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Hosea

Hosea 1

Hosea 1:1

ULT	UST
The word of Yahweh that was to 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.	*Yahweh gave this message to Hosea son of Beeri during the time when Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah were kings of Judah, and when Jeroboam son of Joash was king of Israel.*

Who was Hosea's father?

Hosea's father was Beeri.

Hosea 1:2

ULT	UST
The beginning of when Yahweh spoke through Hosea. And Yahweh said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of prostitutions and children of prostitutions, for prostituting, the land prostitutes itself from after Yahweh."	*When Yahweh first spoke through Hosea, Yahweh said to him, "Go and marry a prostitute. Some of her children will result from her sexual relations with other men. Do this to show how the people of this land have been very unfaithful to me, as though they were an unfaithful wife who has abandoned her husband in favor of other men."*

What kind of wife did Yahweh tell Hosea to take for himself?

Yahweh told him to marry a prostitute.

Hosea 1:3

ULT	UST
So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore a son to him.	*So Hosea married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son for him.*

Whom did Hosea marry?

Hosea married Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim.

Hosea 1:4

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to him, "Call his name Jezreel, for yet a little while and I will visit the bloodshed of Jezreel on the house of Jehu, and I will cause the kingdom of the house of Israel to cease.	*Yahweh said to Hosea, "Name him Jezreel, because very soon I will punish the descendants of Jehu for all of the people that he slaughtered at the town of Jezreel. I will end the nation of Israel.*

Why was Hosea told to name his first son Jezreel?

Hosea was told to name his son Jezreel because Yahweh was soon going to punish the descendants of Jehu for the people he had slaughtered at Jezreel.

Hosea 1:5

ULT	UST
And it will be on that day that I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel."	*At that time, I will destroy the army of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel."*

What did Yahweh say he would do to Israel's army in the Valley of Jezreel?

Yahweh said he would destroy Israel's army in the Valley of Jezreel.

Hosea 1:6

ULT	UST
And she conceived again and bore a daughter. And he said to him, "Call her name Lo Ruhamah, for I will not continue again to have compassion on the house of Israel, but carrying away, I will carry them away.	*Gomer became pregnant again and gave birth to a daughter. Yahweh said to Hosea, "Name her Lo Ruhamah, because I will no longer pity the people of Israel. Instead, I will certainly remove them from their land.*

What name did Yahweh tell Hosea to give his daughter?

Yahweh told him to call her Lo Ruhamah.

Hosea 1:7

ULT	UST
But the house of Judah I will have compassion on, and I will save them by Yahweh their God. And I will not save them by bow and by sword and by battle, by horses, and by horsemen."	*However, I will pity the people of Judah, and I, Yahweh their God, will rescue them. I will do it myself; I will not save them by using their bows, swords, warfare, horses, or horsemen."*

On whom will Yahweh have compassion?

Yahweh will have compassion on the people of Judah.

Hosea 1:8

ULT	UST
And she weaned Lo Ruhamah, and she conceived and bore a son.	*After Gomer had weaned Lo Ruhamah, she became pregnant again and gave birth to another son.*

What did Gomer do after she weaned Lo Ruhamah?

She conceived and gave birth to another son.

Hosea 1:9

ULT	UST
And he said, "Call his name Lo Ammi, for you are not my people, and I am not 'I am' for you."	*Yahweh said, "Name him Lo Ammi, because you people of Israel are no longer my people, and I am no longer your God."*

Why did Yahweh tell Hosea to name of his second son Lo Ammi?

Hosea was told to name his son Lo Ammi to show that the Israelites were no longer Yahweh's people.

Hosea 1:10

ULT	UST
And it will be that the number of the sons of Israel will be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured and cannot be counted. And it will be that in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it will be said to them, "Sons of the living God."	*Yet someday the people of Israel will become a people group that is vast in number. In the very place where God said to them, "You are not my people," he will call them, "sons and daughters of the living God."*

What will be said to those who formerly were told they were not Yahweh's people?

It will be said to them that they are sons of the living God.

Hosea 1:11

ULT	UST
And the sons of Judah and the sons of Israel will be gathered together, and they will appoint for themselves one head, and they will arise from the land, for great is the day of Jezreel.	*Then the people of Judah and the people of Israel will unite together and choose one leader for all of them. It will be a marvelous time when Jezreel happens, that is, when God brings his people back to their own land as though sowing them there as seeds, and they will prosper there.*

What will the people of Judah and Israel do together in the future?

