

Scripture Text of the Followers of IESO

The Book of OSEE

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3. So he went and took Gomerh the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son.

4. And IEUE said unto him, Call his name Iezrheel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Iezrheel upon the house of Iehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Isrhael.

5. And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Isrhael in the valley of Iezrheel.

A daughter born to Osee and Gomerh.

6. And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And Aleim said unto him, Call her name Lorhuama: for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Isrhael; but I will utterly take them away.

7. But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by IEUE their Aleim, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.

A Second son born to Osee and Gomerh.

8. Now when she had weaned Lorhuama, she conceived, and bare a son.

9. Then said Aleim, Call his name Loammi: for you are not my people, and I will not be your Aleim.

A promise of future restoration.

10. Yet the number of the children of Isrhael shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, You are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living Aleim.

11. Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Isrhael be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of lezrheel.

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3. Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst.

Isrhael tries to justify her harlotry.

4. And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they be the children of whoredoms.
5. For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink.

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6. Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths.
7. And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now.
8. For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal.

How Aleim will punish Isrhael.

9. Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness.
10. And now will I discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand.
11. I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.

12. And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, whereof she hath said, These are my rewards that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.

13. And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgot me, saith IEUE.

The restoration of Isrhael.

Abundance and joy restored.

14. Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her.

15. And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.

Relationship restored.

16. And it shall be at that day, saith IEUE, that thou shall call me Ishi; and shall call me no more Baali.

17. For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.

18. And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.

19. And I will betroth thee unto Me forever; yea, I will betroth thee unto Me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.

20. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shall know IEUE.

21. And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith IEUE, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth;

22. And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear lezrheel.

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23. And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my Aleim.

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Osee demonstrates his love to Gomerh and restores her through purchase.

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

3. And I said unto her, Thou shall abide for me many days; thou shall not play the harlot, and thou shall not be for another man: so will I also be for thee.

The restoration of Isrhael.

The fallen state of Isrhael.

4. For the children of Isrhael shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim:

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A statement of the charge: Isrhael' sin and Aleim's remedy.

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2. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood.

3. Therefore shall the land mourn, and everyone that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.

The corrupt and ineffective.

4. Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people are as they that strive with the priest.

5. Therefore shall thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother.

6. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shall be no priest to Me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy Aleim, I will also forget thy children.

7. As they were increased, so they sinned against Me: therefore will I change their glory into shame.

8. They eat up the sin of My people, and they set their heart on their iniquity.

Judgment is promised.

9. And there shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings.

10. For they shall eat, and not have enough: they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase: because they have left off to take heed to IEUE.

The Adultery of idolatry.

11. Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.

12. My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their Aleim.

13. They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof is good: therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery.

14. I will not punish your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your spouses when they commit adultery: for themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots: therefore the people that doth not understand shall fall.

A warning to Judah.

Judah is warned not to follow Isrhael' sinful ways.

15. Though thou, Isrhael, play the harlot, yet let not Judah offend; and come not you unto Gilgal, neither go you up to Bethaven, nor swear, IEUE liveth.

A summary of the charge: Isrhael' sin and Aleim's remedy.

16. For Isrhael slideth back as a backsliding heifer: now IEUE will feed them as a lamb in a large place.

17. Ephrhaim is joined to idols: let him alone.

18. Their drink is sour: they have committed whoredom continually: her rulers with shame do love, Give you.

19. The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

The Folly of Trusting in man's deliverance.

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1. Hear you this, O priests; and hearken, you house of Isrhael; and give you ear, O house of the king; for judgment is toward you, because you have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor.

2. And the revoltors are profound to make slaughter, though I have been a rebuker of them all.

3. I know Ephrhaim, and Isrhael is not hid from me: for now, O Ephrhaim, thou committest whoredom, and Isrhael is defiled.

Isrhael' double desolation.

4. They will not frame their doings to turn unto their Aleim: for the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of them, and they have not known IEUE.

5. And the pride of Isrhael doth testify to his face: therefore shall Isrhael and Ephrhaim fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them.

6. They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek IEUE; but they shall not find Him; He hath withdrawn Himself from them.

7. They have dealt treacherously against IEUE: for they have begotten strange children: now shall a month devour them with their portions.

