

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

Hosea 2

- ¹ Say ye unto your brethren, **Ammi**; and to your sisters, **Ruhamah**.
- 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;
- 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.
- ⁴ And I will **not** have mercy upon her children; for they be the children of whoredoms.
- 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.
- ⁶ **Therefore**, behold, I will **hedge up** thy way with 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 **forgat** me, saith the **LORD**.
- ¹⁴ Therefore, behold, I will **allure** her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak *comfortably* unto her.

Hosea 2

- 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 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.
- 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.
- ²⁰ I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the **LORD**.
- 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;
- ²² And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear **Jezreel**.
- 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**.

Hosea 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.
- ² So I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver, and for an homer of barley, and an half homer of barley:
- 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.
- 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*.
- 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*.

Hosea 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.
- ² By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, 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. ¹⁶ For **Israel** slideth back as a backsliding heifer: now the **LORD** will feed them as a lamb in a large place. ¹⁷ **Ephraim** is joined to idols: let him *alone*. ¹⁸ Their drink is sour: they have committed whoredom *continually*: her rulers with shame do love, Give ye. ¹⁹ The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

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

Hosea 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.

Hosea 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.
- 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.
- ³ They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies.
- 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.
- ⁵ In the day of our king the princes have made him sick with bottles of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners.
- 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.
- 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.
- ⁸ **Ephraim**, he hath mixed himself among the people; **Ephraim** is a cake not turned.
- ⁹ Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not.
- 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.
- ¹¹ **Ephraim** also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to **Egypt**, they go to **Assyria**.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 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**.

Hosea 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 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

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

Hosea 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*.
- ² Their *heart* is *divided*; now shall they be *found faulty*: he shall *break down* their *altars*, he shall *spoil* their *images*.
- ³ For now they shall say, We have *no king*, because we *feared not* the **LORD**; what then should a king do to us? ⁴ They have spoken *words*, *swearing falsely* in making a *covenant*: thus *judgment springeth up* as *hemlock* in the *furrows* of the *field*.
- 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.
- 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*.
- ⁷ As for **Samaria**, her *king* is *cut off* as the *foam* upon the *water*.
- ⁸ 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*.
- 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*.

Hosea 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**, and 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 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.

Hosea 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 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.

Hosea 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.
- 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.

Hosea 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**.
- 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.
- 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.