

# Book of Hosea – Working Outline

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## Working Outline (Identifying Paragraphs from NAS Bible)

- I. The word of **the LORD** came to **Hosea** during the days of 5 Different Kings, **1:1** ¶
  - A. The word of **the LORD** which came to **Hosea**, **1:1**
    1. during the days of, **Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, 1:1**
    2. during the days of, **Jeroboam, the son of Joash, king of Israel, 1:1**
  - II. **Hosea** commissioned to take **Wife of Harlotry** (paid for favor), **Gomer, 1:2-9** ¶ (Judgement)
    - A. When **the LORD** first spoke (during the days) through **Hosea**, **the LORD** said to **Hosea, 1:2**
      1. “**Go** (command), take to **yourself** a **wife of harlotry, 1:2**
        - a. and have **children of harlotry; 1:2**
        - b. **for** (Reason) **the land** (of **N. Israel**) commits flagrant **harlotry, 1:2**
          - i. **forsaking** (departing from, **9:1**) **the LORD.**”, **1:2**
      - B. **So** (for this Reason) **he** (**Hosea**) went and **took Gomer** the **daughter of Diblaim, 1:3**
        1. and **she** conceived and bore **him a son. 1:3**
      - C. And **the LORD** said to **him** (**Hosea**), “Name **him Jezreel** (**God sows**); **1:4**
        1. **for** (Reason) yet a little while, and **I will** punish **the house of Jehu** (**2 Kings 9:7-10:28**), **1:4**
          - a. for the bloodshed of **Jezreel** (Valley in **N. Israel, 1:5**), **1:4**
        2. and **I will** put an end to **the kingdom of the house of Israel** (of **N. Israel**). **1:4**
        3. “(Come about) **On that day** (when kingdom of **Israel** ends)
          - a. **I will** break the bow of **Israel** (of **N. Israel**) in **the valley of Jezreel.**”, **1:5, 1:11**
      - D. Then **she** (**Gomer**) conceived again and gave birth to a **daughter. 1:6**
      - E. And **the LORD** said to **him** (**Hosea**), “Name **her** Lo-ruhamah (No Compassion), **1:6**
        1. **for** (Reason) **I will no longer have compassion on the house of Israel** (**N. Israel**), **1:6**
          - a. that **I** would ever forgive **them** (**N. Israel**). **1:6**
        2. “**But** (Except) **I will have compassion on the house of Judah** (**S. Israel**), **1:7**
          - a. and **deliver them** (**S. Israel**) by **the LORD their God, 1:7**
          - b. and will **not deliver them** (**S. Israel**) by bow, sword, battle, horses or horsemen.” **1:7**
      - F. When **she** (**Gomer**) had weaned Lo-ruhamah, **she** conceived and gave birth to **a son. 1:8**
      - G. And **the LORD** said, “Name **him** Lo-ammi (Not My People), **1:9**
        1. **for** (Reason) **you** are **not My** people and **I am** not **your God.**” **1:9** (Judgement)
    - III. **The sons of the living God**, Future Gathering, Leader, Return, **1:10-11** ¶ (Restored)
      - A. Yet the number of **the sons of Israel** Will be **like** (simile) the sand of the sea, **1:10**
        1. Which cannot be measured or numbered; **1:10** (to **Abram, Gen 22:17**, to **Jacob, Gen 32:12**)
        2. And in the place Where it is said to **them**, “**You** are **not My** people (Lo-ammi),” **1:10**
        3. It will be said to **them**, “**You** are **the sons of the living God.**” **1:10**
      - B. And **the sons of Judah** (**S. Kingdom**) and **the sons of Israel** (**N. Kingdom**)  
will be **gathered together** (**united**), **1:11**
        1. And **they** will appoint for **themselves** one leader (**3:5**), **1:11**
        2. And **they** will go up from the land, **1:11**
        3. **for** (Reason) great will be **the day of Jezreel** (**Megiddo, Armageddon, 1:4-5**), **1:11**
    - IV. **Say** to **your** brothers, **Ammi, your** sisters, **Ruhamah, 2:1-7** ¶ (2:1-7)
      - A. Say to **your** brothers, **Ammi** (My people, **1:8**), **your** sisters, **Ruhamah** (My Loved one, **1:6**), **2:1**
      - B. Contend (Plead) with **your Mother** (**Israel**), Contend (Plead), **2:2** (Judgement)
        1. **For** (because) **she** (**Israel**) is **not my wife** and **I** (**the Lord**) **am not her** (**Israel's**) **husband**
        2. Let **her** (**Israel**) put away **her harlotry** from **her** face and **adultery** from **her** breasts, **2:2**
          - a. **OR I will** strip **her** naked and expose **her**, as on the day when **she** was born, **2:3**
          - b. **I will** also make **her** like a wilderness, like desert land and slay **her** with thirst, **2:3**

- c. “Also, **I will** have no compassion (**Lo-ruhamah**) on **her** (Israel’s) children, **2:4**  
 i. (Reason) Because **they** are **children of harlotry**, **2:4**
3. **For** (because) **their** (children of Israel’s) **mother** (Israel) has played **the harlot**; **2:5** (Sin)  
 a. **She** (Israel) who conceived **them** (children of Israel) has acted **shamefully**, **2:5**
4. **For** (because) **she** (Israel) said, ‘**I will** go after **my lovers**, (Sin)  
 i. **Who** give me **my** bread and **my** water, **My** wool and **my** flax, **my** oil and **my** drink, **2:5**  
 b. **Therefore** (because of that, **2:5**), behold (observe), (Judgement)  
 i. **I** (the Lord) **will** hedge up **her** way with thorns,  
 ii. And **I will** build a wall against **her**  
 1. so that (Reason) **she** cannot find **her** paths, **2:6**  
 iii. **She** (Israel) will pursue **her lovers**, but **she** will not overtake **them**;  
 1. And **she** will seek **them**, but will not find **them**.  
 iv. Then **she** (Israel) will say, ‘**I will** go back to **my** first husband (the Lord), (Restored)  
 v. **For** (because) it was better for **me** then than now !, **2:7**
- V. Because of **Her** Not knowing it was **I the Lord**, **I will Punish Her**, **2:8-13** ¶ (2:8-13) (Judgement)  
 A. **For** (because) **she** does not know that it was **I** (Lord) who gave **her** grain, wine, oil, (see **2:5**) (Sin)  
 And lavished on **her** silver and gold, Which **they** used for **Baal**, **2:8**
1. **Therefore** (because of that, **2:8**), **2:9** (Judgement)  
 a. **I will** take back **My** grain at harvest time And **My** new wine in its season, **2:9**  
 b. **I will** also take away **My** wool and **My** flax Given to cover **her** nakedness (shame), **2:9**  
 c. And then **I will** uncover **her** lewdness in the sight of **her lovers**  
 1. and no one will rescue **her** out of **My hand**, **2:10**  
 d. **I will** also put an end to all **her**, gaiety, **2:11**  
 i. **her** feasts, **her** new moons, **her** Sabbaths, and **her** festal assemblies, **2:11**  
 e. and **I will** destroy **her** vines and fig trees, **2:12** (Judgement)  
 i. Of which **she** said, ‘These are **my** wages (payment for work done)  
 1. which **my lovers** have given **me**’, **2:12**  
 f. And **I will** make them (vines) a forest, And the beasts of the field will devour them., **2:12**  
 g. **I will punish her** for the days of **the Baals**, **2:13** (Judgement)  
 i. When **she** used to offer sacrifices to **them**  
 ii. And adorn **herself** with **her** earrings and jewelry,  
 iii. And follow **her lovers**, so that **she** forgot **Me**,” declares **the LORD**, **2:13**
- VI. **Israel Allured to the Lord and Restored, in that day** (Millennial Kingdom), **2:14-20** ¶ (2:14-20)  
 A. **The Lord** foretells **Israel’s Future Return to Himself**, **2:14-17** (Restored)  
 B. **Therefore** (because of that, **2:9-13**), behold (observe), **2:14**  
 1. **I will** allure **her** (Israel) and speak kindly to **her**, **2:14** (Restored)  
 2. Then **I will** give **her** (Israel) **her** vineyards from there,  
 a. And **the valley of Achor** (trouble) ¶ (Jos 7:1-26) as a door of hope ¶ (Isa 65:10). (simile)  
 3. And **she** (Israel) will sing **there** (valley of Anchor) (Restored)  
 a. as in the days of **her** youth (simile), **2:15**  
 b. as in the day when **she** (Israel) came up from the land of Egypt (simile), **2:15**
- C. It will come about **in that day** (Israel > vineyard, singing, **2:15** call Lord **Husband**, **2:16** > Time)  
**you** will call **Me Ishi** (My husband) and no longer call **Me Baali** (My Baal), **2:16** (Restored)  
 1. **For** (because) **I will remove** the names of **the Baals** from **her** (Israel’s) mouth, **2:17**

¶ **Achan** took some of the things Banned by the Lord, **Joshua 7:1**. This caused the Lord to remove His protection of Israel, and they became accursed, **Jos 7:12**. **Achan** confessed of his theft, **Jos 7:20-21**. Then they took him and all of his possessions and stoned and burned them, **Jos 7:25**, all in **the Valley of Anchor**, **7:24, 7:26**.

