

## 15. Hosea - Hoshea'

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### Chapter 1

1:1 The word of **YAHWEH** which existed to Hoshea', son of Be'eri, in the days of Uzziyah, Yotam, Ahaz, and Hizkiyah, kings of Yahudah, and in the days of Yarob'am, son of Yo'ash, king of Yisra'el.

Hoshea' means deliverer. However, it appears to be a shortened form of Hosha'yah which means YAHWEH is deliverer.  
Be'eri means my well.  
Uzziyah means YAHWEH is my strength.  
Yotam means YAHWEH is complete, perfect.  
Ahaz means possessor.  
Kizkiyah means YAHWEH is my strength.  
Yarob'am means contender for the people.  
Yo'ash means The fire of YAHWEH.

1:2 The commencement of the word of **YAHWEH** by *means of* Hoshea'.

And YAHWEH said to Hoshea',  
"Go!

Take for yourself a woman of adulteries  
and children of adulteries!  
Indeed, the land has committed adultery,  
committed adultery from *following after* **YAHWEH!**"

This seems like a very strange instruction for a prophet of YAHWEH to follow. Yisra'el was to be pure, undefiled, and set apart. Yet here YAHWEH instructs Hoshea' to take a wife who is a known adulterer.

However, YAHWEH is clear in His reasoning. Hoshea' is to do this BECAUSE Yisra'el has committed adultery against their Elohim, who is designated as their Husband!! Hoshea' is to become an illustration to Yisra'el.

1:3 And he went.

And he took Gomer *herself* **nx**,  
daughter of Diblaim.  
And she conceived.  
And she bore him a son.

Gomer means to end, terminate.  
Diblaim means two cakes.

1:4 And **YAHWEH** said to him,  
"Call his name Yizre'el  
because *in* a little while longer  
I will hold accountable the blood *itself* **nx** of Yizre'el  
against the house of Yahu!

And I will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Yisra'el.

Yizre'el means El sows.  
Yahu means YAHWEH exists.

1:5 And it will exist in that day.  
And I will break the bow *itself* **nx** of Yisra'el  
in the Valley of Yizre'el!"

1:6 And she conceived again.  
And she gave birth to a daughter.  
And He said to him,  
"Call her name Lo-Ruhamah.  
Indeed, no longer will I have compassion  
on the house *itself* **nx** of Yisra'el

when I take them away, take them away!

Consider this: Yisra'el was YAHWEH's Chosen. They KNEW God personally, and they had trusted in Him. Yet they turned away from Him. They, rejected His rulership over them in favor of 'self-rule', selfishness. In this 'backslidden' state they were NOT spared from judgment or punishment by YAHWEH even they were His chosen and had entered into a covenant relationship with Him. They were headed for destruction and captivity/exile.

What does this say to YOU about the way YOU live before YAHWEH - and the possibilities involved?

Please note that this reality screams in the face of those who claim "you cannot lose your salvation". Apostasy can ONLY happen with one who "believes", who trusts YAHWEH for deliverance in the first place. Once you reject His deliverance there is no second chance for redemption. No one can "take" your salvation, but you can certainly forfeit it by your own choices and actions.

1:7 But I will have compassion  
on the house *itself* **nx** of Yahudah!  
And I will cause them to be delivered by YAHWEH,  
their Elohim.  
But I will not deliver them with bow, or with sword,  
or in battle, with horses, or with horsemen!"

1:8 And she weaned Lo-Ruhamah *herself* **nx**.

And she conceived.

And she gave birth to a son.

1:9 And He said,

"Call his name Lo-Ammi.

Indeed, *you yourselves* **nx** are not My people,  
and I do not exist as yours!

Lo- Ammi means not my people.

## Chapter 2 begins here in the Hebrew text.

1:10 (H 2.1) Yet the number of the children of Yisra'el  
will exist as the sand of the sea  
which is not measured nor counted.

And it will be in the place where it was said to them,  
'You are not My people,'  
it will be said to My people,  
'You yourselves **nx** are the children of The Living EI!'

1:11 (H 2.2) And the children of Yahudah  
and the children of Yisra'el will be gathered together.  
And they will establish for themselves one head.  
And they will come up out of the land.  
Indeed, great is the day of Yizre'el!

## Chapter 2

2:1 (H 2.3) Say to your kindred,  
'Ammi (My people),'  
and to your sisters, 'Ruhamah (Compassioned one).'

2:2 (H 2.4) "Contend with your mother!  
Contend, because she is not My wife  
and I am not her Husband!