They will unite and choose one leader for themselves.

Hosea 2

Hosea 2:1

ULT	UST
Say to your brothers, "Ammi," and to your sisters, "Ruhamah."	*Yahweh also said, "At that time, you will say to your fellow Israelite men, 'Ammi, you are God's people,' and you will say to your fellow Israelite women, 'Ruhamah, you are ones whom God loves.'"*

What should the people say to their brothers and sisters?

They should say to their brothers, "Ammi," and to their sisters, "Ruhamah."

Hosea 2:2-3

What will Yahweh do if Israel (the prostitute) does not put away her prostitution?

If Israel (the prostitute) does not put away her prostitution, Yahweh will strip her naked and show her nakedness as on the day that she was born.

Hosea 2:4

ULT	UST
And I will not have compassion on her children, for they are children of prostitutions.	*I will not pity her children, because they are as unfaithful as their prostitute mother.*

Why will Yahweh not have compassion on Israel's (the prostitute's) children?

Yahweh will not have compassion on her children, because they are as unfaithful as their prostitute mother.

Hosea 2:5

ULT	UST
For their mother has prostituted herself; the one who conceived them has acted shamefully, for she said, "Let me go after my lovers, the givers of my bread and my water, my wool and my linen, my oil and my drink."	*I say this because she has been unfaithful to me and has acted shamefully. Indeed, she said, "I will run to the ones who love me; they are the ones who give me my food and water, my wool and linen, my olive oil and my wine to drink."*

What did the children's mother say she would do?

She said she would go after her lovers, who gave her bread, water, wool, linen, oil, and wine to drink.

Hosea 2:6

ULT	UST
Therefore, behold me blocking your way with the thorns, and I will wall up a wall against her, and her paths she will not find.	*So I am about to do things that will be as though I am blocking her road with thorn-bushes and building a wall in her way so that she does not know what to do.*

What will Yahweh do to block Israel's (the prostitute's) way?

He will block her way with thorns and build a wall in her way so that she does not know what to do.

Hosea 2:7

ULT	UST
And she will pursue her lovers, but she will not overtake them, and she will seek them, but she will not find them. And she will say, "Let me go and return to my first husband, for it was better for me then than now."	*She will repeatedly seek the ones that she thinks love her, but she will not find them. Then she will think, "Perhaps I should return to my actual husband, because I was better off then than I am now."*

Why will Israel (the prostitute) return to her first husband?

She will return to her first husband because she thinks it was better for her then than now.

Hosea 2:8

ULT	UST
And she, she did not know that I, I gave to her the grain and the new wine and the oil, and silver I multiplied to her, and gold which they made for the Baal.	*None of them understand that I, Yahweh, am the one who gave them their grain, wine, and olive oil; I am the one who gave them abundant silver and gold, which they used to make images for Baal.*

Who gave Israel (the prostitute) silver and gold?

Yahweh gave them silver and gold, which the people used to make idols for Baal.

Hosea 2:9

ULT	UST
Therefore I will return and take my grain in its time, and my new wine in its appointed time, and I will snatch away my wool and my linen meant to cover her nakedness.	*Therefore, I will come back and take my grain from them when it is ripe and the juice of my grapes in their season. I will take from them the wool and linen that I gave to them to cover their bodies.*

What will Yahweh take back from Israel (the prostitute)?

He will take back his grain, new wine, wool, and linen that were meant to cover their bodies.

Hosea 2:10

ULT	UST
And now I will uncover her lewdness to the eyes of her lovers, and no man will deliver her from my hand.	*Now I will expose how shameful they have been in front of those gods that they think love them. No one will be able to rescue them when I punish them.*

What will Yahweh do to Israel (the prostitute) in front of her lovers?

Yahweh will expose their shameful behavior in front of their (gods) lovers.

Hosea 2:11

ULT	UST
And I will cause all of her joy to cease, her feast, her new moon, and her Sabbath, and all of her appointed festivals.	*I will stop all of their celebrations: their yearly feasts, their new moon festivals, their Sabbath days, and all of their other regular festivals.*

What will Yahweh cause to cease?