¶ **The Valley of Anchor**, was a place of Past sin and rebellion of the Lord, But in the Future it will be a place of “hope”, **Hos 2:14**, and “a resting place for herds” and a resting place “for **My people** who seek **me**”, **Isa 65:10**, and “she will sing there as in **her** youth and “as in the day **she** came out of Egypt”, **Hos 2:15**

a. So that (Reason) **they** (the Baals) will be mentioned by **their** names no more, 2:17

D. A Covenant, in that day (Covenant with creation, for **Israel**, in Safety > Time) (Mill Kingdom), 2:18

1. In that day, **I will** also make a covenant for **them** (for **Israel**), 2:18 (Restored)
2. (Covenant) With the **beasts** of the field, 2:18 (Ezek 34:25)
3. (Covenant with) The **birds** of the sky, 2:18
4. (Covenant with) And the **creeping things** of the ground, 2:18
5. And **I will** abolish the bow, the sword and war from **the land** (Peace), 2:18
6. And **will** make **them** (beasts, birds, creepers) lie down in safety, 2:18 (Isa 11:6-8, 65:25)
7. **I will** abolish bow, sword, and war from **the land**, **they** (beasts...) will lie down in safety, 2:18

E. Betrothal of **Lord** to **Israel**, in that day (**Israel** > betrothed > forever) (Mill Kingdom), 2:19-20

1. And **I will betroth** (promise to marry) **you** (**Israel**) to **Me forever**, 2:19 (Restored)
2. Yes, **I will betroth you** (**Israel**) to **Me** in righteousness, justice, 2:19
3. (betroth you) In lovingkindness and in compassion, 2:19
4. And **I will betroth you** (**Israel**) to **Me** in faithfulness,
5. Then **you** (**Israel**) will know **the LORD**, 2:20

VII. **The Lord** will Respond to the **Heavens, Earth** and **Land**, in that day, (Mill Kingdom), 2:21-23 ¶ (2:21-23)

A. It will come about in that day that **I will** respond (provide answer), declares **the LORD**, 2:21

1. **I will** respond (provide answer) to **the heavens**, 2:21 (Restored)
2. and **they** (the heavens) will respond (provide answer) to **the earth**, 2:21
3. And **the earth** will respond (provide answer) to the grain, the new wine, and to the oil, 2:22a

A. **The Lord** will Sow **Israel** in the Land, in that day, 2:22b-23 (Restored)

1. And **they** (**Israel**) will respond (provide answer) to **Jezreel** (God's sowing), 2:22b
2. **I will sow her** (**Israel**) for **Myself** in the land, 2:23 (sowing, like Matt 13:24)
3. **I will have compassion** (**racham**), on **her** (**Israel**) (Restored)  
who had not obtained **compassion** (**Lo-ruhamah**), 2:23
4. And **I will** say to **those** who were not **My people** (**Lo-ammi**, Not - **My people**), 2:23 (1:8)  
**'You** (**Israel**) are **My people** ! (**ammi**, **My people**), 2:23 (Restored)

VIII. **Hosea** commissioned again by **the Lord** to take **Adulteress Wife**, 3:1-5 ¶ (3:1-5)

A. Then **the LORD** said to **me** (**Hosea**),

1. "Go again (2<sup>nd</sup> Time, 1:2-3), love a **woman who** is loved by **her husband**, 3:1a  
a. yet an **adulteress**, 3:1a
2. even **as** (in same way) **the LORD** loves **the sons of Israel**, 3:1a [Simile]  
a. though **they** (**Israel**) turn to other gods and love raisin cakes." 3:1, 1:2-3

IX. **Hosea** Purchases **Woman**: Like **the LORD** Purchases (Redeems) **Israel**, 3:2-3 (Restored)

A. So **I** (**Hosea**) bought (redeemed) **her** (adulteress woman) for **myself**, 3:2

1. (Price) for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a half of barley, 3:2

B. Then **I** said to **her** (adulteress), "**You** shall stay with **me for many days**. 3:3

1. **You** shall not play **the harlot** (paid for favor), nor shall **you** have a man;
2. so **I** (**Hosea**) will also be (faithful) toward **you**." 3:3

X. **Israel** for many days, will be without King, Prince, Sacrifice, or Ephod, 3:4 (Judgement)

A. For (Reason) **the sons of Israel** will remain for many days, 3:4

1. (**Israel** will remain) without king or prince, 3:4
2. (**Israel** will remain) without sacrifice or sacred pillar, 3:4
3. (**Israel** will remain) without ephod (garment) or household idols, 3:4

XI. After Many days, **Israel**, will Return to **her** Husband, **the Lord**, 3:5 (Restored)

A. Afterward (after many days) **the sons of Israel** will return, 3:5

1. (**Israel** will return) and seek **the LORD their God**, 3:5
2. (**Israel** will return) and seek **David their king**, 3:5



3. and **they** (Israel) will come trembling to **the LORD** and to **His** goodness, in **the last days**, 3:5

**XII. The Lord's Case** (Legal) against, **Israel**, of **the Land**, 4:1-3 ¶ (4:1-3)

A. Listen to the word of **the LORD**, O **sons of Israel**, 4:1

B. For **the LORD** has a **Case** (Legal) against the **inhabitants** (Israel) of **the land**, 4:1

C. The Reason for **the Lords Case** (Legal) against **Israel**

1. Because there is no faithfulness, kindness, or knowledge of **God** in **the land**, 4:1 (Sin)

2. (Because) there is swearing, deception, murder, stealing and adultery. 4:2

3. (Because) **They** (Israel) employ violence, so that bloodshed follows bloodshed. 4:2

D. The Consequence of the Lord's **Case** (Legal) Against **Northern Israel**, 4:3 (Judgement)

1. Therefore **the land** (Israel) mourns, 4:3

a. everyone who lives in **it** (the **land**) **languishes** (undergoes hardship), 4:3

b. the beasts of field and the birds of sky **languish**, the fish of the sea disappear, 4:3

**XIII. The Lord's Case** (Legal) against, **Israel**, **Who Contend Legally** with **the Lord**, 4:4-6 ¶ (4:4-6)

A. **Yet** (prior context) let **no one** find fault (contend), and let none **offer reproof** (accuse **them**); 4:4

1. **For** (Reason) **your people** (Israel) are **like** those who **contend** (legally) with the priest, 4:4

a. **So** (result) **you** (Israel) will stumble by day, 4:5 (Judgement)

b. And **the prophet** also will stumble with **you** by night, 4:5

c. And **I will** destroy **your** (people's) **mother** (nation, 2:2), 4:5 (Judgement)

B. **My people** (Israel) are destroyed for **lack of knowledge**, 4:6 (Judgement)

1. **Because** (Reason) **you** (Israel) have **rejected knowledge**, 4:6

C. **I** also will **reject you** (Israel) from being **My** priest (mediator), 4:6 (Judgement)

1. **Since** (because) **you** (Israel) have **forgotten the law** of **your God**, 4:6

a. **I** also will forget **your children** (Israel), 4:6 (Judgement)

**XIV. The more Israel** multiplied, the more **Israel sinned** against **the Lord**, 4:7-10 ¶ (4:7-10)

A. The more **they** multiplied, the more **they sinned** against **Me**, 4:7 (Sin)

1. **I will** change **their** glory into shame, 4:7 (Judgement)

B. **They** (the priests) feed on **the sin** of **My people**, 4:8 (Sin)

1. And (the priests) direct **their** desire toward **their** (the people's) **iniquity**, 4:8 (Sin)

2. And **it will be**, (result) **like** (same way) **people**, **like** (same way) priest, 4:9 (Sin)

C. **So** (reason) **I will** punish **them** (the priests) for **their** ways, 4:9 (Judgement)

D. And (I will) **repay** (pay back) **them** (the priests) for **their** deeds, 4:9 (Judgement)

1. **They** will eat, but not have enough, 4:10

2. **They** will play the **harlot** (paid for favor), but not increase, 4:10

E. **Because** (Reason) **they** (the priests) have stopped giving heed to **the LORD**, 4:10

**XV. Israel's Harlotry** and **wine**, takes away **their understanding** (their heart), 4:11-14 ¶ (4:11-14) (Sin)

A. **Harlotry**, **wine** and **new wine** take away the **understanding** (heart), 4:11

B. **My people** (Israel) consult **their** wooden idol, and **their** diviner's wand informs **them**, 4:12 (Sin)

1. **For** (Reason) a spirit of **harlotry** (paid for favor) has led **them** (Israel) astray, 4:12