And cause her to put away her prostitutions  
from before her face

and her adulteries from between her breasts

2:3 (H 2.5) lest I strip her naked

and cause her to be set like *she was on* the day she was born,  
and I establish her in a wilderness,

and I set her as a parched land,  
and I put her to death with thirst!

2:4 (H 2.6) And I will not have compassion  
on her children themselves **תנ**  
because they are the children of adulteries!

2:5 (H 2.7) Indeed, their mother has committed adultery!  
The one conceiving them has acted shamefully!  
Indeed, she said, 'I will go after my lovers  
those giving me my bread, and my water,  
my wool, and my linen, my oil and my drink!'

2:6 (H 2.8) For this reason, behold!  
I will block your way itself **תנ** with thorns.  
And I will build her wall itself **תנ**.  
And she will not find her ways.

2:7 (H 2.9) And she will pursue after her lovers themselves **תנ**  
but she will not catch up to they themselves **תנ**.  
And she will seek them,  
but she will not find *them*.

And she will say, 'I will go.  
And I will return to my former husband.  
Indeed, then it was better for my sake than now.'

2:8 (H 2.10) And she did not recognize  
that I have given to her the grain,  
and the new wine, and the oil.  
And I multiplied her silver and gold  
which they prepared for the sake of Ba'al.

2:9 (H 2.11) For this reason I will return!  
And I will take My grain at its time,  
and My new wine at its appointed time!

And I will snatch away My wool and My linen  
as a covering for her nakedness!

2:10 (H 2.12) And now I will uncover her lewdness itself **תנ**  
for the sake of the eyes of her lovers!  
And no man will cause her to be delivered from My hand!

2:11 (H 2.13) And I will cause to cease all her rejoicing,  
her festivals, her new moons, and her Sabbaths,  
even all her appointed times!

2:12 (H 2.14) And I will cause to be desolated  
her vines and her fig trees of which she has said,  
'these are my wages which my lovers have given to me.'

And I will establish them as a forest.  
And the animals of the field will eat them.

2:13 (H 2.15) And I will hold her accountable  
concerning the days themselves **תנ** of the Ba'als  
to which she burned incense for them,  
and adorned herself with her rings and her jewels,  
and went after her lovers,  
but Me Myself **תנ** she ignored!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH. -

2:14 (H 2.16) "For this reason behold!  
I am enticing her.

And I will cause her to go to the wilderness.  
And I will speak unto her heart.  
2:15 (H 2.17) And I will give to her  
her vineyards *themselves* **nx** from there,  
and The Valley of Akor *itself* **nx** as an entrance of hope.  
And there she will respond as in the days of her youth,  
as in the day of her coming up from the land of Mitsraim.

2:16 (H 2.18) And it will exist in that day,"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH**. -  
"that you will call Me 'My Husband.'  
And you will no longer call Me 'My Ba'al.'

2:17 (H 2.19) "And I will cause to be removed  
the names *themselves* **nx** of the Ba'als from her mouth.  
And they will not be remembered any longer by their name.

2:18 (H 2.20) And I will cut a covenant  
for them in that day with the animals of the field,  
and with the birds of the skies  
and the creeping creatures of the ground.

And bow, and sword, and battle I will shatter from the land.  
And I will cause them to lie down as secure.

2:19 (H 2.21) And I will purchase you as My bride to eternity!  
And I will purchase you as My bride by right action,  
and with judgment,  
and with kindness,  
and with compassions!

2:20 (H 2.22) And I will purchase you as My bride  
with faithfulness.  
And you will know **YAHWEH** Himself **nx**!

2:21 (H 2.23) And it will exist in that day  
*that* I will respond!"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH**. -  
"I will respond to the skies *themselves* **nx**,  
and they will respond to the earth *itself* **nx**,  
2:22 (H 2.24)  
and the earth will respond  
with the grain *itself* **nx**,  
and with the new wine *itself* **nx**,  
and with the oil *itself* **nx**.  
And they will respond to Yizre'el *itself* **nx**.

Note: It MUST be considered here that Yizre'el means "El  
sows."  
YAHWEH is The One who plants and Who causes to grow.

2:23 (H 2.25) And I will sow her as Mine in the earth!  
And I will have compassion on her *herself* **nx**  
who was not shown compassion!