8. Blow you the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah: cry aloud at Bethaven, after thee, O Beniamin.

9. Ephrhaim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Isrhael have I made known that which shall surely be.

Isrhael' sinful trust in man for deliverance.

Isrhael and Judah looked to man' wisdom.

10. The princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound: therefore I will pour out My wrath upon them like water.

11. Ephrhaim is oppressed and broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment.

12. Therefore will I be unto Ephrhaim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness.

13. When Ephrhaim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephrhaim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Iarheb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound.

Aleim's judgment and the goal behind it.

14. For I will be unto Ephrhaiim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue him.

15. I will go and return to My place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek My face: in their affliction they will seek Me early.

'Come Let Us Return to the Ruler"

A call to return to IEUE.

Isrhael should trust in the Aleim who chastened her.

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1. Come, and let us return unto IEUE: for He hath torn, and He will heal us; He hath smitten, and He will bind us up.
2. After two days will He revive us: in the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight.

Walking in confidence.

3. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know IEUE: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

The sin of Isrhael and Judah.

How Aleim's people missed Aleim's heart.

4. O Ephrhaim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away.
5. Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of My mouth: and thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth.
6. For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of Aleim more than burnt offerings.

The transgression of idolatry.

7. But they like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against Me.
8. Gilead is a city of them that work iniquity, and is polluted with blood.
9. And as troops of robbers wait for a man, so the company of priests murder in the way by consent: for they commit lewdness.
10. I have seen an horrible thing in the house of Isrhael: there is the whoredom of Ephrhaim, Isrhael is defiled.
11. Also, O Judah, he hath set an harvest for thee, when I returned the captivity of My people.

The Oven, the Bread and the Dove.

A heart like an Oven.

The sinful ignorance and willful blindness of Isrhael.

Chapter 7.

1. When I would have healed Isrhael, then the iniquity of Ephrhaim was discovered, and the wickedness of Samaria: for they commit falsehood; and the thief cometh in, and the troop of robbers spoileth without.

2. And they consider not in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them about; they are before My face.

3. They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies.

Isrhael' heart is inflamed after idols.

4. They are all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, who ceaseth from raising after he hath kneaded the dough, until it be leavened.

5. In the day of our king the princes have made him sick with bottles of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorers.

6. For they have made ready their heart like an oven, whiles they lie in wait: their baker sleepeth all the night; in the morning it burneth as a flaming fire.

7. They are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges; all their kings are fallen: there is none among them that calleth unto Me.

The pride and stubbornness of Isrhael.

8. Ephrhaim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephrhaim is a cake not turned.

9. Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not.

10. And the pride of Isrhael testifieth to his face: and they do not return to IEUE their Aleim, nor seek him for all this.

Silly like a dove.

Like a dove, Isrhael flies about to the nations.

11. Ephrhaim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.

12. When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them, as their congregation hath heard.

In running to the nations, Israhel has run away from Aleim.

13. Woe unto them! for they have fled from Me: destruction unto them! because they have transgressed against Me: though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against Me.

14. And they have not cried unto Me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds: they assemble themselves for corn and wine, and they rebel against Me.

15. Though I have bound and strengthened their arms, yet do they imagine mischief against Me.

16. They return, but not to the most High: they are like a deceitful bow: their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue: this shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.

Sow the Wind, Reap the Whirlwind.

Sowing idolatry, reaping exile.

Casting off Aleim and embracing idols.

Chapter 8.

1. Set the trumpet to thy mouth. He shall come as an eagle against the house of IEUE, because they have transgressed My covenant, and trespassed against My law.

2. Isrhael shall cry unto Me, My Aleim, we know thee.

3. Isrhael hath cast off the thing that is good: the enemy shall pursue him.

4. They have set up kings, but not by Me: they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off.

5. Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast thee off; mine anger is kindled against them: how long will it be ere they attain to innocency?

6. For from Isrhael was it also: the workman made it; therefore it is not Aleim: but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces.

Isrhael judged and regathered.

7. For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up.

8. Isrhael is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Nations as a vessel wherein is no pleasure.

9. For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself: Ephrhaim hath hired lovers.

10. Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes.

Why Aleim will not accept their offerings.

Isrhael considers Aleim's Word a strange thing.