2. And **they** (Israel) have played the **harlot** (paid for favor), departing from **their God**, 4:12 (Sin)

3. **They** (Israel) offer **sacrifices** on the tops of the mountains, 4:13 (Sin)

4. And (they) burn incense on the hills, Under oak, poplar and terebinth, 4:13 (Sin)

a. Because **their** shade is pleasant, 4:13

C. **Therefore** (because of that just said)

1. **your** (Israel's) **daughters** play the **harlot** (paid for favor), 4:13 (Sin)

2. And **your brides** commit **adultery** (unfaithful to Husband), 4:13 (Sin)

D. **The Lord** will Not punish **Israel's Daughters-Brides** for **Harlotry** and **Adultery**, 4:14 (Not Judge)

1. **I will** not punish **your daughters** when **they** play the **harlot** (paid for favor), 4:14a

2. Or (not punish) **your brides** when **they** commit **adultery**, 4:14b

E. **For** (Reason for Not punish)

1. **the men** themselves go apart with **harlots** (paid for favor), 4:14c (Sin)

2. And (the men) offer **sacrifices** with **temple prostitutes** (paid for favor), 4:14d

F. So (result) **the people** (Israel), **without understanding** (heart, 4:11), are ruined (destroyed), 4:14e

XVI. **The Lord's Case** (Legal) against, (Northern) **Israel**, 4:15-19 ¶ (4:15-19)

A. **Though** (despite that) **you**, (Northern) **Israel**, play the **harlot** (paid for favor), (Sin)

1. Do not let (Southern) **Judah** become guilty, 4:15

B. **Also** (you N. Israel) do not go to Gilgal Or go up to Beth-aven (either) and take the oath: 4:15

1. (Don't swear) "As **the LORD** lives!" (Jer 4:2), 4:15

C. **Since** (Northern) **Israel** is **stubborn** Like (Simile) a **stubborn** heifer, 4:16

1. Can **the LORD** now pasture **them** Like (Simile) a lamb in a large field?, 4:16

D. **Ephraim** (N. Israel, Joseph's son) is joined to **idols**; Let **him** alone (abandon), 4:17 (Sin)

1. **Their** (Israel's) liquor gone (ended), 4:18

2. **They** play the **harlot** (unfaithful) continually; 4:18

3. **Their** (Israel's) rulers dearly love shame, 4:18

4. **The wind** wraps **them** (Israel) in **its** wings (metaphor), 4:19

5. And **they** (Israel) will be ashamed **because of** (Reason) **their sacrifices**, 4:19

XVII. **The Lord's Judgement and Punishment** of **Israel's Priests, People, and the King**, 5:1-7 ¶ (5:1-7)

A. Hear this, O **priests**! Give heed, O **house of Israel**! Listen, O **house of the king**!, 5:1

B. For **the judgment** applies to **you** (Priests, People, King), (Judgement)

1. **For** (Reason) **you** (3) have been a snare (trap) at **Mizpah**<sup>3</sup>, 5:1

2. And (Reason, **you** 3) a net (trap) spread out on **Tabor**<sup>4</sup>, 5:1

C. The revolters have gone deep in **depravity** (slaughter), 5:2 (Sin)

1. **But I will chastise** (discipline) **all of them** (Priests, People, King), 5:2 (Judgement)

D. **I** (the Lord) know **Ephraim** (Tribe of N. Israel), and **Israel** (N. Kingdom) is not hidden from **Me**, 5:3

1. **For** (Reason) now, 5:3

a. O **Ephraim**, **you** have played **the harlot** (paid for favor), 5:3 (Sin)

b. **Israel** has **defiled** (made unclean) **itself**, 5:3 (Sin)

E. **Their** (Ephraim's and N. Israel's) deeds will not allow **them** To return to **their God**, 5:4

1. **For** (Reason) a spirit of **harlotry** (paid for favor) is within **them**, 5:4 (Sin)

2. And (Reason) **they do not know** **the LORD**, 5:4 (Sin)

F. Moreover, the **pride** of **Israel** testifies against **him**, 5:5 (Sin)

G. And **Israel** (N. Kingdom) and **Ephraim** (Tribe of N. Israel) stumble in **their iniquity**; (Sin)

**Judah** (S. Kingdom) also has stumbled with **them** (N. Kingdom), 5:5, 4:15

H. **They** (N. Kingdom) will go with **their** flocks and herds To seek **the LORD**, 5:6

1. **but they** will not find **Him**;

2. **He** (the Lord) has withdrawn from **them**, 5:6 (Judgement)

I. **They** (N. Kingdom) have dealt treacherously against **the LORD**, 5:7 (Sin)

1. **For** (Reason) **they** have borne **illegitimate children**<sup>5</sup>, 5:7 (Sin)

2. Now the new moon (celebrations, 2:11) will devour **them** with **their land**, 5:7 (Judgement)

XVIII. **The Lord's Day of Rebuke, Wrath, Judgement and Affliction** of both **Israel** and **Judah**, 5:8-15 ¶ (5:8-15)

A. Blow the horn in Gibeah, Ramah and Beth-aven<sup>6</sup>: behind **you Benjamin** (S. Kingdom)!, 5:8

B. **Ephraim** (N. Kingdom tribe) will become a **desolation** (laid waste), 5:9 (Judgement)

1. in **the day of rebuke** (day chastised), 5:9

C. Among **the tribes of Israel** **I** (the Lord) declare what is sure (assured by Lord), 5:9

D. **The princes of Judah** (S. Israel) have become **like** (simile) **those** who move a boundary, 5:10

1. On **them** (Judah) **I will** pour out **My wrath** **like** (simile) water, 5:10 (Judgement)

<sup>3</sup> Mizpah probably of Gilead, lying E of the Jordan River (Judg. 10:17; 11:29)

<sup>4</sup> Mount Tabor was in Northern Israel, about 12 miles southwest of the Sea of Galilee

<sup>5</sup> Harlots (paid for favor), like Northern Israel, bear illegitimate children or unfaithful children (paid for favor)

<sup>6</sup> All 4 places, in 5:8, in Southern Kingdom of Judah.