He will cause all their celebrations to cease.

Hosea 2:12

ULT	UST
And I will devastate her vine and her fig tree, of which she said, "A payment they are to me, which my lovers gave to me." And I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field will eat them.	*I will destroy all their grapevines and fig trees, which they said were payments to them from those gods who loved them. I will turn those productive plants into a wild thicket, and wild animals will eat the fruit that remains.*

What wages did Israel's (the prostitute's) lovers give her?

Israel's lovers gave her grapevines and fig trees.

Hosea 2:13

ULT	UST
And I will visit on her the days of the Baals, in which she burned incense to them, and she put on her ring and her jewelry, and she went after her lovers, but me she forgot. —the declaration of Yahweh.	*I will punish them for all the times that they burned incense to honor the various Baals. They decorated themselves with rings and other jewelry and went to worship those false gods that they thought loved them, but they forgot about me! —this is what Yahweh declares.*

What did Israel (the prostitute) do when she went after her lovers?

They burned incense to the Baals, put on their jewelry, and forgot Yahweh.

Hosea 2:14

ULT	UST
Therefore, behold, I am alluring her, and I will lead her into the wilderness, and I will speak on her heart.	*However, listen! I am working to persuade my people to worship me again; I will make them experience what their ancestors did in the wilderness and I will speak tenderly to them.*

What will Yahweh do to persuade Israel (the prostitute)?

He will lead her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her.

Hosea 2:15

ULT	UST
And I will give to her her vineyards from there, and the Valley of Achor as a door of hope. And she will answer there as in the days of her youth, and as on the day of her going up from the land of Egypt.	*I will give their vineyards back to them from that starting point, and I will cause the Valley of Achor, instead of a place of trouble, to become a place where they will confidently expect me to do good things for them. They will respond to me there willingly as they did long ago, when I freed them from being slaves in Egypt.*

How will Israel (the prostitute) answer Yahweh after he goes to win her back?

She will answer him as she did in the days of her youth, as in the days that she came out of the land of Egypt.

Hosea 2:16

ULT	UST
And it will be on that day—the declaration of Yahweh—you will call me "My Husband," and you will no longer call me "My Baal."	*At that time—this is what Yahweh declares—they will call me 'My Husband.' They will not call me 'My Baal' anymore.*

In that day, what will Israel (the prostitute) call Yahweh?

She will call him "My Husband," and no longer "My Baal."

Hosea 2:17

ULT	UST
And I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they will no longer be remembered by their name.	*I will not allow them to speak the names of the Baals, and they will never use those names again.*

What will Yahweh remove from Israel's (the prostitute's) mouth?

He will not allow them to speak the names of the Baals, and they will never use those names again.

Hosea 2:18

ULT	UST
And I will cut a covenant for them on that day, with the beasts of the field, and with the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground. And bow and sword and battle I will break from the land, and I will make them lie down in safety.	*At that time I will make an agreement for them with the wild animals, the birds, and the creatures that crawl on the ground. I will also remove weapons of war such as bows and swords from the land. The result will be that my people will be able to live safely and peacefully.*

What will Yahweh allow his people do?

He will allow them to be able to live safely and peacefully.

Hosea 2:19

ULT	UST
And I will betroth you to me forever, and I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, and in covenant faithfulness and in compassion.	*They will belong to me forever as though we are married. I will do what is right and fair toward them, and I will faithfully love them and act mercifully toward them.*

For how long did Yahweh promise his people they will belong to him?

Yahweh promised that they will belong to him forever.

Hosea 2:20

ULT	UST
And I will betroth you to me in faithfulness, and you will know Yahweh.	*I will be faithful to them, and they will truly know me, Yahweh.*

How will the people know that they truly will know Yahweh?

Yahweh will be faithful to them.

Hosea 2:21

ULT	UST
And it will be on that day, I will answer—the declaration of Yahweh—I will answer the heavens, and they, they will answer the earth.	*At that time, when they ask for what they need, I will respond—this is what Yahweh declares—I will tell the heavens to send rain, and on their part, the heavens will water the earth.*

What will Yahweh answer on that day?

He will tell the heavens to send rain and water the earth.

