

HOSEA.

¹ THE word of the LORD that came unto Hosea, the son of Beerī, 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 Lo-ruhamah: 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 Lo-ruhamah, she conceived, and bare a son.

⁹ Then said *God*, Call his name Lo-ammi: 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.

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 burnt 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 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 faithful-
ness:

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.

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* a homer of barley, and a 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.

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 whore-
dom,
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* Beth-aven,
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.

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 revolvers 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* Beth-aven,
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.

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 a horrible thing in the house of Israel:

There *is* the whoredom of Ephraim, Israel *is* defiled.

¹¹ Also, O Judah, he hath set a harvest for thee,
When I returned the captivity of my people.

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.

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 na-
tions, 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.

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* Baal-peor, and separated them-
selves 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* revolvers.
 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.

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 Beth-aven:
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* a 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 Beth-arbel in the day of
battle:
The mother was dashed in pieces upon *her*
children.

¹⁵ So shall Beth-el do unto you because of your
great wickedness;

In a morning shall the king of Israel utterly be
cut off.

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 burnt 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 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.

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 pre-
vailed:

He wept, and made supplication unto him:
He found him *in* Beth-el, 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.

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 a 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 rent 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 ript up.

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 sent 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.

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