2. **Ephraim** (N. Kingdom) is oppressed, crushed in **judgment**, 5:11, Deut 28:33 (Judgement)  
 a. **Because** (Reason) **he** (Ephraim) was determined to follow **man's** command, 5:11
- E. **Therefore** (because of that), 5:12  
 1. **I** (the Lord) **am like** (simile) a moth to **Ephraim** (N. Kingdom), 5:12  
 2. And **like** (simile) rottenness to **the house of Judah** (S. Kingdom), 5:12
- F. When **Ephraim** saw **his** sickness, And **Judah** **his** wound, 5:13  
 1. Then **Ephraim** went to **Assyria**<sup>7</sup> (722 BC) And sent to **King Jareb** (King of Assyria), 5:13  
 a. But **he** (King Jareb) is unable to heal **you** (N. Kingdom),  
 Or to cure **you** of **your** wound, 5:13
- G. **For** (Reason) **I** (the Lord) **will** be  
 1. **like** (simile) a **lion** to **Ephraim**, 5:14 (Judgement)  
 2. And **like** (simile) a **young lion** to **the house of Judah**, 5:14 (Judgement)  
 3. **I**, even **I** (the Lord), will **tear to pieces** and **go away**, , 5:14 (Judgement)  
 4. **I** (the Lord) **will carry away**, and there will be none to deliver, 5:14 (Judgement)  
 5. **I** (the Lord) **will** go away and return to **My** place, 5:15  
 a. Until **they** (Ephraim & Judah) **acknowledge their** guilt and **seek My face**, 5:15  
 b. In **their** (Ephraim & Judah) **affliction they will earnestly seek Me**, 5:15
- XIX. **Israel's** Self-Appeal to Return to **the Lord** to be Healed, 6:1-3¶ (6:1-3) (Restoration)  
 A. Come, let **us** **return** to **the LORD**, 6:1 (5:15, earnestly seek the Lord)  
 1. For **He** (the Lord) has **torn us** (5:14), but **He** will **heal us**, 6:1 (14:4)  
 2. **He** (the Lord) has wounded **us**, but **He** will bandage **us**, 6:1  
 3. **He** (the Lord) will **revive us** after two days; 6:2a  
 4. **He** (the Lord) will **raise us up** on the third day, 6:2b  
 5. That **we** may **live** before **Him**, 6:2c  
 B. So let **us** know, let **us** press on to know **the LORD**, 6:3 (5:15, earnestly seek Lord) (Restoration)  
 1. **His** (the Lord) going forth is as certain **as** (simile) the dawn, 6:3b  
 2. And **He** (the Lord) will come to **us like** (simile) the rain, 6:3c  
 3. **Like** (simile) the spring rain watering the earth, 6:3d
- XX. **The Lord's** Answer to **Israel's** Self-Appeal, for both **N. Israel** and **S. Judah**, 6:4 – 6:11¶ (6:4 – 6:11)  
 A. What shall **I** do with **you**, O **Ephraim**? What shall **I** do with **you**, O **Judah**?, 6:4  
 1. For **your** loyalty is **like** (simile) a morning cloud  
 2. And **like** (simile) the dew which goes away early, 6:4  
 B. **Therefore** (because of that) **I** have hewn **them** in pieces by **the prophets**, 6:5 (Judgement)  
 1. **I** have slain **them** by the words of **My** mouth, 6:5, Isa 11:4  
 C. And the **judgments** on **you** are like the light that goes forth, 6:5 (Judgement)  
 1. For **I** delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, 6:6  
 2. And in the **knowledge** of **God** rather than burnt offerings, 6:6  
 D. But **like** (simile) **Adam they** (Israel and Judah) have transgressed **the covenant**, 6:7 (Sin)  
 1. There **they** have dealt treacherously against **Me**, 6:7  
 E. **Gilead** is a city of wrongdoers, Tracked with bloody footprints, 6:8 (Sin)  
 1. And **as** (simile) raiders wait for a man,  
 a. **So** (in same way) a band of priests murder on the way to **Shechem**, 6:9  
 F. Surely **they** (Israel and Judah) have committed crime, 6:9 (Sin)  
 1. In **the house of Israel I** have seen a horrible thing, 6:10  
 2. **Ephraim's harlotry** is there, **Israel** has defiled **itself**, 6:10  
 G. Also, O **Judah**, there is a **harvest** appointed for **you**, 6:11a  
 H. When **I restore** the fortunes of **My people**<sup>8</sup> (Israel and Judah), 6:11b (Restoration)

<sup>7</sup> Ephraim, gave Assyria, molded calf tribute (Hos 8:4-5, 10:5-6), so not destroy them, (2 Kings 15:19-20), but did in 722 BC

<sup>8</sup> The Jewish Tanakh shows 6:11b as part of 7:1. Also the ESV shows a break in thought



**XXI. Israel's** Iniquity, Evil Deeds, wickedness, adulteries, and None calls on **Lord**, 7:1-7 ¶ (7:1-7)

- A. When **I** (the Lord) would **heal Israel**, 7:1 , 6:1 (Restoration)
1. The **iniquity** of **Ephraim** (N. Israel) is uncovered, 7:1 (Sin)  
And the **evil deeds** of **Samaria** (N. Israel capital), 7:1 (Sin)
    - a. For (Reason) **they** (N. Israel) **deal falsely**; , 7:1
    - b. The thief enters in, Bandits raid outside, 7:1
    - c. And **they do not consider** in **their hearts**, 7:2
      - i. That **I** (the Lord) remember all **their wickedness**, 7:2
  2. Now **their** (N. Israel) **deeds** are all around **them**; **They** are before **My** face, 7:2 (Sin)
- B. With **their wickedness** **they** make **the king** glad, And **the princes** with **their lies**, 7:3
- C. **They** (N. Israel) are all **adulterers**, **Like** (simile) an **oven** heated by the baker, 7:4, 7:6 (Sin)
1. Who ceases to stir up the fire From the kneading of the dough until it is leavened, 7:4
- D. On the day of **our king**, **the princes** became sick with the heat of **wine**; 7:5
1. **He** stretched out **his** hand with scoffers (one who derides), 7:5
- E. For **their** (N. Israel) **hearts** are **like** (simile) an **oven** As **they** approach **their** plotting; , 7:6 (Sin)
1. **Their anger** smolders all night, In the morning **it** burns **like** (simile) a flaming fire, 7:6, 7:4
  2. **All of them** (N. Israel) are **hot like** (simile) an **oven**, And **they consume** **their** rulers; , 7:7  
All **their** (N. Israel) **kings** have fallen. None of **them** calls on **Me** (the Lord), 7:7

**XXII. Ephraim** has mixed with the **Nations** and rebelled and strayed from **the Lord**, 7:8-16 ¶ (7:8-16)

- A. **Ephraim** (N. Israel) **mixes himself** with the **nations** (peoples); 7:8, 7:11 (Sin)
1. **Ephraim** has become (metaphor) **a cake** not turned, 7:8
  2. Strangers devour **his** (N. Israel) strength, Yet **he** does not know it (Not aware); 7:9
  3. Gray hairs (aging) also are sprinkled on **him**, Yet **he** does not know it, 7:9
- B. Though the **pride** of **Israel** testifies against **him**, 7:10
1. Yet **they** have **not returned** to **the LORD their God**, 7:10 (Sin)
  2. **Nor** have **they sought Him**, for all this, 7:10
- C. So (Result) **Ephraim** has become **like** (simile) a silly dove, without sense; 7:11, 11:11
1. **They** (N. Israel) call to **Egypt** (9:3), **they** go to **Assyria**, 7:11, 7:8 (Sin)
    - a. When **they go**, **I will spread My** net over **them**; 7:12 (Judgement)
    - b. **I will bring them** down **like** (simile) the birds of the sky, 7:12
    - c. **I will chastise them** in accordance with the proclamation to **their** assembly, 7:12
- D. **Woe** to **Ephraim** (N. Israel), for **they** have **strayed** from **the Lord**! (Sin)
1. **Woe** to **them**, for **they** have **strayed** from **Me**! 7:13
  2. Destruction is **theirs**, for (Reason) **they** have **rebelled** against **Me**! 7:13 (Sin)
  3. **I would redeem them**, but **they speak lies** against **Me**. 7:13
- E. And **they do not cry** to **Me** from **their heart** When **they** wail on **their** beds; 7:14
1. For (Reason) the sake of **grain** and **new wine** **they** assemble **themselves**, 7:14
  2. **They** (N. Israel) **turn away** from **Me** (the Lord). 7:14 (Sin)
- F. Although **I** trained and strengthened **their** arms, 7:15
1. Yet **they** **devise evil** against **Me**. 7:15 (Sin)
- G. **They** turn, but not upward, **They** are **like** (simile) a deceitful bow; 7:16, Ps 78:15
1. **Their** princes will fall by the sword,
    - a. **Because** (Reason) of the insolence (no respect) of **their** tongue. 7:16
  2. This will be **their** derision (mocking scorn) in **the land of Egypt**. 7:16 (Judgement)

**XXIII. The Lord** Announces **Judgement** of **Ephraim**, for **Breaking Covenant** and **the Law**, 8: 1-7 ¶ (8:1-7)

- A. Put the trumpet to **your** lips! 8:1
1. **Like** (simile) an eagle, the enemy comes against the house of **the LORD**, 8:1, Dt 28:49
- B. **Because** (Reason) **they** (N. Israel) have **transgressed My** covenant , 8:1, 6:7, Jer 11:10 (Sin)
1. And **rebelled** against **My law**. 8:1, 4:6 (Sin)
- C. **They** (N. Israel) cry out to Me, "**My** God, **we** of **Israel** know **You**!" 8:2