Hosea 2:22

ULT	UST
And the earth will answer the grain and the new wine and the oil, and they will answer Jezreel.	*Then the earth will produce grain, new wine, and olive oil, and those things will provide for my people, Jezreel.*

What will the earth provide for Jezreel?

The earth will produce grain, new wine and olive oil for Jezreel.

Hosea 2:23

ULT	UST
And I will sow her for myself on the earth, and I will have compassion on Lo Ruhamah, and I will say to Lo Ammi, "You are my people," and he, he will say, "My God."	*I will establish them in the land as my own. I will pity Lo Ruhama, and I will say to those whom I called Lo Ammi, "You are my people," and they, yes, they will say to me, "You are our God."*

What will Yahweh say to Lo Ammi?

Yahweh will say to Lo Ammi, "You are my people."

Hosea 3

Hosea 3:1

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to me, “Again go, love a woman loved by a friend and committing adultery, like the love of Yahweh for the sons of Israel, and they turning to other gods and lovers of raisin cakes of grapes.”	*Then Yahweh said to me, “Go and show to your wife that you still love her, even though she has been committing adultery with another man who is her lover. That will show that I still love the people of Israel, even though they worship other gods and love to eat raisin cakes in feasts that honor those gods.”*

In what way must Hosea love his wife?

Hosea must love her just as Yahweh loves the people of Israel.

Hosea 3:2

ULT	UST
So I bought her for myself for 15 of silver, and a homer of barley, and a lethek of barley.	*So I bought her back for myself for 15 pieces of silver and 335 liters of barley.*

For how much did Hosea buy back his wife?

He bought her for fifteen pieces of silver and 335 liters of barley.

Hosea 3:3

ULT	UST
And I said to her, “Many days you will dwell with me. You will not prostitute yourself, and you will not be to a man, and also I will be to you.”	*Then I said to her, “You will live here with me for a long time. During that time, you must not be a prostitute, and you must not have sex with any man, and I will do the same concerning you.”*

What does Hosea tell his wife she must not do?

Hosea tells his wife that she must not be a prostitute and must not have sex with any other man.

Hosea 3:4-5

After the people of Israel live for many days without a king, who will they seek?

After the people of Israel live for many days without a king, they will again worship Yahweh their God.

Hosea 4

Hosea 4:1

ULT	UST
Hear the word of Yahweh, sons of Israel, for Yahweh has a dispute with the dwellers of the land, for there is no truth and there is no covenant faithfulness, and there is no knowledge of God in the land.	*You Israelite people, listen to what Yahweh says! Listen, because he is bringing charges against you people who live in this land, as follows: no one is honest, no one acts faithfully as they promised in the covenant, and no one knows God in this land.*

Against whom does Yahweh have a dispute?

Yahweh has a dispute with the people who live in the land.

Hosea 4:2

ULT	UST
Swearing and deceiving and murdering and stealing and committing adultery! They have broken out, and bloodshed touches bloodshed!	*Instead, people curse and lie and murder and steal and commit adultery. This is happening everywhere! People are killing other people continually!*

What sins does Yahweh say the people are committing?

The people are cursing, lying, murdering, stealing, and committing adultery.

Hosea 4:3

ULT	UST
Therefore the land mourns, and every dweller in it languishes, along with the beasts of the field and the birds of the heavens, and even the fish of the sea are gathered away.	*Because of all these things, the land dries up, and everyone who lives in it wastes away, along with the wild animals and the birds in the sky. Even the fish in the sea are diminishing.*

What is happening to everyone living in the land?

Everyone living in it is wasting away.

Hosea 4:4

ULT	UST
Surely no man may dispute, and no man may reprove, but your people are like those disputing with a priest!	*Certainly there is no one who can dispute these charges, and there is no one who can say that I am wrong. But you are like people who argue with a priest when he corrects you!*

What are the people like?

The people are like those who argue with a priest.

Hosea 4:5

ULT	UST
And you will stumble by day, and also the prophet will stumble with you by night, and I will destroy your mother.	*Bad things will happen to you during the day, and also at night, and to your prophets, as well. I am going to destroy the nation of Israel, which is like a mother to you.*

Who will stumble by night?

The prophet will stumble along with the people by night.

