

HOSEA

CHAPTER 1

The word of the Lord that came unto Hosea the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

²The beginning of the word of the Lord by Hosea. And the Lord said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredom, and children of whoredom, for the land shall surely commit whoredom from behind the Lord. ³And he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived, and bare him a son. ⁴And the Lord said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Judah, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel. ⁵And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel. ⁶And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And He said unto him, Call her name, Not Pitied, for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will surely set Myself to oppose them. ⁷But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the Lord their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by war, nor by horses, nor by horsemen. ⁸And she weaned Not Pitied, and conceived again, and bare a son. ⁹And He said, Call his name, Not My people: for ye are not My people, neither am I your I AM.

CHAPTER 2

And the number of the sons of Israel was as the sand of the sea, which shall not be measured nor numbered. And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not My people, they shall be called, The sons of the living God. ²Then shall the sons of Judah and the sons of Israel be gathered together, and they shall appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up from out of the land; for great shall be the day of Jezreel. ³Say ye unto your brother, My people, and to your sister, Pitied.

⁴Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither *am* I her husband. And I will put away her whoring out of my sight, and her adultery from between her breasts, ⁵that I may strip her naked, and restore her as in the day that she was born. And I will make her as a wilderness, and render her as a dry land, and slay her with thirst. ⁶And I will not have mercy upon her children, for they be the children of whoredom. ⁷For their mother hath played the harlot: she that bare them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me

my bread and my water, and my raiment, and my linen garments, mine oil and all things that are proper unto me. ⁸Therefore, behold, I will hedge up her way with thorns, and stop the ways, and she shall not find her path. ⁹And she shall pursue 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 former husband; for then was it better with me than now. ¹⁰And she did not know that I gave her the grain, and the wine, and oil, and multiplied silver unto her; but she made the silver and the gold for Baal. ¹¹Therefore will I return, and carry away My grain in the time thereof, and My wine in the season thereof, and will remove My raiment and My linen clothes, that she may not cover her shame. ¹²And now will I uncover her uncleanness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall by any means deliver her out of Mine hand. ¹³I will also turn away all her gladness, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn assemblies. ¹⁴And I will destroy her vine and her fig trees, whereof she hath said, These are my reward that my lovers have given me; and I will make them a testimony, and the wild beasts of the field, and the fowls of the heaven, and the things that creep upon the earth shall devour them. ¹⁵And I will avenge upon her the days of Baalim, when she sacrificed to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her necklaces, and she went after her lovers, but forgot Me, saith the Lord. ¹⁶Therefore, behold, I will deceive her, and make her as one that is desolate, and speak unto her heart: ¹⁷and I will give her her substance from thence, and the valley of Achor to open her understanding: and she shall be humbled there as in the days of her childhood, and as in the days when she came up out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁸And it shall be in that day, saith the Lord, that she shall call Me, My husband, and shall call Me no more Baali. ¹⁹And I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and their names shall be remembered no more. ²⁰And in that day will I establish a covenant for them with the wild beasts of the field, and with the fowls of the heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the war out of the earth, and will make thee to dwell in hope. ²¹And I will betroth thee unto Me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto Me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in mercy, and in lovingkindness; ²²and I will betroth thee unto Me in faithfulness: and thou shall know the Lord. ²³And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord, I will hearken unto the heaven, and it shall hearken unto the earth; ²⁴and the earth shall hearken unto the grain, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hearken unto Jezreel. ²⁵And I will sow her unto Me in the earth; and I will have pity upon Not Pitied; and I will say unto Not My People, Thou art My people; and he shall say, Thou art the Lord my God.

CHAPTER 3

Then said the Lord unto me, Go yet, and love a woman that loveth evil things, and is an adulteress, even as God loveth the sons of Israel: but they looked to strange gods, and loved cakes with raisins. ²And I hired her to me for fifteen *pieces* of silver, and *for* an homer of barley, and a flagon of wine. ³And I said unto her, Thou shalt abide with me many days; and thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be with *another* man; and I will be with thee. ⁴For the sons of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, nor with altar, nor priesthood, nor manifestations. ⁵And after these things shall the sons of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall stand in awe at the Lord and His good things in the latter days.