11. Because Ephrhaim hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin.

12. I have written to him the great things of My law, but they were counted as a strange thing.

13. They sacrifice flesh for the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat it; but IEUE accepteth them not; now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins: they shall return to Egypt.

When Aleim's people forget their Maker, there is no refuge.

14. For Isrhael hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities:
but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

Exiled and Dried Up.

Isrhael exiled in judgment.

The end of the good life in Isrhael.

Chapter 9.

1. Rejoice not, O Isrhael, for joy, as other people: for thou hast gone a whoring from thy Aleim, thou hast loved a reward upon every cornfloor.

2. The floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her.

3. They shall not dwell in IEUE'S land; but Ephrhaim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean things in Assyria.

4. They shall not offer wine offerings to IEUE, neither shall they be pleasing unto Him: their sacrifices shall be unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat thereof shall be polluted: for their bread for their soul shall not come into the house of IEUE.

The days of Isrhael' punishment in Egypt.

5. What will you do in the solemn day, and in the day of the feast of IEUE?

6. For, lo, they are gone because of destruction: Egypt shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury them: the pleasant places for their silver, nettles shall possess them: thorns shall be in their tabernacles.

7. The days of visitation are come, the days of recompence are come; Isrhael shall know it: the prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred.

8. The watchman of Ephrhaim was with my Aleim: but the prophet is a snare of a fowler in all his ways, and hatred in the house of his Aleim.

9. They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of Gibeah: therefore he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins.

Isrhael barren and dried up in judgment.

Aleim sends barrenness and bereavement.

10. I found Isrhael like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the firstripe in the fig tree at her first time: but they went to Baalpeor, and separated themselves unto that shame; and their abominations were according as they loved.

11. As for Ephrhaim, their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception.

12. Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them, that there shall not be a man left: yea, woe also to them when I depart from them!

13. Ephrhaim, as I saw Tyrus, is planted in a pleasant place: but Ephrhaim shall bring forth his children to the murderer.

14. Give them, O IEUE: what will thou give? give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.

Aleim sends dryness and wandering upon Isrhael.

15. All their wickedness is in Gilgal: for there I hated them: for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of mine house, I will love them no more: all their princes are revolvers.

16. Ephrhaim is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit: yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay even the beloved fruit of their womb.

17. My Aleim will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto Him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

Isrhael has no king.

The analysis of Isrhael' sinful state.

Isrhael' empty vine.

Chapter 10.

1. Isrhael is an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself: according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images.
2. Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty: He shall break down their altars, He shall spoil their images.

Isrhael' empty throne

3. For now they shall say, We have no king, because we feared not IEUE; what then should a king do to us?
4. They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant: thus judgment springeth up as hemlock in the furrows of the field.
5. The inhabitants of Samaria shall fear because of the calves of Bethaven: for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and the priests thereof that rejoiced on it, for the glory thereof, because it is departed from it.
6. It shall be also carried unto Assyria for a present to king Iarheb: Ephrhaim shall receive shame, and Isrhael shall be ashamed of his own counsel.
7. As for Samaria, her king is cut off as the foam upon the water.
8. The high places also of Aven, the sin of Isrhael, shall be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.

Aleim's counsel to sinful Isrhael.

Aleim tells Isrhael to see their sin and to submit to His chastening.

9. O Isrhael, thou hast sinned from the days of Gibeah: there they stood: the battle in Gibeah against the children of iniquity did not overtake them.

Aleim tells Isrhael the terrible result of resisting Him.

10. It is in my desire that I should chastise them; and the people shall be gathered against them, when they shall bind themselves in their two furrows.
11. And Ephrhaim is as an heifer that is taught, and loveth to tread out the corn; but I passed over upon her fair neck: I will make Ephrhaim to ride; Judah shall plow, and Iakob shall break his clods.

12. Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek
IEUE, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

13. You have plowed wickedness, you have reaped iniquity; you have eaten the fruit of lies: because
thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men.

14. Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people, and all thy fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shalman
spoiled Betharbel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces upon her children.

15. So shall Bethel do unto you because of your great wickedness: in a morning shall the king of Israhel
utterly be cut off.

Drawn with Gentle Cords.

Aleim's tender love for Isrhael.

Isrhael: Called by Aleim and called by the Baals.

Chapter 11.

1. When Isrhael was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.
2. As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images.