Hosea 4:6

ULT	UST
My people are destroyed from lack of the knowledge. Because you, you have rejected the knowledge, I will reject you from being a priest to me. And you have forgotten the law of your God; I, I also will forget your sons.	*I will destroy my people because they have refused to know me, and because, on their part, they have refused to know me, I will no longer allow them to be my kingdom of priests. The nation of Israel has rejected the laws of their God; therefore, for my part, also I will reject her people.*

Why will Yahweh reject the people of Israel?

Yahweh will reject the people of Israel because they forgot and rejected the laws of their God.

Hosea 4:7

ULT	UST
As they multiplied, so they sinned against me. I will exchange their glory for dishonor.	*The more the people increased in number, the more they sinned against me. So instead of honoring them, I will make people despise them.*

What will Yahweh do instead of honoring them because they sinned?

Yahweh will make people despise them instead of honoring them.

Hosea 4:8

ULT	UST
They eat the sin of my people, and to their iniquity they lift up his soul.	*The priests feed on the sin offerings that my people bring, and each one craves for my people to sin even more.*

What do the priests do with the sin offerings the people bring?

The priests eat the sin offerings, and they want the people to sin even more.

Hosea 4:9

ULT	UST
And it will be like people, like priest. And I will visit upon him his ways, and I will return his deeds to him.	*I will punish the priests along with the other people. I will punish them for how they have behaved; yes, I will pay them back for what they have done.*

What will happen to the priest, just as it happens to the people?

Yahweh will punish the priest the same as the people, paying them back for what they have done.

Hosea 4:10

ULT	UST
And they will eat but not be full. They prostituted themselves, but they will not increase, for they have forsaken to heed Yahweh.	*They will eat, but they will still go hungry. They act like prostitutes, but they will not have more children, because they have abandoned obeying Yahweh.*

What will happen even though the people eat?

They will eat but will still be hungry.

Hosea 4:11

ULT	UST
Prostitution and wine and new wine take heart.	*Having sex with prostitutes, drinking wine and new wine, all make people unable to think clearly.*

What things make people unable to think clearly?

Prostitution, wine, and new wine make people unable to think clearly.

Hosea 4:12

ULT	UST
My people inquires of his wood, and his staff declares to him, for a spirit of prostitutions has led astray, and they have prostituted themselves from under their God.	*My people ask their wooden idols to guide them, and they think that a wooden stick will answer them. They do this because they have strongly desired to be unfaithful sexually and so they are also unfaithful spiritually, and because they are unfaithful in these ways, their God no longer directs or protects them.*

What do Yahweh's people ask to guide them?

They ask their wooden idols to guide them.

Hosea 4:13

ULT	UST
On the tops of the mountains they sacrifice, and on the hills they burn incense, under oak and poplar and terebinth, for its shade is good. Therefore your daughters prostitute themselves, and your daughters-in-law commit adultery.	*They burn sacrifices and incense on the mountaintops, on the hills, and under oak trees, poplar trees, and terebinth trees, because the shade there is pleasant. That is why your daughters have become prostitutes and your daughters-in-law have been unfaithful to your sons.*

Where do the people sacrifice and burn incense?

They sacrifice on the mountaintops and burn incense on the hills, and under oak, poplar, and terebinth trees.

Hosea 4:14

ULT	UST
I will not visit upon your daughters when they prostitute themselves, and upon your daughters-in-law when they commit adultery, for the men, they go aside with the prostitutes, and they sacrifice with the temple prostitutes, and a people who does not understand will be thrown down.	*I will not punish your daughters for being prostitutes or your daughters-in-law for being unfaithful to their husbands, because the men themselves go off to be with prostitutes and offer sacrifices with the prostitutes who serve at the idol shrines. The people as a whole does not understand what is right, and so Yahweh will destroy them.*

Why will Yahweh not punish the people's daughters when they choose to commit sexual immorality?

Yahweh will not punish the people's daughters when they choose to commit sexual immorality, for the men also give themselves and offer sacrifices with the shrine prostitutes.

Hosea 4:15

ULT	UST
If you are prostituting yourself, Israel, let not Judah become guilty. And do not go to Gilgal, and do not go up to Beth Aven, and do not swear, "By the life of Yahweh."	*Even though you people of Israel are being unfaithful to Yahweh by worshiping idols, you should not cause the people of Judah to sin also. Warn them, "Do not go to Gilgal or go up to Beth Aven to worship idols there. Do not swear oaths there, saying, 'I swear by the life of Yahweh that I will do what I am promising.'"*

Where should the people not go?

