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(10) I will be your King: where in all your cities is *any other* who may save you? and your judges of whom you said, Give me a king and princes?

(11) I gave you a king in My anger, and took *him* away in My wrath {anger; judgment}.

(12) The evil of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is hidden.

(13) The sorrows of a woman in child birth shall come upon him: he is an unwise son; because he should not stay long in *the place of* the birth of children.

(14) I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be your plagues; O grave, I will be your destruction: repentance will be hidden from My eyes.

(15) Though he is fruitful among *his* brothers, an east wind will come, the wind of the LORD {Jehovah} will come up from the wilderness, and his spring will become dry, and his fountain will be dried up: he will spoil the treasure of all pleasant vessels.

(16) Samaria will become desolate; because she has rebelled against her God: they will fall by the sword: their infants will be dashed in pieces, and their pregnant women will be ripped up.

Chapter 14

(1) O Israel, return to the LORD {Jehovah} your God; because you have fallen because of your evil deeds.

(2) Take with you words, and turn to the LORD {Jehovah}: say to Him, Take away all evil, and receive *us* graciously: so we will give the calves {sacrifices} of our lips {praise}.

(3) Asshur will not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, *You are* our gods: because in You the fatherless find mercy.

(4) I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: because My anger is turned away from him.

(5) I will be as the dew to Israel: he will grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.

(6) His branches will spread, and his beauty will be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon.

(7) Those who live under His shadow will return; they will revive *as* the corn, and grow as the vine: its scent *will be* as the wine of Lebanon.

(8) Ephraim *will 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 your fruit is found.

(9) Who *is* wise, and he will understand these *things*? prudent, and he will know them? because the ways of the LORD {Jehovah} *are* right, and the just will walk in them: but the sinners will fall in them.