CHAPTER 4

Hear the word of the Lord, ye sons of Israel, for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land; because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. ²Cursing, and lying, and murder, and stealing, and adultery are poured out upon the land, and they mingle blood with blood. ³Therefore shall the land mourn and be diminished, with all them that dwell therein, with the wild beasts of the field, and the creeping things of the earth, and with the fowls of the heaven; yea, even the fishes of the sea shall fail, ⁴that none may plead, nor any accuse; but My people shall be as a priest that is spoken against. ⁵And thou shalt be weak in the day, and the prophet also that is with thee shall be weak; I have likened thy mother to the night. ⁶My people are likened unto them that lack knowledge; because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou be no priest to Me; and seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. ⁷According to their multitude, even so they sinned against Me; I will change their glory into dishonour. ⁸They will eat up the sins of My people, and take away their lives in their iniquities. ⁹And as it shall be unto the people, even so shall it be unto the priest; and I will avenge his ways upon him, and reward him for his counsels. ¹⁰And they shall eat, and not be satisfied; they have committed whoredom, and shall by no means prosper; because they have left off to hold fast unto the Lord. ¹¹Whoredom, and wine, and strong drink have taken hold upon the heart of My people. ¹²They asked counsel through signs, and by his stocks they declared unto him; by a spirit of whoredom have they erred, and gone a whoring from their God. ¹³They have sacrificed upon the tops of the mountains, and upon the hills have they sacrificed under oak and white poplar, and thickly shading tree, because the shadow thereof was good. Therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your

daughters in law shall commit adultery. ¹⁴And I will not shew My care for your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your daughters in law when they commit adultery; for themselves mingled with harlots, and they sacrificed with initiates: and the people that did not understand embraced an harlot. ¹⁵But thou, O Israel, be not ignorant, and ye men of Judah, come not ye into Gilgal, neither go ye up unto the house of On, nor swear by the living Lord. ¹⁶For Israel was heated like a heifer that is in heat; now the Lord will feed them as a lamb in a wide place. ¹⁷Ephraim, *that is* joined with idols, hath laid stumblingblocks against himself. ¹⁸He hath chosen the Canaanites; they have grievously gone a whoring: they have loved dishonour through her insolence. ¹⁹Thou art a blast of wind in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their altars.

CHAPTER 5

Hear ye these *things*, O priests; and take heed, O house of Israel; and give ye ear, O house of the king; for the judgment is against you, because ye are become a snare in the lookout, and as a net spread over Mizpah, ²which they that hunt the prey have firmly set. But I am He that doth discipline you. ³I have known Ephraim, and Israel is not far from Me; for now Ephraim is gone a whoring, *and* Israel is defiled. ⁴They gave not their deliberations to turn unto their God: for a spirit of whoredom is within them, and they have not known the Lord. ⁵And the pride of Israel shall be brought low before His face; and Israel and Ephraim shall be weak in their iniquities; and Judah also shall be weak with them. ⁶They shall go with sheep and calves to seek the Lord; and they shall not find Him, because He hath turned Himself away from them. ⁷For they have forsaken the Lord; because strange children are born unto them; now shall the rust devour them, and the lots of their inheritance. ⁸Blow ye *the* trumpet on the hills, sound aloud on the heights, proclaim in Beth-aven; Benjamin is amazed. ⁹Ephraim is become a desolation in the days of reproof; among the tribes of Israel have I shewn things that are faithful. ¹⁰The rulers of Judah are become like them that remove the bounds; I will pour out My wrath upon them like water. ¹¹Ephraim hath overpowered his adversary; he trode over judgment, for he began to go after vanities. ¹²And I will be unto Ephraim as a confusion, and as a goad unto the house of Judah. ¹³And Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah his pain: then went Ephraim to the Assyrians, and sent ambassadors to King Jareb; yet could he not heal you, and your pain shall not cease from you. ¹⁴For I am unto Ephraim as a panther, and as a lion to the house of Judah; and I will seize, and go, and take; and there shall be none to rescue. ¹⁵I will go and return unto My place, till they are destroyed; and they shall seek My face. In their affliction they will seek Me early, saying,

CHAPTER 6

Let us go, and return unto the Lord our God: for He hath torn, and He will heal us; He will smite, and He will bind us up. ²After two days will He heal us: in the third day shall we rise up, and live in His sight, ³and shall know: we shall follow on to know the Lord; we shall find Him ready as the dawn; and He shall come unto us as the early and the latter rain unto the earth. ⁴O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? For your mercy is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew that goeth away. ⁵Therefore have I cut off thy prophets; I have slain them by the word of My mouth, and My judgment shall go forth as the light. ⁶For I will have mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than whole burnt offerings. ⁷But they are like a man that transgresseth a covenant; there hath he despised me. ⁸Gilead is a city that worketh vanities, that troubleth the water. ⁹And thy strength is that of a robber; the priests have hid the way; they have murdered Shechem; for they committed iniquity. ¹⁰I have seen an horrible thing in the house of Israel; there is the whoredom of Ephraim; Israel and Judah are defiled. ¹¹Begin to harvest for thee, when I return the captivity of My people.

CHAPTER 7

When I have healed Israel, then shall the iniquity of Ephraim be discovered, and the wickedness of Samaria; for they have committed falsehoods; and a thief shall come in to him, even a robber that spoileth in his way, ²that they may sing together as those that sing in their heart. I remember all their wickedness; now have their own counsels surrounded them; they are come before My face. ³They have made the kings glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies. ⁴They are all adulterers, as an oven that burneth for baking, that is heated with a flame, from the kneading of the dough, until it be leavened. ⁵In the days of our kings the princes began to be enraged with wine; he stretched out his hand with the pestilent. ⁶For their hearts were inflamed like an oven, whiles they brake to pieces all the night: Ephraim was satisfied with sleep; the morning is come; he was inflamed even as a flame of fire. ⁷They were all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges; all their kings are fallen; there were none among them that called unto Me. ⁸Ephraim, he is mixed among his people; Ephraim is become a cake not turned. ⁹Strangers have devoured his strength, but he knew it not; yea, grey hairs sprouted upon him, and he knew it not. ¹⁰And the pride of Israel shall be humbled before His face, and yet they have not returned unto the Lord their God, nor have they sought Him for all this. ¹¹Ephraim also was like a silly dove without heart; he called to Egypt, and they went to the Assyrians. ¹²Whensoever they shall go, I will cast

My net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them by the news of their affliction. ¹³Woe unto them! for they have fled from Me; they are wretched, because they have done impiously against Me; though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against Me. ¹⁴And they have not cried unto Me with their heart, but they howled upon their beds; they gashed themselves for grain and wine. ¹⁵They were instructed by Me, and I strengthened their arms; yet have they imagined evils against me. ¹⁶They are turned aside to nought, they are become as a bow that is bent; their princes shall fall by the sword for their unbridled tongue; this shall be their contempt in the land of Egypt.

CHAPTER 8

He shall come into their bosom as the earth, as an eagle upon the house of the Lord, because they have transgressed My covenant, and have done impiously against My law. ²They shall cry unto Me, O God, we have known Thee. ³Because Israel is turned away from the things that are good; they have pursued an enemy. ⁴They have made a king for themselves, but not by Me; they have ruled, but they made it not known unto Me; their silver and their gold have they made into idols themselves, that they should be destroyed. ⁵Rid thee of thy calf, O Samaria; Mine anger is provoked against them; for how long shall they be unable to cleanse themselves in Israel? ⁶And the workman made it, and it is not God; for thy calf, O Samaria, was a deceiver. ⁷For they sowed that which was destroyed by the wind, and their destruction shall await them, a sheaf that cannot make flour; and if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up. ⁸Israel was swallowed up, now are they become among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no worth. ⁹For they are gone up to the Assyrians; Ephraim hath flourished anew by himself; they loved gifts. ¹⁰Therefore shall they be delivered up among the nations. Now will I take them, and they shall cease for a little to anoint a king and princes. ¹¹Because Ephraim hath multiplied altars; his beloved altars are become unto him sins. ¹²I will write down a multitude for him, even his laws; the beloved altars are counted as strange things. ¹³For if they offer a sacrifice, and eat flesh, the Lord will not accept these things; now will He remember their iniquities, and visit their sins. They have returned to Egypt, and shall eat unclean things among the Assyrians. ¹⁴And Israel hath forgotten Him that made him, and built sacred precincts; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities; and I will send a fire into his cities, and it shall devour the foundations thereof.

CHAPTER 9

Rejoice not, O Israel, neither be thou joyful as other peoples: for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God; thou hast loved gifts upon every threshing floor of grain. ²The threshing floor and winepress did not know them, and the wine deceived them. ³They did not dwell in the Lord's land; Ephraim dwelt *in* Egypt, and they shall eat that which is unclean among the Assyrians. ⁴They made no wine offering to the Lord, neither have their sacrifices been pleasing unto Him, but they are even as the bread of mourning unto them; all that eat thereof be polluted; for their bread for their souls shall not come into the house of the Lord. ⁵What will ye do in the day of publick festival, and in the day of the feast of the Lord? ⁶Therefore, behold, they shall go from the wretchedness of Egypt, and Memphis shall receive them, and Machmas shall bury them; their silver shall inherit destruction; thorns shall *be* in their tabernacles. ⁷The days of punishment are come, the days of thy recompense are come; and Israel shall be afflicted as the prophet that is mad, as a man that is carried away by the spirit; for the multitude of thine iniquities hath thy madness abounded. ⁸The watchman of Ephraim was with God; the prophet is a crooked snare upon all his ways; they have firmly established madness in the house of the Lord. ⁹They have been corrupted according to the days of Gibeah; He will remember their iniquities, He will visit their sins. ¹⁰ I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness, and like an early watchman in a fig tree I beheld their fathers; they came to Baal-peor, and were shamefully estranged, and the abominable became as the beloved. ¹¹Ephraim is flown away like a bird; their glories are from childbirth, and travail and conception. ¹²For though they bring up their children, they shall be bereaved of people; yea, woe also is to them, My flesh is of them. ¹³Ephraim, as I saw, gave their children as a prey; even Ephraim, to lead out his children for piercing. ¹⁴Give them, O Lord; what wilt Thou give them? a childless womb and dry breasts. ¹⁵All their wickednesses are in Gilgal, for there came I to hate 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 disobedient. ¹⁶Ephraim hath suffered, his roots are dried up, he shall bear fruit no more; yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay the desirable fruit of their womb. ¹⁷God shall cast them away, because they did not hearken unto Him, and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

CHAPTER 10

Israel is a vine that hath good branches, her fruit thriveth; according to the multitude of her fruits she hath increased her altars; according to the good things of his land, he hath set up pillars. ²They

have divided their hearts, now shall they be utterly destroyed; he shall break down their altars, their pillars shall suffer distress. ³For now they shall say, We have no king, because we feared not the Lord; what then shall a king do for us? ⁴Speaking words, false excuses, he shall make a covenant; judgment will spring up as grass in a field of dry soil. ⁵The inhabitants of Samaria shall dwell near the calf of Beth-aven, for His people mourned over Him; and as they provoked Him, they shall rejoice over His glory, because He hath departed from them. ⁶And when they had bound it up for the Assyrians, they carried it away as tribute unto king Jareb; Ephraim shall accept it for a present, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel. ⁷Samaria has cast off her king as a twig upon the face of the water. ⁸The altars also of Aven, the sins of Israel, shall be destroyed; thorns and thistles shall grow up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us. ⁹Israel hath sinned from the time of Gibeah; there they stood; war shall not overtake them in the hill against the children of iniquity: ¹⁰I am come to chastise them, and the people shall be gathered against them, when they are chastened for their two iniquities. ¹¹Ephraim is a heifer that is taught to love contention, but I will come against the fairest part of her neck; I will mount Ephraim; I will pass over Judah in silence; Jacob shall prevail against him. ¹²Sow to yourselves to righteousness, reap unto the fruit of life, light ye for yourselves the light of knowledge, seek the Lord until the fruit of righteousness cometh unto you. ¹³Why passed ye over ungodliness in silence, and reap her iniquities? Ye have eaten the fruit of falsehood; for thou didst hope in thy sins, in the multitude of thy power. ¹⁴And destruction shall rise up against thy people, and all thy walled places shall be ruined, as the prince Shalman of the house of Jerobaal, in the days of battle; they dashed the mother to the ground upon the children: ¹⁵so shall I do unto you, O house of Israel, because of your wickednesses.

CHAPTER 11

Early in the morning were they cast out, *the King of Israel* was cast out; for Israel was an infant, and I loved him, and called his son out of Egypt. ²As I called them, so they went from before My face; they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images. ³I bound also the feet of Ephraim, I took him upon My arm; but they knew not that I healed them. ⁴When men were destroyed, I drew them out with the bands of My love; and I will be to them as a man that slappeth his cheeks; and I will look unto him, I will prevail with him. ⁵Ephraim dwelt in Egypt, and the Assyrian himself was his king, because he refused to return. ⁶And the sword was weak in his cities, and ceased to war with his hands, and they shall eat of their own counsel. ⁷And his people hang from his habitation, and God shall be angered with his precious things,

and shall not lift him up. ⁸How shall I deal with thee, O Ephraim? shall I shield thee, O Israel? how shall I deal with thee? Shall I make thee as Admah and as Zeboiim; My heart was turned at once, My repenting is disturbed. ⁹I will not do according to the anger of My wrath, I will not abandon Ephraim to be utterly destroyed; for I am God, and not man; holy in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city. ¹⁰I will walk after the Lord; He shall roar like a lion, for He shall roar, and the children of the waters shall be amazed. ¹¹They shall be amazed as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of the Assyrians; and I will restore them to their houses, saith the Lord.