And I will say to those who were not My people,  
'You yourselves **nx** are My people!  
And they will say, 'My Elohim!' "

### Chapter 3

3:1 And **YAHWEH** said to me again,  
"Go!  
Love a woman who is being loved,  
loved by a friend,  
but is committing adultery

like those being loved by YAHWEH,  
the children of Yisra'el *themselves* **nx**,  
but they are turning to other gods  
and are loving raisin cakes of grapes.”

Raisin cakes were a special treat. They were also used in  
the worship of pagan deities.

3:2 And I purchased her for myself with fifteen pieces of silver  
and one and one half homers of barley.

3:3 And I said to her, “Many days you are to dwell as mine.  
You are not to commit adultery!  
And you are not to exist as *another* man's!  
And I will also be likewise toward you.”

3:4 Indeed, many days the children of Yisra'el  
are to remain with no king,  
and with no leader,  
and with no sacrifice,  
and with no sacred pillar,  
and with no ephod or house idols.

3:5 Afterward the children of Yisra'el will return.  
And they will seek YAHWEH Himself **nx**, their Elohim,  
and David himself **nx** their king.  
And they will have reverence toward YAHWEH  
and toward His goodness  
in the days of the end.

#### Chapter 4

4:1 Listen attentively to the word of YAHWEH,  
children of Yisra'el!  
Indeed, YAHWEH has a controversy  
with the inhabitants of the land  
because there is no truth,  
and no kindness,  
and no knowledge of The Elohim in the land!

4:2 Swearing, and lying, and murdering, and stealing,  
and committing adultery have broken out.  
And blood touches against blood.

4:3 For this reason the land mourns  
and all those dwelling in the land have grown weak,  
with the animals of the field and with the birds of the skies.  
And even the fish of the sea will be taken away.

4:4 However, no man contends.  
And no man reproves another.  
And your people are like those striving with a priest.

4:5 And you will stumble in the day.  
And the prophet will also stumble with you in the night.  
And I will destroy your mother.

4:6 My people have been brought to silence  
from being without knowledge.  
Indeed, *you yourself* **nx** have rejected knowledge.  
And I have rejected you from being My priest!

And you have forgotten the Instruction of your Elohim!  
I will forget your children, even I Myself!

4:7 As they increased,  
according to this they offended toward Me.  
Their honor I will change into disgrace!

4:8 The offense offerings of of My people they eat.  
But toward moral perversity they lift up their lives.

4:9 And it will be like people, like priest.  
But I will hold him accountable for his ways!  
And his actions I will cause to return to him!

4:10 And they will eat.  
But they will not be filled to satisfaction!  
They will commit adultery.  
But they will not breach the womb  
because **YAHWEH Himself** **nx**  
they have abandoned as their protector!

4:11 Adultery, and wine, and new wine seize the heart.

4:12 My people inquire at their wooden *idols*  
and their *divining* staff declares to them.

Indeed, a wind of adulteries has caused them to go astray.  
And they have committed adultery  
more than being instead with their Elohim.

4:13 On the tops of the mountain they sacrifice.  
And upon the hills they burn incense  
under oaks, and poplars, and terebinths  
because its shade is good.

For this reason your daughters commit adultery  
and your brides commit adultery.

4:14 I will not hold your daughters accountable  
when they commit adultery,  
nor your brides when they commit adultery,  
because they are scattered among people of prostitution  
and with prostitutes they sacrifice.

And a people that do not understand will be thrust down!

4:15 Since *you yourself* **nx** are a prostitute, Yisra'el,  
do not let Yahudah be guilty.  
Do not come up to Gilgal nor go up to Bet Aven.  
And do not swear an oath saying,  
'By the life of **YAHWEH!**'

4:16 Indeed like a rebellious calf  
is rebellious Yisra'el!  
Now **YAHWEH** will pasture them like a lamb in a broad place.

4:17 Ephraim has joined with idols.  
Cause him to be left to himself!

4:18 Their drink has soured.  
They have committed adultery continually.  
Her protectors loved, loved disgrace!

4:19 A wind has bound up *her herself* **nx** in its wings.  
And they will be disgraced by their sacrifices!

## Chapter 5

5:1 The priests are to listen attentively to this!  
And pay attention, house of Yisra'el!  
And house of the king, listen!

Indeed, the sentence pronounced is for you  
because you have been a snare to Mitzpah

and a net spread out over Tabor!  
5:2 And the slaughter of the revolvers has gone deep.  
But I Myself will be a chastiser of them all!

5:3 I Myself have known Ephraim!  
And Yisra'el has not been concealed from Me!  
Indeed now, Ephraim, you have committed adultery!  
Yisra'el is defiled!

