

Hosea - selected verses

12.1 Ephraim herds the wind*,
and pursues the east wind all day long;
they multiply falsehood and violence;
they make a treaty with Assyria,
and oil is carried to Egypt.

12.7

A trader, in whose hands are false balances,
he loves to oppress.

8

Ephraim has said, "Ah, I am rich,
I have gained wealth for myself;
in all of my gain
no offence has been found in me
that would be sin."

4.6

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge*;
because you have rejected knowledge*,
I reject you from being a priest to me.
And since you have forgotten the law of your God,
I also will forget your children.

7

The more they increased,
the more they sinned against me;
they (ex)changed their glory (for) into shame.

10

They shall eat, but not be satisfied;
they shall (be promiscuous) (play the prostitute)*, but not
multiply;
because they have forsaken the Lord
to devote themselves to 11(promiscuity) (prostitution)*.
(to old) Wine and new wine
(which) take away the understanding.

13.4

Yet I have been the Lord your God
ever since the land of Egypt;
you know no God but me,
and besides me there is no saviour.

5

It was I who fed you in the wilderness,
in the land of drought.

6

When I fed them, they were satisfied;
they were satisfied, and their heart was proud;
therefore they forgot me.

6.1

“Come, let us return to the Lord;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

2

After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

3

Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

4

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.

6

For I desire steadfast love* and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings

14.1

Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God,
for you have stumbled because of your iniquity.

2

“Take away all guilt;
accept that which is good,
and we will offer
the fruit[a] of our lips.

14.3

Assyria shall not save us;
we will not ride upon horses;
we will say no more, ‘Our God,’
to the work of our hands.

14.4

I will heal their disloyalty;

I will love them freely,

for my anger has turned from them.

7

They shall again live beneath my shadow,

they shall flourish as a garden;

they shall blossom like the vine,

their fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon.