

<sup>1</sup>When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was discovered, and the wickedness of Samaria: for they commit falsehood; and the thief cometh in, and the troop of robbers spoileth without.<sup>2</sup>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.<sup>3</sup>They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies.<sup>4</sup>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.<sup>5</sup>In the day of our king the princes have made him sick with bottles of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners.<sup>6</sup>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.<sup>7</sup>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.<sup>8</sup>Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned.<sup>9</sup>Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not.<sup>10</sup>And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face: and they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek him for all this.<sup>11</sup>Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.<sup>12</sup>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.<sup>13</sup>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.<sup>14</sup> 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.<sup>15</sup> Though I  
have bound and strengthened their arms,  
yet do they imagine mischief against  
me.<sup>16</sup> 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.