5:4 Their actions will not permit them to return to their Elohim.  
Indeed, a wind of adulteries is among them  
and YAHWEH Himself **nx** they have not known!

5:5 And the arrogance of Yisra'el will testify in His face!  
And Yisra'el and Ephraim will be stumbled  
in their moral perversity!  
Yahudah will also stumble with them!

5:6 With their flocks and herds they will go  
for the sake of seeking YAHWEH.  
But they will not find Him!  
He has withdrawn from them!

5:7 They have acted treacherously against YAHWEH!  
Indeed, they have brought forth estranged children.  
Now they will be consumed,  
they with their portions in a month!

5:8 Blow the shofar in Gib'ah, the trumpet in Ramah!  
Shout, Bet Aven!  
Behind you, Binyamin!

5:9 Ephraim will exist as a desolation in the day of rebuke!

Among the tribes of Yisra'el  
I will cause certainty to be known!

5:10 The rulers of Yahudah  
have been like those removing a boundary.  
Upon them I will pour out my wrath like water!

5:11 Ephraim has been oppressed,  
crushed with judgment,  
because he was willing to walk after trivialities!

5:12 And I Myself am as a moth to Ephraim,  
and as decay to the house of Yahudah.

5:13 And Ephraim has seen his sickness itself **nx**,  
and Yahudah his wound itself **nx**.  
Then Ephraim went to Ashshur.  
And he sent to King Yareb.  
But he is not able to do healing for your sake.  
And he will not help you recover from your wounds.

5:14 Indeed, I am like a lion to Ephraim  
and like a young lion to the house of Yahudah.  
I Myself, I Myself will tear them in pieces!  
And I will come!  
I will carry *them* away!  
And no one will be delivering *them*!

5:15 I will go!  
I will return to My place  
until when they acknowledge their guilt  
and have sought My face!

In their distress they will diligently search for Me!"

## Chapter 6

6:1 'Come!

And we will return to **YAHWEH!**

Indeed He has torn *us* to pieces.

But He will heal us.

He has caused us to be struck.

But He will bind us up.

6:2 After a short time He will restore us.

On the third day He will raise us up.

And we will live before His face.

6:3 We will know *Him*.

We will pursue after *Him*

for the sake of knowing **YAHWEH Himself** **nn**.

Like the certainty of morning is His going forth.

And He comes to us like the rain,

like the spring rain pouring on the ground.'

6:4 "What will I do to you, Ephraim?

What will I do to you, Yahudah?

Even your kindness is like a morning cloud.

And like the early dew you rise early to go *away*.

6:5 For this reason I have cut them down by the prophets.

I have killed them by the words of My mouth.

And My judgments of you will come forth to the light.

6:6 Indeed I desired kindness

and not sacrifice,

and the knowledge of The Elohim

more than olahs!

6:7 But like Adam they passed over The Covenant.

There they acted treacherously against Me.

6:8 Gil'ad is a city of those doing evil,

with footprints of blood,

6:9 and as bands of *robbers* lying in wait for a man,

a company of priests on the road consenting to murder.

Indeed, they had done wickedness!

6:10 In the house of Yisra'el

I have seen a horrible thing.

There is adultery, as in Ephraim!

Yisra'el has been defiled!

6:11 Also Yahudah, your harvest has been set,

at My turning back the captivity of My people.

## Chapter 7

7:1 As I heal for the sake of Yisra'el

then the moral perversity of Ephraim will be uncovered

and the bad actions of Shomeron

because they have acted without cause.

And a thief comes in.

A band of robbers raids outside.

7:2 And they do not say to their hearts

that I remember all their bad actions.

Now their actions have surrounded them.

They have existed before My face.



7:3 With their badness a king is glad,  
and with their lies rulers *are glad*.

7:4 All of them are committing adultery  
like an oven heated by a baker.  
He ceases stirring after kneading the dough  
until it is leavened.

7:5 In the day of our king rulers were caused to be sick,  
enraged with wine.  
He extended his hand  
to those *themselves* **nx** who were mocking.

7:6 When they drew near  
their heart was like an oven.  
They lie in wait all the night.  
Their baker is sleeping.  
At dawn it is burning with a flaming fire.  
7:7 All of them are hot like an oven.  
And they have devoured *their judges themselves* **nx**.  
All their kings have fallen.  
Not one among them is calling to Me.

7:8 Ephraim.  
He mixes himself among the peoples.  
Ephraim was an ash cake, mixed, turned over.