They should not go to Gilgal or Beth Aven to worship idols there.

Hosea 4:16

ULT	UST
For Israel is stubborn like a stubborn cow. Now will Yahweh pasture them like a lamb in a wide place?	*I say this because the Israelite people behave as stubbornly as a young cow that refuses to obey. So Yahweh certainly will not allow them to freely graze like a gentle lamb in a broad meadow.*

What is Israel compared to because of its stubbornness?

Israel is compared to a stubborn cow that refuses to obey.

Hosea 4:17

ULT	UST
Ephraim is joined to idols. Leave him alone.	*No, the people of Ephraim have chosen to worship idols. We can only leave them alone.*

What has Ephraim chosen to do?

Ephraim has chose to worship idols.

Hosea 4:18

ULT	UST
Their drink has ceased. Prostituting, they have prostituted themselves. Her shields have loved, loved dishonor.	*They have drunk all that there was to drink; they have fully prostituted themselves. Their leaders have absolutely loved shameful things.*

What did the leaders of Ephraim love?

The leaders of Ephraim loved shameful things.

Hosea 4:19

ULT	UST
A wind has wrapped her in its wings, and they will have shame from their sacrifices.	*They will go into exile as though a powerful wind has swept them away, and all of their sacrifices to idols will only make them ashamed.*

What will make the people ashamed?

Their sacrifices to idols will make them ashamed.

Hosea 5

Hosea 5:1

ULT	UST
Hear this, priests, and pay attention, house of Israel, and give ear, house of the king, for the judgment is for you, for you have been a snare to Mizpah and a net spread over Tabor.	*You priests, listen to this! You people of Israel, pay attention! You members of the royal court, listen carefully, because I am going to judge you. because you have enticed the people to sin at Mizpah, and you have made them sin at Mount Tabor.*

Who does Yahweh tell to pay attention?

Yahweh tells the priests, the people of Israel, and the members of the royal court to pay attention because he is going to judge them.

Hosea 5:2

ULT	UST
And the revolters have made the slaughter deep, but I will be a reproof to all of them.	*Those who have rebelled against me have killed many people, so I will punish all of them.*

What have the revolters done, and what will Yahweh do to them?

They have killed many people, and Yahweh will punish all of them.

Hosea 5:3

ULT	UST
I, I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hidden from me, for now you have prostituted yourself, Ephraim; Israel is defiled.	*I myself know all about you, people of Ephraim; I can see everything that the people of Israel do. Indeed, people of Ephraim, you have now been unfaithful to me by worshiping idols, yes, the people of Israel have made themselves unacceptable to me.*

What does Yahweh say about Ephraim and Israel?

Yahweh says he knows that they have been unfaithful to him by worshiping idols and have made themselves unacceptable to him.

Hosea 5:4

ULT	UST
Their deeds will not allow them to return to their God, for a spirit of prostitutions is in their midst, and they do not know Yahweh.	*They prefer to do evil things, so they refuse to worship their God any more. They do this because a strong desire to be physically and spiritually unfaithful is working among them, and they do not know Yahweh.*

What will not allow Ephraim to return to their God?

The evil things Ephraim has done will not allow them to worship their God any more.

Hosea 5:5

ULT	UST
And the pride of Israel testifies against his face, and Israel and Ephraim will stumble in their sin; Judah also stumbles with them.	*The way that the people of Israel are so proud makes this clear to everyone. The people of Israel and Ephraim will fail because of how much they have sinned, and the people of Judah will fail with them.*

What will happen to Israel, Ephraim, and Judah because of their sin?

The people of Israel, Ephraim, and Judah will fail because of how much they have sinned.

Hosea 5:6

ULT	UST
With their flocks and with their herds they will go to seek Yahweh, but they will not find him. He has withdrawn from them.	*They will bring their flocks and herds and try to appease Yahweh by making sacrifices to him, but he will not receive them because he has removed himself from them.*

Why will the people not find Yahweh?

The people will not find Yahweh because he has removed himself from them.