CHAPTER 12

Ephraim hath compassed me about with a lie, and the house of Israel and Judah with ungodliness. Now is God come to know them, and they shall be called God's holy people. ²But Ephraim is an evil spirit, he hath pursued the burning wind all the day long; he hath multiplied empty and vain things, and hath made a covenant with the Assyrians, and would traffick oil in Egypt. ³And the Lord hath a controversy with Judah, to punish Jacob; according to his ways and according to his doings will He recompense him. ⁴He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and in his labours he had power with God. ⁵And he had power over an angel, and was strong. They wept, and made supplication unto me; they found me in Bethel, and there it was spoken to them. ⁶But the Lord God Almighty shall be his memorial. ⁷And thou shalt return unto thy God; keep mercy and judgment, and draw nigh unto thy God continually. ⁸As for Canaan, there is a yoke of unrighteousness in his hand; he hath loved to oppress. ⁹And Ephraim said, But I am become rich, I have found me relief. All of his labours shall not be found in him, because of iniquities wherewith he hath sinned. ¹⁰But I, LORD, thy God brought thee up out of the land of Egypt; I will make thee to live in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feast. ¹¹I will also speak by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions; and by the hands of the prophets was I likened. ¹²If Gilead be nought, then the princes that sacrifice in Gilgal were false; and their altars are as heaps of stone in parched fields. ¹³And Jacob withdrew into the plain of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife kept he watch. ¹⁴And by a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of the land of Egypt, and by a prophet he was preserved. ¹⁵Ephraim was angry and provoked, therefore shall his blood be poured out upon him, and his reproach shall the Lord shall return unto him.

CHAPTER 13

According to the word of Ephraim he received ordinances for himself in Israel, and he established them for Baal, and died. ²And now have they sinned more and more, and have made them a molten image of their silver according to the likeness of idols, the work of craftsmen done for them; they say, Sacrifice men, for the calves are come to an end. ³Therefore they shall be as a morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away, as the chaff that is blown out of the threshingfloor, and as a mist out of tears. ⁴Yet I am the Lord thy God that holdeth fast the heaven, and createth the earth, Whose hands have framed all the host of heaven: and I shewed them not unto thee, that thou shouldest follow after them; and I brought thee up from the land of Egypt, and thou shall know no God but Me; and there is none that saveth beside Me. ⁵I tended thee in the wilderness, in an empty land ⁶according to their pastures. And they were satisfied to the full; and their hearts were exalted; therefore have they forgotten Me. ⁷Therefore I will be as a panther unto them, and as a leopard according to the way of the Assyrians: ⁸I will meet them as a she bear that is perplexed, and I will rend the caul of their heart; and there shall the young lions of the thicket devour them; the wild beasts of the field shall tear them in pieces. ⁹In thy destruction, O Israel, who shall help? ¹⁰Where is this king of thine? Let him even save thee in all thy cities; let him judge thee, of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and a prince. ¹¹And I gave thee a king in Mine anger, and sustained in My wrath ¹²a gathering of unrighteousness. As for Ephraim, his sin is hid. ¹³Pains as of a travailing woman shall come upon him. He is thy wise son, for now shall he not stand in the destruction of children. ¹⁴I will rescue them from the hand of Hades, and redeem them from death: O death, where is thy sentence? O Hades, where is thy sting? Consolation is hid from Mine eyes. ¹⁵Forasmuch as he will make a division among his brethren, the Lord shall bring a burning wind upon him from the wilderness, and shall dry up his veins; he shall dry up his springs; he shall dry up his land, and all his pleasant vessels.

CHAPTER 14

Samaria shall be utterly destroyed, for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword, and their sucklings shall be dashed against the ground, and their women with child shall be ripped up. ²O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God, for they be weakened by thine iniquities. ³Take with you words, and turn to the Lord your God; speak unto Him, that ye receive not unrighteousness, but that ye may receive good things; and we will render in return the fruit of our lips. ⁴Assyria shall never save us; we will not ride upon the horse; neither will we say any more to the works of our hands, Our gods: He that is within thee

shall have mercy upon the fatherless. ⁵I will restore their dwellings; I will love them openly, for he hath turned away My wrath from him. ⁶I will be as the dew unto Israel; he shall blossom as a lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. ⁷His branches shall spread, and he shall be as a fruitful olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon: ⁸they shall return, and sit under his protection; they shall live, and be drunken with grain, and his memorial shall blossom as a vine, as the wine of Lebanon. ⁹As for Ephraim, what is there any more betwixt him and idols? I have humbled him, and I will strengthen him; I am as a leafy juniper tree: of Me is thy fruit found. ¹⁰Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? or prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the Lord are straight, and the just shall walk in them; but the ungodly shall be weak therein.