- D. **Israel** has **rejected** the good; 8:3 (Sin)  
 1. The enemy will pursue **him**. 8:3
- E. **They** (N. Israel) have **set up kings**, but not by **Me**; 8:4 (Sin)
- F. **They** have **appointed princes**, but **I** did not know it. 8:4 (Sin)
- G. With **their** silver and gold **they** have **made idols** for **themselves**, 8:4 (Sin)  
 1. That **they** might be cut off. 8:4
- H. **He** (the Lord) has **rejected your** calf, O **Samaria**, saying, 8:5 (Judgement)  
 1. "**My** anger burns against **them!**" 8:5
- I. How long will **they** (N. Israel) be incapable of innocence? 8:5
- J. For from **Israel** is even this! A craftsman made it, so it is not **God**; 8:6 (Sin)
- K. Surely the calf of **Samaria** (N. Israel) will be broken to pieces. 8:6  
 1. **For they** (N. Israel) **sow** the wind (in futility), 8:7  
 2. And **they** **reap** the whirlwind (in futility). 8:7
- L. The **standing grain** has no heads; **It** yields no **grain**. 8:7  
 1. Should **it** yield, strangers would swallow **it** up. 8:7
- XXIV. Israel** has gone up among **the nations** and hired **them** as **allies**, 8: 8-10 ¶ (8:8-10)
- A. **Israel** is **swallowed up**; **They** are now **among the nations**, 8:8 (Judgement)  
 1. **Like** (simile) a vessel in which no one delights. 8:8
- B. For **they** have gone up to **Assyria**, 8:9  
 1. **Like** (simile) a wild donkey all alone; 8:9
- C. **Ephraim** (N. Israel) has **hired** lovers. 8:9 (Sin)  
 1. Even though **they** **hire** allies among **the nations**, 8:10
- D. Now **I** (the Lord) **will** gather **them** up; And **they** will begin to diminish, 8:10 (Judgement)  
 a. **Because** (Reason) of the burden of **the king of princes**. , 8:10 (Judgement)
- XXV. Israel** has **altars** for **sin** and **sacrifice**, and has **forgotten his Maker**, 8: 11-14 ¶ (8:11-14)
- A. Since **Ephraim** (N. Israel) has multiplied **altars** for **sin**, 8:11 (Sin)  
 1. **They** have become **altars** of **sinning** for **him** (N. Israel). 8:11
- B. **Though I** (the Lord) wrote for **him** (N. Israel) ten thousand (myriads) precepts of **My law**, 8:11  
 1. **They** (My precepts, Law) are regarded as a strange thing (alien). 8:12 (Sin)
- C. As for **My** (the Lord's) **sacrificial gifts**, **They** (N. Israel) sacrifice the flesh and eat it, 8:13 (Sin)  
 1. But **the LORD** has taken no delight in **them** (sacrifices). 8:13
- D. Now **He** (the Lord) will **remember their iniquity**, 8:13  
 1. And **punish them** for **their sins**; 8:13 (Judgement)
- E. **They** (N. Israel) will return to **Egypt**. 8:13, 9:3, 9:6, 7:16  
 1. **For** (Reason) **Israel** (N. Israel) has **forgotten his Maker** and built palaces; 8:14 (Sin)  
 2. And **Judah** (S. Israel) has multiplied fortified cities, 8:14  
 3. But **I will** (the Lord) send a **fire** on **its** (Egypt's) cities 8:14 (Judgement)  
 a. that **it** may consume **its** palatial (grand) dwellings. , 8:14
- XXVI. Ephraim's** (N. Israel) Unfaithfulness and Future **Punishment** and **Exile** in **Assyria**, 9: 1-9 ¶ (9: 1-9)
- A. **Do not** rejoice, O **Israel**, with exultation (gladness) **Like** (simile) **the nations!** 9:1  
 1. **For** (Reason) **you** have played **the harlot** (unfaithful) forsaking **your God**. 9:1 (Sin)  
 2. **You** have loved **harlots'** (unfaithful) earnings on every threshing floor. 9:1 (Sin)
- B. Threshing floor and wine press will not feed **them**, 9:2 (Judgement)  
 1. And **the new wine** (winepress) will fail **them**. 9:2
- C. **They** (N. Israel) will **not** remain in **the LORD'S** land, 9:3 (Judgement)  
 1. **But Ephraim** will return to **Egypt** (Exile place), 9:3, (9:6, 8:13, 7:16, Dt 28:68)  
 in **Assyria** (in Exile, 2 Kings 17:6) **they** will eat unclean **food**. 9:3  
 a. **They** (N. Israel) will **not** pour out drink offerings of **wine** to **the LORD**, 9:4 (Sin)  
 b. **Their sacrifices** will **not** please **Him**. 9:4 (Sin)  
 c. **Their bread** will be **Like** (simile) mourners' **bread**; 9:4, (Num 19:4) (Sin)



- i. All who eat of it will be defiled, 9:4
- ii. For their bread will be for themselves alone; 9:4
- iii. It (bread) will not enter the house of the LORD. 9:4
- d. What will you (N. Israel) do on the day of the appointed festival, 9:5  
And on the day of the feast of the LORD? 9:5
- 2. For (Reason) behold, they (N. Israel) will go because of destruction; 9:6 (Judgement)
  - a. Egypt will gather them up, Memphis will bury them. 9:6, (9:3, 8:13, 7:16, Dt 28:68)
  - b. Weeds will take over their treasures of silver; 9:6
  - c. Thorns will be in their tents. 9:6
- 3. The days of punishment have come, (Judgement)
  - a. The days of retribution (deserved punishment) have come; 9:7 (Judgement)
    - i. Let Israel know this! 9:7
    - b. The prophet (of Israel) is a fool, 9:7
    - c. The inspired man (of Israel) is demented, 9:7
- 4. Because (Reason) of the grossness of your iniquity, 9:7 (Sin)
- 5. And because (Reason) your hostility is so great. 9:7 (Sin)
  - a. Ephraim was a watchman with my God, a prophet; 9:8
  - b. Yet the snare of a bird catcher is in all his ways, 9:8 (Sin)
  - c. And there is only hostility in the house of his God. 9:8 (Sin)
  - d. They (N. Israel) have gone deep in depravity, 9:9 (Sin)
    - i. As (simile) in the days of Gibeah; 9:9 (10:9)
      - I. He (the Lord) will remember their iniquity, 9:9
      - II. He (the Lord) will punish their sins. 9:9

XXVII. The Lord Found the Nation of Israel but they Worshipped and Loved Baal, 9: 10-17 ¶ (9: 10-17)

- A. I (the Lord) found Israel Like (simile) grapes in the wilderness; 9:10
  - 1. I saw your forefathers as (sim.) the earliest fruit on the fig tree in its first season, 9:10, Lk 13:6
- B. But they came to Baal-peor (Num 25:1-5) and devoted themselves to shame, 9:10 (Sin)
  - a. And they became as detestable as that which they loved. 9:10 (Sin)
- C. As for Ephraim, their glory will fly away like (simile) a bird—, 9:11 (Judgement)
  - 1. No birth, no pregnancy and no conception! 9:11
    - a. Though they bring up their children, 9:12
    - b. Yet I will bereave (make childless) them until not a man is left. 9:12
  - 2. Yes, woe to them indeed when I (the Lord) depart from them! 9:12 (Judgement)
  - 3. Ephraim, as I (the Lord) have seen,
    - a. Is planted in a pleasant meadow like (simile) Tyre<sup>9</sup>; 9:13
    - b. But Ephraim will bring out his children for slaughter. 9:13
  - 4. Give them, O LORD—what will You give? 9:14
    - a. Give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts. 9:14
  - 5. All their (N. Israel's) evil is at Gilgal<sup>10</sup> (idol worship); 9:15 (4:15, 6:8, 12:11)
    - a. Indeed, I (the Lord) came to hate them there (Gilgal)! 9:15
  - 6. Because (Reason) of the wickedness of their deeds, 9:15 (Sin)
    - a. I will drive them out of My house! 9:15 (Judgement)
    - b. I will love them no more; 9:15 (Judgement)
    - c. All their princes are rebels. 9:15
  - 7. Ephraim (N. Israel's) is stricken, their root is dried up, 9:16 (Judgement)
    - a. They will bear no fruit. 9:16

<sup>9</sup> Compares Israel's pleasant prosperous past with Tyre's pleasant past, that ended in their destruction.