7:9 Strangers have devoured his strength.  
But he does not know it.  
Also Grey hairs are scattered on him.  
But he does not know it.

7:10 And the arrogance of Yisra'el has testified in his face.  
But they have not returned to **YAHWEH**, their Elohim.  
And they have not sought Him in all of this.

7:11 And Ephraim has been like a deluded dove  
without a heart.  
They have called upon Mitsraim.  
They have gone to Ashshur.

7:12 On account of where they are going  
I will spread out My net over them!  
I will bring them down!  
I will cause them to be chastised  
according to what their assembly has heard!

7:13 Woe to them!  
Indeed, they have strayed from Me!  
Violence to them!  
Indeed, they have rebelled against Me!

And I have ransomed them!  
But they have spoken lies concerning Me!

7:14 And they have not cried out to Me with their heart  
when they wailed upon their beds.

Over grain and new wine they turn themselves aside.  
They turn away from Me.

7:15 And I Myself have taught!  
I strengthened their arms!  
But toward Me they plot what is bad!

7:16 They turn back to Ba'al  
They have been like a treacherous bow.

Their leaders will fall by the sword  
from the denunciations of their tongues.  
This will be their derision in the land of Mitsraim!

There appears to be an error or deletion in the original texts in this verse that causes it to be misread. Only the last part of "Ba'al" is there. It's been a by some as "most high", 'al. Yisra'el was known to worship Ba'al. It was the reason for their downfall. The text makes more sense when Ba'al is used here reflecting the actual situation in the Northern Kingdom of Yisra'el.

## Chapter 8

8:1 To your mouth with the shofar,  
be like an bird of prey over The House of YAHWEH!  
Indeed, they have passed over My Covenant  
and they have rebelled against My Instruction!

8:2 They cry out to Me, 'My Elohim!  
We, Yisra'el, know You!'

8:3 Yisra'el has rejected *what is* good!  
An adversary pursues after him.

8:4 They have caused kings to reign,  
but *they were* not from Me,  
rulers, but I did not know!

With their silver and their gold  
they made idols for themselves.  
in order that they would be cut off.

8:5 Your calves has been pushed aside, Shomeron!  
My wrath has been kindled against them!  
How long will they be incapable of undefilement?

8:6 Indeed, *it is* from Yisra'el!  
And a workman has made it!  
But it is not The Elohim!  
Indeed, broken in pieces will be the calves of Shomeron!

8:7 Indeed, they sow the wind.  
But they will reap the whirlwind!

The stalk has no bud on it.  
It is without yield.  
If perhaps it does *yield* strangers will swallow it up.

8:8 Yisra'el has been swallowed up.  
Now they have existed among the nations  
like a vessel in which is not desired  
8:9 because they have gone up to Ashshur.

A wild ass alone by itself is Ephraim.  
They have hired lovers.

8:10 Also, because they sold themselves among the nations,  
now I will gather them.

They were defiled for a little while  
by the burden of a king *and* of rulers.


8:11 When the slaughter sites of Ephraim  
were many for them to offend  
they were slaughter sites for the sake of offending.

8:12 I wrote for him My numerous instructions!  
They were regarded as alien.

8:13 Slaughterings of My offerings,  
sacrifices of flesh they even eat.

**YAHWEH** will not accept them!

Now He will remember their moral perversities!  
And He will hold them accountable for their offenses!  
They will turn back to Mitsraim!

8:14 And Yisra'el has forgotten his Maker Himself   
And he has built fortresses.  
And Yahudah has multiplied inaccessible cities.  
But I will send fire into his cities!  
And it will devour his fortresses!"

## Chapter 9

9:1 You are not to be joyful, Yisra'el,  
to exceeding joy like *other* peoples,  
because you have committed adultery  
from beside your Elohim.

You have loved the wages of *adultery*  
upon all the threshing floors.

9:2 Threshing floor and winepress will not feed them.  
And new wine will fail in her.

9:3 They will not dwell in the land of **YAHWEH**!  
But Ephraim will return to Mitsraim.  
And in Ashshur they will eat defiled food.

9:4 They will not pour out wine for the sake of **YAHWEH**!  
And their sacrifices will not be pleasing to Him!  
Like the bread of mourners it is to them.  
Everyone eating it defiles themselves.  
As their food, so with their life.  
It is not to come to The House of **YAHWEH**!

9:5 What will you do for the sake of the appointed time  
and for the sake of the day of the festival of **YAHWEH**?