Aleim's tender love for an unseeing Isrhael.

3. I taught Ephrhaim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them.
4. I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love: and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them.

Aleim's strict hand towards Isrhael.

Empty profession brings the chastening of Aleim.

5. He shall not return into the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return.
6. And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and devour them, because of their own counsels.
7. And my people are bent to backsliding from Me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt Him.

Aleim's sympathy in the midst of chastening.

8. How shall I give thee up, Ephrhaim? how shall I deliver thee, Isrhael? how shall I make thee as Adma? how shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together.
9. I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephrhaim: for I am Aleim, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city.

The roar of Aleim calls Isrhael back.

10. They shall walk after IEUE: He shall roar like a lion: when He shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west.

11. They shall tremble as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria: and I will place them in their houses, saith IEUE.

12. Ephrhaim compasseth Me about with lies, and the house of Isrhael with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with Aleim, and is faithful with the saints.

Ancient Iakob and Modern Isrhael.

The deeply rooted deceit of Isrhael.

Isrhael trust in deals and alliances with surrounding nation.

Chapter 12.

12. Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind: he daily increaseth lies and desolation; and they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt.

Ancient Iakob is an example of Isrhael' present deceit.

2. IEUE hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Iakob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him.

3. He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with Aleim:

4. Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him in Bethel, and there he spake with us;

5. Even IEUE Aleim of hosts; IEUE is his memorial.

6. Therefore turn thou to thy Aleim: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy Aleim continually.

Judgment promised against a confident Isrhael.

Though Isrhael is confident in its wealth, Aleim will bring them low.

7. He is a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand: he loveth to oppress.

8. And Ephrhaim said, Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance: in all my labours they shall find none iniquity in me that were sin.

9. And I that am IEUE thy Aleim from the land of Egypt will yet make thee to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feast.

10. I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.

11. Is there iniquity in Gilead? surely they are vanity: they sacrifice bullocks in Gilgal; yea, their altars are as heaps in the furrows of the fields.

Reproach will return upon Ephrhaim.

12. And Iakob fled into the country of Syria, and Isrhael served for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheep.

13. And by a prophet IEUE brought Isrhael out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved.

14. Ephrhaim provoked Him to anger most bitterly: therefore shall He leave His blood upon him, and his reproach shall his Master return unto him.

"I will be your king.

Two pictures of judgment.

Sinful Israhel will be scattered like the morning clouds.

Chapter 13.

1. When Ephr'haim spake trembling, he exalted himself in Israhel; but when he offended in Baal, he died.

2. And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let the men that sacrifice kiss the calves.

3. Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away, as the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney.

Sinful Israhel will be torn apart as if by a lion.

4. Yet I am IEUE thy Aleim from the land of Egypt, and thou shall know no god but Me: for there is no saviour beside Me.

5. I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought.

6. According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten Me.

7. Therefore I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard by the way will I observe them:

8. I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: the wild beast shall tear them.

Aleim, the only hope of Israhel.

The rejected king and the imposed king.

9. O Israhel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in Me is thine help.

10. I will be thy king: where is any other that may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes?

11. I gave thee a king in Mine anger, and took him away in My wrath.

The sorrowful judgment of Ephr'haim and her children.

12. The iniquity of Ephr'haim is bound up; his sin is hid.

13. The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him: he is an unwise son; for he should not stay long in the place of the breaking forth of children.

14. I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

15. Though he be fruitful among his brethren, an east wind shall come, the wind of IEUE shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: he shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant vessels.

16. Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her Aleim: they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.

Real wisdom turns Isrhael back to IEUE.

Isrhael' repentance and Aleim's response.

What Isrhael should say in their repentance.

Chapter 14.

1. O Isrhael, return unto IEUE thy Aleim; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.
2. Take with you words, and turn to IEUE: say unto Him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.
3. Assurh shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say anymore to the work of our hands, You are our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.

Aleim promises to restore a repentant Isrhael.

4. I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.
5. I will be as the dew unto Isrhael: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.
6. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon.
7. They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.

A new Isrhael.

Renewed Isrhael is free from idols.

8. Ephrhaim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him, and observed him: I am like a green fir tree. From Me is thy fruit found.

Renewed Isrhael walks in wisdom.

9. Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of IEUE are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.