<sup>10</sup> "Is there iniquity in Gilead? Surely they (Gilead) are worthless. In Gilgal they sacrifice bulls, Yes, their altars are like the stone heaps Beside the furrows of the field". Hosea 12:11

8. Even though **they** (N. Israel) bear children, 9:16
  - a. **I will** (the Lord) slay the precious ones of **their** womb. 9:16 (Judgement)
  - b. **My God** will cast **them** (children) away, 9:17
    - i. **Because** (Reason) **they** have not listened to **Him**; 9:17
  - c. And **they** (N. Israel) will be wanderers among **the nations**. 9:17 (Judgement)

XXVIII. **Israel** is a luxuriant **vine**, 10:1-2 ¶ (10:1-2)

- A. **Israel** is a luxuriant (yield abundantly) **vine** (metaphor); 10:1  
(Israel as a **vine**, Hos 9:10, Ps 80:8-11, Jer 2:21, Isa 5:1-7, )
  1. **He** produces **fruit** for **himself**. 10:1 (Sin)
  2. The more **his fruit**, The more **altars he** made; 10:1 (Hos 8:11) (Sin)
  3. The richer **his land**, The better **he** made the **sacred pillars**. 10:1 (Hos 3:4, 1 Kgs 14:23) (Sin)
  4. **Their heart** is faithless; Now **they** must bear **their** guilt. 10:2 (Hos 13:16) (Sin)
  5. **The LORD** will break down **their altars**, 10:2 (Judgement)
  6. And destroy **their sacred pillars**. 10:2 (Hos 3:4, Mic 5:13) (Judgement)

XXIX. **Israel** will say, “**We** have no king, For **we** do not revere **the LORD**, 10:3-10 ¶ (10:3-10)

- A. Surely now **they** will say, “**We** have no king, 10:3 (Hos 10:7, 10:15)
  1. **For** (reason) **we** do not revere **the LORD**. 10:3 (Sin)
  2. As for **the king**, what can he do for **us**?” 10:3 (Hos 13:10)
- B. **They** (N. Israel) speak mere **words**, 10:4 (Sin)
  1. With worthless **oaths** **they** make **covenants**; 10:4 (Sin)
- C. And **judgment** (by **the Lord**) sprouts 10:4 (Judgement)
  - i. **like** (simile) poisonous weeds in the furrows of the field. 10:4
- D. **Israel’s Calf** of **Beth-aven**, 10:5
  1. The inhabitants of **Samaria** (N. Israel capitol) will fear, 10:5
  2. **For** (reason) **the calf** of **Beth-aven**. 10:5 (Hos 8:5-6, 5:13) (Sin)
    - a. Indeed, **its people** (N. Israel) will mourn for it (the calf), 10:5
    - b. And **its** idolatrous **priests** will cry out over it (the calf), 10:5
    - c. Over **its** glory, since it (its glory) has departed from **it** (the calf). 10:5
  3. **The thing itself** will be carried to **Assyria**, As tribute to King Jareb<sup>11</sup>; 10:6 (Hos 8:5-6, 5:13)
    - a. **Ephraim** (N. Israel) will be seized with **shame**, 10:6
    - b. And **Israel** will be **ashamed** of **its** own counsel. 10:6
- E. **Samaria** (N. Israel) will be cut off with **her king**, 10:7 (Hos 10:15, 13:11) (Judgement)
  1. **Like** (simile) a stick on the surface of the water (drawn along). 10:7
- F. Also the high places of **Aven**, **the sin** of **Israel**, will be destroyed; , 10:8 (Judgement)
  1. Thorn and thistle will grow on **their altars**; , 10:8
  2. Then **they** (N. Israel) will say to **the mountains**,
    - a. “Cover us!” And to **the hills**, “Fall on us!” , 10:8, (Lk 23:30, Rev 6:16)
- G. From **the days of Gibeah** (9:9) **you** have **sinned**, O **Israel**; , 10:9 (Hos 9:9)
  1. There **they** (N. Israel) stand! , 10:9
  2. Will not the battle against **the sons** of **iniquity** overtake **them** in **Gibeah**? 10:9
  3. When it is **My** desire, **I will** chastise (discipline) **them**; 10:10 (Hos 4:9) (Judgement)
  4. And **the peoples** (nations) will be gathered against **them** (N. Israel), 10:10  
When **they** are bound for **their** double guilt (double iniquity). 10:10

XXX. **Israel** urged to Seek **the Lord** until **He** comes, 10:11-15 ¶ (10:11-15)

- A. **Ephraim** (N. Israel) is a trained **heifer** (metaphor) that loves to **thresh**<sup>12</sup>, 10:11a
  1. But **I** (the Lord) **will** come over **her** fair neck with a **yoke**; 10:11a (Judgement)
  2. **I will harness Ephraim**, 10:11a (Judgement)

<sup>11</sup> Ephraim, gave **Assyria**, molded **calf** tribute (Hos 8:4-5, 10:5-6), so not destroy **them**, (2 Kings 15:19-20), but did in 722 BC

<sup>12</sup> **Israel** “loves to thresh” about, unrestrained, so **the Lord** will put “a yoke” on **her** and “harness” **her**, 10:11a

3. **Judah** (12:2) will **plow**, **Jacob** (N. Israel) will **harrow** for **himself**. 10:11b

B. **Sow** (plant) with a view to **righteousness** (an appeal), 10:12 (Isa 1:18-20)

1. **Reap** (Harvest) in accordance with **kindness** (an appeal); 10:12

2. **Break up** (till) **your** fallow (inactive) **ground** (an appeal), 10:12 (Jer 4:3)

3. **For** (reason) it is time to seek **the LORD**, 10:12

a. **Until He** comes to rain **righteousness** on **you** (N. Israel). 10:12 (Hos 6:3)

C. **You** (N. Israel) have **plowed wickedness**, **you** have **reaped injustice**, 10:13 (Job 4:8, Gal 6:7)

1. **You** have eaten (taken in) the fruit of **lies**. 10:13

2. **Because** (reason) **you** have **trusted in your** way, in **your** numerous warriors<sup>13</sup>, 10:13

3. **Therefore** (so that) a tumult (uproar) will arise among **your** people, 10:14 (Judgement)

a. And all **your** (N. Israel's) fortresses will be **destroyed**, 10:14 (Judgement)

b. As (same way) **Shalman**<sup>14</sup> **destroyed Beth-arbel** on the day of battle, 10:14

c. When **mothers** were dashed in pieces with **their** children. 10:14

4. **Thus it** (destruction) will be done to **you** (N. Israel) at **Bethel**<sup>15</sup> 10:15 (Judgement)

a. **because** (reason) of **your** great **wickedness**. 10:15

b. At dawn the **king of Israel** will be completely cut off. 10:15 (Judgement)

XXXI. **The Lord's** Love for **Israel**, and **His** bringing them out of **Exile**, 11:1-4 ¶ (11:1-4)

A. When **Israel** was a youth **I** (the Lord) loved **him**, 11:1 (Hos 2:15)

1. And out of **Egypt I** (the Lord) called **My son**. , 11:1 (Hos 1:10f, Ex 4:22-23, Mt 2:15)

a. The more they<sup>16</sup> (or **I** the Lord) called **them** (Israel), 11:2

b. The more **they** (Israel) went from them (or **Me**); 11:2 (Sin)

c. **They** (Israel) kept **sacrificing** to **the Baals**, 11:2 (Hos 2:13) (Sin)

d. And burning incense to **idols**. 11:2 (Hos 2:13) (Sin)

B. **Yet** (up to now) it is **I** (the Lord) who taught **Ephraim** (N. Israel) to walk, 11:3

1. **I** (the Lord) took **them** in **My arms**; 11:3

a. But **they** did not know that **I** healed **them**. 11:3

2. **I** (the Lord) led **them** with cords of a man, with bonds of love, 11:4

3. And **I** (the Lord) became to **them as** one who lifts the yoke from **their** jaws; 11:4

4. And **I** (the Lord) bent down and fed **them**. 11:4

XXXII. **Israel** will not return to **Egypt**, But **Assyria**, **Because** refused to return to **the Lord**, 11:5-7 ¶ (11:5-7)

A. **They** (Israel) will not return to the land of **Egypt**;

1. But **Assyria**—he will be **their** king<sup>17</sup>, 11:5 (Judgement)

2. **Because** (reason) **they** (Israel) refused to return to **Me**. , 11:5 (2 Kings 18:12) (Sin)

3. The sword will whirl against **their** cities, , 11:6 (Judgement)

4. And will demolish **their** gate bars, 11:6 (Judgement)

5. And consume **them because** (reason) of **their** counsels. 11:6 (Judgement)

B. So **My people** (Israel) are bent (intent) on turning from **Me**. 11:7 (Sin)

1. **Though they** call them (they call) to **the One on high**<sup>18</sup>, 11:7

2. None at all exalts (worships) **Him**. 11:7 (Sin)

XXXIII. **The Lord** because of **His** compassion for **Israel**, will **Restore them**, 11:8-11 ¶ (11:8-11)

1. How can **I** (the Lord) give **you** up, O **Ephraim** (N. Israel)? 11:8

a. How can **I** surrender **you**, O **Israel**? 11:8

b. How can **I** make **you like** (simile) **Admah**<sup>19</sup>? 11:8

<sup>13</sup> Israel "trusted in" its own way and in its own power (warriors) instead of trusting in the Lord, 10:13

<sup>14</sup> **Shalman**, may be Shalmaneser V, king of Assyria (727–722 BC), who played a role in Israel's demise (2 Kings 17:3–6).