9:6 Indeed behold!  
They will go because of violence!  
Mitsraim will gather them up.  
Noph will bury them!  
Nettles will possess their valuables of silver!  
Thorns *will be* in their tents!

9:7 The days of your accounting have come!  
The day of the retribution has come!  
Yisra'el knows!  
The prophet is raving mad,  
the man with The Divine Nature,  
on account of the multitude of your moral perversity!  
And great is the hostility!

9:8 Watching Ephraim with My Elohim is the prophet.  
The snare of a trapper is over all his ways.  
Hostility is in The House of his Elohim.

9:9 They have profoundly corrupted themselves  
like the days of Gib'ah!

He remembers their moral perversity!

He will hold them accountable for their offenses!

9:10 Like grapes in the wilderness I found Yisra'el.  
Like ripe fruits on the fig tree I saw your forefathers.  
They went to Ba'al Pe'or.  
And they were separated for the sake of disgrace.  
And they existed as morally disgusting,  
like that which they loved.

9:11 Ephraim is like a bird.  
Their honor will fly away,  
without childbirth,  
without pregnancy,  
and without conception!

9:12 Indeed, if they raise up their children themselves **nx**  
then I will bereave them,  
without a human being!

Indeed, woe is also to them when I depart from them!

9:13 Ephraim is like what I have seen at Tzor,  
planted in a pleasant place.  
But Ephraim will bring forth his children to a murderer!"

9:14 Give to them, **YAHWEH**.  
What are you to give?  
Give to them a miscarrying womb and dried up breasts.

9:15 All their badness is at Gilgal!  
Indeed, there I hated them!

On account of the badness of their actions  
I will drive them from My House!  
No more will I love them!

All their rulers are rebelling!  
9:16 Ephraim has been struck!  
Their root has dried up!  
They yield no fruit!  
Even when they give birth to children  
I will cause to be put to death the delights of their wombs!"

9:17 My Elohim rejects them  
because they have not listened attentively to Him!  
And they will be wandering among the nations!

## Chapter 10

10:1 Yisra'el is a luxurious vine.  
He brings forth fruit for himself.

According to the abundance of his fruit  
he has caused an increase to the slaughter sites.  
With the goodness of his land  
they made pleasing *idolatrous* pillars.

10:2 Their heart has been divided.  
Now they are guilty.  
He will destroy their slaughter sites!  
He will ravage their *idolatrous* pillars

10:3 because now they are saying,  
'We have no king,  
because we have not revered **YAHWEH Himself** **nx**.

And a king, what would he do for us?'

10:4 They have spoken words,  
swearing falsely, cutting a covenant!  
And judgment has sprouted like poison  
upon the furrows of the field.

10:5 The inhabitants of Shomeron will lament  
for the calves of Bet Aven.  
Indeed, its people will mourn over it  
and its priests who rejoiced over it on account of its glory  
because it has departed from it.

10:6 *It itself* **nx** will also be carried to Ashshur  
as a tribute to King Yareb.

Ephraim will receive shame.  
And Yisra'el will be confounded by his advice.

10:7 Shomeron is being cut off.  
Her king is like a splinter on the surface of the water.

10:8 And the high places of Aven,  
the offense of Yisra'el,  
will be destroyed.

Thorn and thistle will come up on their slaughter sites.  
And they will say to the mountains, 'Cover us!'  
and to the hills, 'Fall upon us!'

10:9 From the days of Gib'ah you have offended, Yisra'el!  
There they stood!  
The battle at Gib'ah against the children of moral perverseness  
did not reach them.

10:10 According to My desire  
even I will chastise them!  
And peoples will be gathered against them  
in binding them for their two offenses.

10:11 And Ephraim is a heifer being trained,  
loving to thresh.  
But I Myself will pass over upon her lovely neck!  
I will cause Ephraim to ride.  
Yahudah will plow  
Ya'akob will harrow for him."

10:12 Sow for yourselves justice!  
Reap for the mouth kindness!  
Break up your tillable ground!  
It is even time to seek **YAHWEH Himself** **nx** until He comes!  
And He will cause justice to rain for you!

10:13 You have plowed moral wrong!  
You have reaped evil!  
You have eaten the fruit of lies  
because you trusted in your *own* way,  
in the multitude of your mighty men!

10:14 And a tumult will arise among your people!  
And all your strongholds will be ravaged  
like the violence of Shalman at Bet Arbel in the day of battle,  
a mother dashed to pieces upon her children!

