- <sup>12</sup> 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.
- <sup>13</sup> 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.
- <sup>14</sup> 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 rebel against me.
- <sup>15</sup> Though I have bound and strengthened their arms, yet do they imagine mischief against me.
- <sup>16</sup> 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.



# Hosea 8

- <sup>1</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> **Israel** shall cry unto me, My **God**, we know thee.
- <sup>3</sup> **Israel** hath cast off the thing that is good: the enemy shall pursue him.
- <sup>4</sup> 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.
- <sup>5</sup> Thy calf, O **Samaria**, hath cast thee off; mine anger is kindled against them: how *long* will it be ere they attain to innocency?
- <sup>6</sup> 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.
- <sup>7</sup> 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.
- <sup>8</sup> **Israel** is swallowed up: now shall they be among the **Gentiles** as a vessel wherein is no pleasure.
- <sup>9</sup> For they are gone up to **Assyria**, a wild ass alone by himself: **Ephraim** hath hired lovers.
- <sup>10</sup> 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.
- <sup>11</sup> Because **Ephraim** hath made *many* altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin.
- <sup>12</sup> I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing.
- <sup>13</sup> 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**.
- <sup>14</sup> For **Israel** hath forgotten his **Maker**, and buildeth temples; and **Judah** hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

# Hosea 9

- <sup>1</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> The floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her.
- <sup>3</sup> They shall not dwell in the **LORD's** land; but **Ephraim** shall return to **Egypt**, and they shall eat unclean things in **Assyria**.
- <sup>4</sup> 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**.
- <sup>5</sup> What will ye do in the solemn day, and in the day of the feast of the **LORD**?
- <sup>6</sup> 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.
- <sup>7</sup> 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.
- <sup>8</sup> 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**.
- <sup>9</sup> They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of **Gibeah**: therefore he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins.
- <sup>10</sup> 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.
- <sup>11</sup> As for **Ephraim**, their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception.
- <sup>12</sup> 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! <sup>13</sup> **Ephraim**, as I saw **Tyrus**, is planted in a pleasant place: but **Ephraim** shall bring forth his children to the murderer. <sup>14</sup> Give them, O **LORD**: what wilt thou give? give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts. <sup>15</sup> *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 revolters. <sup>16</sup> **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. <sup>17</sup> **My God** will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

# Hosea 10

- <sup>1</sup> **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*.
- <sup>2</sup> Their *heart* is *divided*; now shall they be *found faulty*: he shall *break down* their *altars*, he shall *spoil* their *images*.
- <sup>3</sup> For now they shall say, We have *no king*, because we *feared not* the **LORD**; what then should a king do to us? <sup>4</sup> They have spoken *words*, *swearing falsely* in making a *covenant*: thus *judgment springeth up* as *hemlock* in the *furrows* of the *field*.
- <sup>5</sup> 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.
- <sup>6</sup> 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*.
- <sup>7</sup> As for **Samaria**, her *king* is *cut off* as the *foam* upon the *water*.
- <sup>8</sup> The *high places* also of **Aven**, the *sin* of **Israel**, shall 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*.
- <sup>9</sup> 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.
- <sup>10</sup> 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*.
- <sup>11</sup> 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*.
- <sup>12</sup> *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.
- <sup>13</sup> 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*.
- <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> So shall **Bethel** do unto you because of your *great* wickedness: in a *morning* shall the *king* of **Israel** *utterly* be *cut off*.

# Hosea 11

- <sup>1</sup> When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son *out* of Egypt.
- <sup>2</sup> As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to *graven images*.
- <sup>3</sup> I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them.
- <sup>4</sup> 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.
- <sup>5</sup> He shall not return into the land of **Egypt**, and the **Assyrian** shall be his king, because they refused to return.
- <sup>6</sup> And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and devour them, because of their *own* counsels.
- <sup>7</sup> And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the *most* **High**, none at all would exalt him.
- <sup>8</sup> 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.
- <sup>9</sup> 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.
- <sup>10</sup> They shall walk after the **LORD**: he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the *west*.
- <sup>11</sup> 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**.
- <sup>12</sup> **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.

# Hosea 12

- <sup>1</sup> **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**.
- <sup>2</sup> The **LORD** hath also a controversy with **Judah**, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him.
- <sup>3</sup> He took his **brother** by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with **God**:
- <sup>4</sup> 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;
- <sup>5</sup> Even the **LORD God** of hosts; the **LORD** is his memorial.
- <sup>6</sup> Therefore turn thou to thy **God**: keep mercy and judgment and wait on thy God *continually*.
- <sup>7</sup> He is a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand: he loveth to oppress.
- <sup>8</sup> 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.
- <sup>9</sup> And I that am the **LORD** thy **God** from the land of **Egypt** will yet make thee to  dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the *solemn feast*.
- <sup>10</sup> I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.
- <sup>11</sup> 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.
- <sup>12</sup> And **Jacob** fled into the country of **Syria**, and **Israel** served for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheep.
- <sup>13</sup> And by a prophet the **LORD** brought **Israel** *out* of **Egypt**, and by a prophet was he preserved.
- <sup>14</sup> **Ephraim** provoked him to anger *most bitterly*: therefore shall he leave his blood upon him, and his reproach shall his **LORD** return unto him.

# Hosea 13

- <sup>1</sup> When **Ephraim** spake trembling, he exalted himself in **Israel**; but when he offended in **Baal**, he died.
- <sup>2</sup> 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**.
- <sup>3</sup> 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.
- <sup>4</sup> **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.
- <sup>5</sup> I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought.
- <sup>6</sup> According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me.
- <sup>7</sup> Therefore I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard by the way will I observe them:
- <sup>8</sup> 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.
- <sup>9</sup> O **Israel**, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help.
- <sup>10</sup> 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?**
- <sup>11</sup> **I gave thee a king in mine anger**, and took him away in my wrath.
- <sup>12</sup> The iniquity of **Ephraim** is bound up; his sin is hid.
- <sup>13</sup> 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.
- <sup>14</sup> **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.
- <sup>15</sup> 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*.
- <sup>16</sup> **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.

# Hosea 14

- <sup>1</sup> O **Israel**, return unto the **LORD** thy **God**; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.
- <sup>3</sup> **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.
- <sup>4</sup> I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.
- <sup>5</sup> I will be as the dew unto **Israel**: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as **Lebanon**.
- <sup>6</sup> His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as **Lebanon**.
- <sup>7</sup> 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**.
- <sup>8</sup> **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.
- <sup>9</sup> 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.