<sup>15</sup> **Bethel**, about 10 miles North of **Jerusalem**, is mentioned probably because it was the chief worship place of Israel, 10:15

<sup>16</sup> Hosea 11:2 (NRSV) "The more I called them, the more they went from me;"

<sup>17</sup> **The King of Assyria, Shalmaneser**, besieged **Israel** for 3 years and carried them away, (2 Kings 17:5-6, 18:9-12), in 727-722 BC

<sup>18</sup> **Hosea 11:7b** (NIV) "Even though they call me **God Most High**, I will by no means exalt them."

<sup>19</sup> **Deut 29:23** 'All its land is brimstone and salt, a burning waste, unsown and unproductive, and no grass grows in it,



- c. How can I treat **you like** (simile) **Zeboiim**? 11:8
- 2. **My heart** is turned over within **Me**, All **My compassions** (sympathies) are kindled. 11:8
  - a. **I will not** execute **My** fierce anger; 11:9
  - b. **I will not** destroy **Ephraim** (N. Israel) again. , 11:9
  - c. **For I am God** and not man, **the Holy One** in **your** midst, , 11:9
  - d. And **I will not** come in **wrath**. , 11:9
- 3. **They** (Israel) will walk (go or follow) after **the LORD**, 11:10 (Restoration)
  - a. **He** (the Lord) will roar **like** (simile) a lion; Indeed **He** will roar, 11:10 (Joel 3:16)
  - b. And **His sons** (Israel) will come trembling from the west. 11:10 (Hos 3:5)
  - c. **They** will come trembling **like** (simile) birds from **Egypt**, 11:11
  - d. And **like** (simile) doves from the land of **Assyria**; , 11:11
  - e. And **I will** settle **them** in **their** houses, declares **the LORD**. , 11:11

**XXXIV. The LORD's problem with both Ephraim and Judah, 11:12 ¶ (11:8-11)**

- 1. **Ephraim** (N. Israel) surrounds **Me** (the Lord) with lies , 11:12 (Sin)
- 2. And **the house of Israel** (Israel) with deceit; 11:12 (Sin)
- 3. **Judah** (S. Israel) is also unruly (roams freely) against (with) **God**<sup>20</sup>, 11:12 (Sin)
- 4. Even against (with) **the Holy One** who is faithful. 11:12 (Sin)

**XXXV. The LORD's dispute with Ephraim, 12:1-11 ¶ (12:1-11)**

- 1. **Ephraim** (N. Israel) feeds on wind, 12:1, Hos 8:7
- 2. And pursues the east wind continually; 12:1
- 3. **He** multiplies lies and violence. 12:1 (Sin)
- 4. Moreover, **he** (Ephraim) makes a covenant with **Assyria**, 12:1 (Sin)
  - a. And oil is carried to **Egypt**. 12:1 (Sin)

**B. The LORD's dispute and punishment of Judah-Jacob-Israel, 12:2**

- 1. **The LORD** also has a dispute (indictment) with **Judah**, 12:2, (Hos 4:1, Mic 6:2)
- 2. And will punish **Jacob** (Israel) according to **his** ways; 12:2, (Hos 4:9, Gen 32:28 name) (Judgement)
- 3. **He** will repay **him** (Jacob-Israel) according to **his** deeds. 12:2 (Judgement)

**C. Jacob** before contended and wrestled with **the LORD**, and sought **God's** favor, 12:3-5

- 1. In the womb **he** (Jacob) took **his** brother (Esau) by the heel, 12:3, Gen 25:26
- 2. And in **his** maturity **he** (Jacob) contended (struggled) with **God**. 12:3, Gen 32:28
  - a. Yes, **he** (Jacob) wrestled with **the angel** (a man, God) and prevailed; 12:4, Gen 32:24
  - b. **He** wept and sought **His** (the Lord's) favor. 12:4, Gen 32:26
- 3. **He** (Jacob) found **Him** (the Lord) at **Bethel** (Luz, Haran) 12:4, Gen 28:19 (ladder dream)
- 4. And **there** (Bethel) **He** spoke with **us**, 12:4, Gen 35:1-3 (Abram Cov Renewal)
- 5. Even **the LORD, the God of hosts, The LORD** is **His** name. 12:5, Gen 28:13 (His name)

**D. Therefore** (because of that), return to **your God**, 12:6, (Hos 6:1-3, 10:12)

- 1. Observe kindness and justice, 12:6, (Micah 6:8)
- 2. And wait for **your God** continually. 12:6, (Micah 7:7)

**E. The Lord's** accusation toward **Jacob** (Israel) as seen in **Ephraim's** prideful self-reliance

- 1. A merchant (Ephraim), in whose hands are false balances, 12:7, (Prov 11:1) (Sin)
- 2. **He** (Ephraim) loves to oppress. 12:7 (Sin)
  - a. And **Ephraim** said, "Surely **I** have become rich, **I** have found wealth for **myself**; 12:8 (Sin)
  - b. In all **my** labors they will find in **me** No **iniquity**, which would be **sin**." 12:8 (Sin)

**F. The Lord's Judgement** of Future Exile of **Jacob** (Israel) as spoken through the **Prophets**

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**like** the overthrow of **Sodom** and **Gomorrah**, **Admah** and **Zeboiim**, which **the LORD** overthrew in **His** anger and in **His** wrath.'

<sup>20</sup> Hosea 11:12 (ESV) says, "but Judah still walks with God and is faithful to the Holy One."

The Hebrew for "unruly" is "to roam about freely; to tear oneself loose" or "to wander restlessly"

1. **But I** have been **the LORD your God** since the land of **Egypt**; 12:9
2. **I will** make **you** live in **tents** again (in Future Exile), (Judgement)
  - a. As in the days of the appointed **festival** (of Booths, Lev 23:33), 12:9
3. **I (the Lord)** have also **spoken** to **the prophets**, 12:10, (Amos 3:7)
  - a. And **I gave** (**prophets**) numerous **visions**, 12:10
  - b. And through **the prophets I gave parables**. 12:10
4. Is there **iniquity** in **Gilead**? 12:11, (4:15, 6:8, 9:15)
  - a. Surely **they** (**Ephraim**) are worthless. 12:11 (Sin)
  - b. In **Gilgal they** (**Ephraim**) sacrifice bulls, 12:11 (Sin)
  - c. Yes, **their** (**Ephraim**) altars are **like** (simile) the stone heaps 12:11, (10:8)
    - i. Beside the furrows of the field. 12:11

XXXVI. Now **Jacob** fled to **the land of Aram** (Paddan-aram), 12:12-14 ¶ (12:12-14)

- A. Now **Jacob** fled to **the land of Aram** (Paddan-aram), 12:12, (Gen28:5)
  1. And **Israel** (**Jacob**) worked for a **wife** (Rachel, Gen 29:20), 12:12
  2. And for a **wife** (Rachel, Gen 29:18-20) **he** kept sheep. 12:12
- B. **But** by a **prophet** (Moses) **the LORD** brought **Israel** from **Egypt**, 12:13 (Hos 11:1, 12:9, 13:4)
  1. And by a **prophet** (Moses) **he** (**Israel**) was kept. 12:13
- C. **Ephraim** has provoked to bitter anger; , 12:14 (Judgement)
  1. So **his Lord** will leave **his** bloodguilt (guilty of bloodshed) on **him** , 12:14
  2. And bring back **his** reproach to **him**. 12:14 (Judgement)

XXXVII. **The Lord's** indictment of **Ephraim's** exalting, Idol Worship, and it's consequence, 13:1-3 ¶ (13:1-3)

- A. When **Ephraim** (Tribe) spoke, there was trembling. 13:1
  1. **He** (**Ephraim**) exalted **himself** in **Israel** (N. Israel), 13:1
  2. **But** (contrast) through **Baal he** did wrong (incurred guilt) and died. 13:1
  3. And now **they** (N. Israel) **sin** more and more, ,13:2 (Sin)
  4. And make for **themselves molten images, Idols** skillfully made from **their** silver, 13:2 (Sin)
    - a. All of **them** (the idols) the work of craftsmen. 13:2, 8:6
    - b. **They** say of **them** (idols), "Let the men who **sacrifice** kiss **the calves** !" 13:2, 8:5 (Sin)
- B. As the consequence of **Ephraim's Idol Worship**, 13:3
  1. **Therefore** (because of that) **they** will be **like** (simile) the morning cloud 13:3 (Judgement)
  2. And **like** (simile) dew which soon disappears, 13:3
  3. **Like** (simile) chaff which is blown away from the threshing floor 13:3
  4. And **like** (simile) smoke from a chimney. 13:3