10:15 According to this it will be done to you, Bet El,  
before the face badness, your badness!

At dawn the king of Yisra'el will be cutoff, cut off!

### Chapter 11

11:1 When Yisra'el was a youth then I loved him!  
And out of Mitsraim I called *him* as My son!

11:2 They were called for them according to this.  
They have gone from before their faces.  
They sacrificed to the Ba'als.  
And for the sake of idols they burned incense.

11:3 And I taught to Ephraim *how* to walk,

taking them by their arms.  
But they did not know that I restored them.

11:4 With the ropes of a human being I drew them,  
with cords of love!  
And I was to them as one lifting a yoke,  
a yoke from their jaws!  
And I reached out to him!  
And I caused them to eat!

11:5 He is not to return to the land of Mitsraim,  
nor is Ashshur to be his king!

Indeed, they have refused to return!

11:6 And the sword will whirl in his cities!  
And it will consume his gate bars!  
And it will devour *them*  
because of their own counsels!

11:7 Even My people are bent toward turning away from Me!  
And to Ba'al they call all together.  
He can not lift up.

11:8 How can I give you up, Ephraim?  
Will I deliver you, Yisra'el?  
How can I give you up like Admah,  
set you like Tzeboyim?

My heart has changed within Me!  
My compassions are kindled all together!  
11:9 I will not do *according to* the fierceness of My anger!  
I will not turn back for the sake of destroying Ephraim!

Indeed, I am The El,  
and not human being,  
set apart in your midst!  
And I will not come with hostility!

11:10 After **YAHWEH** they are to walk!  
Like a lion He will roar!  
When He roars  
then the children from the west will tremble!  
11:11 They will tremble like a bird from Mitsraim  
and like a dove from the land of Ashshur!

And I will cause them to dwell within their *own* house!"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH**. -

### Chapter 12 begins here in the Hebrew Text.

11:12 (H 12.1) Ephraim has surrounded Me with lying  
and the house of Yisra'el with deceit.  
But Yahudah is still wandering with The El.

And with the set apart ones he is being faithful!"

## Chapter 12

12:1 (H 12.2) Ephraim is being pastured with wind.  
And he is pursuing an east wind.  
All the day he causes lies and violence to increase.  
And he has cut a covenant with Ashshur.  
And oil is carried to Mitsraim.

12:2 (H 12.3) And **YAHWEH** has a controversy with Yahudah,  
even for the sake of holding accountability over Ya'akob.  
According to his ways, according to his actions  
He will repay him.

12:3 (H 12.4) He *took* his brother by the heel in the womb.  
And with his strength he persevered with The Elohim.

12:4 (H 12.5) He had power against the messenger.  
And he prevailed.  
He wept and sought His favor.

He found Him at Bet El.

And there He spoke with us,

12:5 (H 12.6) even **YAHWEH**, The Elohim of Assemblies.

**YAHWEH** is His memorial *name*.

- For another reference to this concept see Exodus 3.15-16.  
YAHWEH's personal name is His "memorial". It is THE NAME by which He desires to be remembered.

12:6 (H 12.7) And you yourselves **nx**,  
with your Elohim return kindness.  
And protect right judgment!  
And look expectantly to your Elohim continually!

12:7 (H 12.8) A merchant!  
In his hand are scales of deceit.  
He has loved to oppress.

12:8 (H 12.9) And Ephraim said,  
'Indeed, I have accumulated wealth.  
I have found my power.  
For my sake, in all my labors  
they will not find for my sake a moral perversity  
which is an offense.'

12:9 (H 12.10) "But I, **YAHWEH**,  
your Elohim since the land of Mitsraim,  
will again cause you to return in tents  
as in the days of the appointed time.

12:10 (H 12.11) And I have spoken unto the prophets!  
And I have multiplied visions!  
And by the hand of the prophets I *have given* analogies!"

12:11 (H 12.12) Surely in Gil'ad *there is* wickedness!  
Certainly they have been worthless!  
At Gilgal they have sacrificed bulls.  
Even their slaughter sites will be like heaps on a plowed field.

12:12 (H 12.13) And when Ya'akob fled  
to the open country of Aram  
Yisra'el served for a wife.  
And for a wife he kept watch *over flocks*.

12:13 (H 12.14) But by a prophet  
**YAHWEH** caused Yisra'el *itself* **nx**  
to go up from Mitsraim.

And by a prophet he was watched.  
12:14 (H 12.15) Ephraim has bitterly provoked *Him* to anger!  
And his blood has been left upon him!  
But **YAHWEH** will cause his reproach to return to him.

### Chapter 13

13:1 When Ephraim spoke *there was* trembling.  
He was exalted in Yisra'el.  
But he was guilty on account of Ba'al,  
and he was put to death.

13:2 And now they have caused *much* to be added  
to their offending.  
And they have made for themselves  
molten images from their silver  
idols according to their skill,  
a work of craftsmen, all of them.  
For the sake of them they say,  
'The human beings who are sacrificing  
are to kiss the calves!'

13:3 For this reason they will be like a morning cloud,  
and like dew, rising early,  
going away like chaff blown violently from a threshing floor,  
and like smoke from a vent.

13:4 But I am **YAHWEH**,  
your Elohim from the land of Mitsraim!  
And gods other than Me you are not to know!

Indeed, there is no deliverer except Me!

<p><b>elohim</b> means a deity, 'god'. It's a plural term here which refers to false gods, 'no-gods'. The children of Yisra'el were not to have knowledge of any other deity except YAHWEH. <b>moshia'</b> deliverer, savior. This is the term from which we get Messiah.</p>
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13:5 I Myself knew you in the wilderness,  
in the land of great drought.

13:6 When they were pastured  
then they were satisfied.  
They were satisfied,  
but their heart was arrogant.  
For this reason they forgot Me.

13:7 And I am like a lion to them,  
like a leopard watching beside the path.

13:8 I will encounter them like a bereaved bear!  
And I will tear open the enclosure of their heart!  
And I will devour them there like a lion,  
An animal of the open country will tear them apart!

13:9 You have destroyed yourself, Yisra'el!  
However, your help is in Me!

13:10 Where is your king now?  
And *who will* deliver you among all your cities  
and *all* your judges of whom you said,  
'Give to me a king and leaders'?

13:11 I gave to you a king in My anger.  
But I took him away in My wrath.

13:12 The moral perversity of Ephraim has been bound up.  
His offense has been concealed.



13:13 Labor pains of a woman giving birth will come to him!  
He is not a wise son.  
Indeed, it is not the time to stand still as at the birth of children.

13:14 From the power of She'ol I will ransom them!  
From death I will redeem them!  
Where is your plague, Death?  
Where is your destruction, She'ol?  
Sorrow is concealed from My eyes.

13:15 When he is a fruitful son of his kindred  
an east wind of YAHWEH will come.  
From the wilderness it is coming up!  
And it will dry up his spring!  
And his spring will be parched!  
It will rob the storehouse of every desirable object!

#### Chapter 14 begins here in the Hebrew text.

13:16 (H 14.1) Shomeron is guilty  
because she has rebelled against her Elohim!  
They will fall by the sword!  
Their infants will be dashed in pieces!  
And the pregnant women will be ripped open!

#### Chapter 14

14:1 (H 14.2) Return, Yisra'el, to YAHWEH, your Elohim!  
Indeed, you have stumbled in your moral perversity!

14:2 (H 14.3) Take with you words  
and return to YAHWEH!  
Say to Him, "Take away all the moral perversity,  
and accept what is good!  
And we will render the bulls of our lips.

There is uncertainty about the translation of this verse.  
Literally it says "the bulls of our lips." It appears to refer to  
the promised sacrifices to YAHWEH instead of to Ba'al.

14:3 (H 14.4) Ashshur can not deliver us!  
Upon horses we will not ride!  
And we will not say again to the work of our hands,  
"Our gods."  
It is You with Whom the fatherless will find compassion!

14:4 (H 14.5) I will repair their apostasy!  
I will love them spontaneously!  
Indeed, My anger has turned back from him.  
14:5 (H 14.6) I will be like the dew for Yisra'el!  
He will blossom like the lily.  
And he will strike out with his roots like Lebanon!

14:6 (H 14.7) His branches will go *out*.  
And his grandeur will be like an olive tree  
and his fragrance like Lebanon.  
14:7 (H 14.8) Those dwelling in his shadow will return!  
The grain will revive and bud like the vine,  
its fragrance like the wine of Lebanon!

14:8 (H 14.9) Ephraim, what more is there to Me toward idols?  
I Myself have responded!  
And I have looked after him.  
I Myself am like a green fir tree.  
From Me your fruit is to be found!"

14:9 (H 14.10) Who is wise and understands these *things*,  
discerning and knows them?  
Indeed, the ways of YAHWEH are right!  
And the just will walk in them!  
But those rebelling will stumble in them!"