XXXVIII. **The Lord's** calling and provision for **Israel** recalled, 13:4-8 ¶ (13:4-8)

- A. **Yet** (up to now) **I** have been **the LORD your God** Since **the land of Egypt**; 13:4, 12:9
  1. And **you** were not to know any **god** except **Me**, 13:4, Ex 20:3
  2. **For** (reason) there is no savior besides **Me**. 13:4, Isa 43:11, 45:21-22
  3. **I cared** for **you** in the **wilderness**, In the land of drought. 13:5, Deut 2:7, 32:10
  4. As **they** had **their** pasture, **they** became satisfied, 13:6
  5. And being satisfied, **their heart** became proud; 13:6 (Sin)
  6. **Therefore** (because of that) **they** forgot **Me**. 13:6 (Sin)
- B. **Because of Israel's Pride, the Lord** will Destroy **them**
  1. So **I (the Lord)** will be **like** (simile) **a lion** to **them**; 13:7 (Judgement)
  2. **Like** (simile) **a leopard I** will lie in wait by the wayside. 13:7
  3. **I (the Lord)** will encounter **them like** (simile) **a bear** robbed of her cubs, 13:8 (Judgement)
  4. And **I will** tear open **their** chests; 13:8 (Judgement)
  5. There **I will** also devour **them like** (simile) **a lioness**, 13:8 (Judgement)
  6. **As** (in same way) **a wild beast** would tear **them**. 13:8 (Judgement)

XXXIX. It is **your destruction**, O **Israel**, That **you** are against **Me**, against **your** help, 13:9-11 ¶ (13:9-11)

- A. It is **your destruction**, O **Israel**, That **you** are against **Me**, against **your** help. 13:9

1. Where now is **your king** That **he** may save you in all **your** cities, 13:10
2. And **your judges** of whom **you** requested “Give me a **king** and princes”? 13:10, 1 Sam 8:5-6
3. **I (the Lord)** gave **you** a **king** (Saul) in **My** anger 13:11, 1 Sam 8:7, 1 Sam 10:17-24
4. And took **him** (Saul) away in **My** wrath. 13:11, 1 Sam 15:26 (Judgement)

**XL. Ephraim’s Sin** is Stored up and **the Lord** will Not have Compassion on **them**, 13:12-14 ¶ (13:12-14)

A. The **iniquity** of **Ephraim** is bound up; **His sin** is stored up. 13:12 (Sin)

1. The pains of childbirth come upon **him** (**Ephraim**); 13:13
  - a. **He** (**Ephraim**) is not a wise son, 13:13
  - b. For it is not the time that **he** (**Ephraim**) should delay at the opening of the womb. 13:13

B. Shall **the Lord** ransom or redeem **Ephraim** from **Death** ?

1. Shall **I (the Lord)** **ransom**<sup>21</sup> **them** from the power of **Sheol** ? 13:14,
  - a. Shall **I (the Lord)** **redeem**<sup>22</sup> **them** from **death**<sup>23</sup> ? 13:14, Ps 49:15
    - i. O **Death**, where are **your** thorns ? 13:14
    - ii. O **Sheol**, where is **your** sting<sup>24</sup>? 13:14, 1 Cor 15:53-57, Rom

2. **Compassion** will be hidden from **My** sight. (No compassion) 13:14

**XLI. Ephraim** flourishes now, But **they** will be held guilty, **the Lord** will Destroyed **them**, 13:15-16 ¶ (13:15-16)

A. Though **he** (**Ephraim**) flourishes among the reeds, 13:15, Hos 10:1, Gen 41:52, 48:20

1. An **east wind** (**Assyrians**) will come, 13:15, 13:15f, 12:2, Ezek 17:10 (Judgement)
2. **The wind** of **the LORD** coming up from the wilderness; 13:15, Jer 4:11 (Judgement)
3. And **his** (**Ephraim’s**) fountain will become dry 13:15, Ezek 19:12 (Judgement)
4. And **his** spring will be dried up; 13:15 (Judgement)
5. **It** (east wind, **Assyrians**) will plunder **his** treasury of every precious article<sup>25</sup>. 13:15

B. **Samaria** (**N. Israel**) will be held guilty, 13:16 (14:1 in Hebrew Bible) (Judgement)

1. For **she** (**Israel**) has rebelled against **her God**. 13:16 (Sin)
2. **They** (**Ephraim**) will fall by the sword, 13:16 (Judgement)
3. **Their** (**Israel’s**) little ones will be dashed in pieces, 13:16 (Judgement)
4. And **their** (**Israel’s**) pregnant women will be ripped open. 13:16 (Judgement)

**XLII. The Lord’s** Plea to **Israel** for **their** Return to **Him**, 14:1-3 ¶ (14:1-3)

A. Return, O **Israel**, to **the LORD your God**, 14:1

1. For (Reason) **you** have stumbled **because** of **your iniquity**. 14:1 (Sin)
2. Take words with **you** and **return** to **the LORD**. 14:2

B. **Israel** say to **the Lord**, Take away **our Sins** and be **Gracious** to **us**

1. Say to **Him**, “Take away all **iniquity** And receive **us graciously**, 14:2 (Restoration)
2. That **we** (**Israel**) may present the fruit of **our** lips. 14:2 (Restoration)
3. “**Assyria** will not save **us**, **We** (**Israel**) will not ride on horses; 14:3
4. Nor will **we** (**Israel**) say again, ‘**Our god**,’ To the work of **our** hands; 14:3
5. For (Reason) in **You** (**Lord**) the orphan finds **mercy**.” 14:3

**XLIII. The Lord** will **Heal** and **Love Israel**, 14:4-7 ¶ (14:4-7)

A. **I (the Lord)** will **heal their** (**Israel’s**) apostasy, 14:4 (Restoration)

B. **I (the Lord)** will **love them** (**Israel**) freely, 14:4 (Restoration)

C. For (Reason) **My** anger has turned away from **them** (**Israel**). 14:4 (Restoration)

1. **I (the Lord)** will be **like** (simile) the dew to **Israel**; 14:5 (Restoration)
2. **He** (**Israel**) will blossom **like** (simile) the lily, 14:5 (Restoration)

<sup>21</sup> **Ransom**, a price paid for the release of one who is being held prisoner. Prisoners, **ransomed** from **Sheol**, the place of the Dead.

<sup>22</sup> **Redeem**, to buy back for a price or pay off debt owed. In salvation, to **atone** for, **cover**, or **pay off** **Sin** Debt of another.

<sup>23</sup> **Psalm 49:15** “But **God** will **redeem** my **soul** from the power of **Sheol**, For **He** will receive **me**.”

<sup>24</sup> The sting of **death**, is **sin**, I Cor 15:56

<sup>25</sup> **2 Kings 17:1-6**, in the ninth year of **Hoshea**, the king of **Assyria** captured **Samaria** and carried **Israel** (**N. Israel**, 10 Tribes) away into **Exile** to **Assyria**.



3. And **he** (Israel) will take root **like** (simile) the cedars of Lebanon. 14:5 (Restoration)
4. **His** (Israel's) shoots will sprout, 14:6 (Restoration)
5. And **his** (Israel's) beauty will be **like** (simile) the olive tree 14:6 (Restoration)
6. And **his** (Israel's) fragrance **like** (simile) the cedars of Lebanon. 14:6 (Restoration)
7. Those who live in **his** (Israel's) shadow Will again raise grain, 14:7 (Restoration)
8. And **they** (Israel) will blossom **like** (simile) the vine. 14:7 (Restoration)
9. **His** (Israel's) renown will be **like** (simile) the wine of Lebanon. 14:7 (Restoration)

**XLIV. The Lord's Plea to Ephraim** that **He** answers and looks after **them**, 14:8 ¶ (14:8)

- A. O **Ephraim** (Israel), what more have **I** (the Lord) to do with **idols**? 14:8
- B. It is **I** (the Lord) who answer and look after **you** (Israel). 14:8
- C. **I** (the Lord) **am like** (simile) a luxuriant **cypress**; 14:8 (Restoration)
- D. From **Me** (the Lord) comes **your** (Israel's) fruit. 14:8

**XLV. The Lord's Plea; Whoever is Wise and Discerning, Understanding and Know these things**, 14:9 ¶ (14:9)

1. **Whoever** is **wise**, let **him understand these things**; 14:9, Ps 107:43
2. **Whoever** is **discerning** let **him know them** (these things). 14:9
3. **For** (Reason) **the ways** of **the LORD** are **right**, 14:9, Deut 32:4, Ps 111:7-8
  - a. And the **righteous** will walk in **them** (the ways of Lord), 14:9, Deut 8:6, 10:12-13, 11:22
  - b. But **transgressors** will stumble in **them** (the ways of Lord). 14:9, Isa 1:28, Prov 10:29