Hosea 5:7

ULT	UST
They have betrayed Yahweh, for they have borne strange children. Now at the new moon he will devour them with their portions.	*Those nations have been like an unfaithful wife to Yahweh because their people are like illegitimate children; they do not belong to Yahweh. So now, when they bring their sacrifices to the New Moon Festival, Yahweh will kill them as they kill the animals that they bring to sacrifice.*

What will Yahweh do to them when they bring their sacrifices to the festival?

Yahweh will kill them, because they have betrayed him and do not belong to him.

Hosea 5:8

ULT	UST
Blow a shofar in Gibeah, a trumpet in Ramah! Sound the alarm at Beth Aven! After you, Benjamin!	*Blow a horn in Gibeah; blow a trumpet in Ramah! Sound the alarm at Beth Aven! The troops will follow behind you, Benjamin!*

Where should the trumpet and horn be blown?

The horn should be blown in Gibeah, the trumpet in Ramah, and the alarm sounded at Beth Aven.

Hosea 5:9

ULT	UST
Ephraim will become a desolation in the day of rebuke. Among the tribes of Israel I have made known what is certain.	*The people of Ephraim will become desolate when I punish them. I have declared to the tribes of Israel what will certainly happen.*

Who declared that Ephraim will become a desolation?

Yahweh declared that Ephraim will become desolate when he punishes them.

Hosea 5:10

ULT	UST
The princes of Judah have become like the movers of a boundary. I will pour out my wrath on them like water.	*The leaders of Judah act like people who steal land by moving boundary markers. Therefore, I will punish them abundantly.*

On whom will Yahweh pour his wrath?

Yahweh will punish the leaders of Judah because of his wrath.

Hosea 5:11

ULT	UST
Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment, because he was determined, he walked after nonsense.	*I will cause the people of Ephraim to suffer greatly when I judge them because they were determined to worship worthless idols.*

What will happen to Ephraim when Yahweh judges them?

The people of Ephraim will suffer greatly because they were determined to worship worthless idols.

Hosea 5:12

ULT	UST
So I am like a moth to Ephraim, and like rot to the house of Judah.	*So I will destroy the people of Ephraim, just as moths eat through wool clothing. I will destroy the people of Judah, just as rot eats through wood.*

What will Yahweh do to Ephraim and Judah?

Yahweh will destroy the people of Ephraim like a moth destroys wool, and he will destroy the people of Judah like rot destroys wood.

Hosea 5:13

ULT	UST
And Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then Ephraim went to Assyria and sent to the king of Yareb. But he, he is not able to heal you, and he will not remove the wound from you.	*Then the leaders of Ephraim realized that their nation was weak and the leaders of Judah realized that their people were suffering. Then the leaders of Ephraim sent messengers to the king of Assyria, asking for his help. But that king cannot help Ephraim or take away the suffering of Judah.*

When did Ephraim go to Assyria?

When Ephraim saw that their nation was weak, then they went to Assyria for help.

Hosea 5:14

ULT	UST
For I will be like a lion to Ephraim, and like a young lion to the house of Judah. I, I, I will tear and go away; I will carry off, and there will be no rescuer.	*This is because I will be like a lion to the people of Ephraim; I will be like a young lion to the people of Judah. I will be the one who will cause soldiers to kill many of them, and I will stop caring for them. I will cause soldiers to take them away, and no one will rescue them.*

What does Yahweh say he will do to Ephraim and Judah?

Yahweh will cause soldiers to kill many of them and carry the others away, and there will be no one to rescue them.

Hosea 5:15

ULT	UST
I will go, I shall return to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will earnestly seek me.	*Then I will leave them to themselves, until they admit that they have sinned and that they need me to forgive them. When they are greatly suffering, then they will sincerely ask me to help them.*

For how long will Yahweh leave them to themselves?

Yahweh will leave them to themselves until they admit that they have sinned and that they need him to forgive them; until they earnestly ask him to help them.

Hosea 6

Hosea 6:1

ULT	UST
“Come, and let us return to Yahweh, for he, he has torn, and he will heal us; he struck, and he will bind us up.	*They will say to each other, “Come, let us start obeying Yahweh again! Although he is the one who has hurt us, he will heal us; he has wounded us, but he will bandage our wounds.*

Although Yahweh hurt his people, what will he then do?

Although he hurt them, he will heal them and bind up their wounds.

Hosea 6:2

ULT	UST
He will revive us after two days; on the third day he will raise us up, and we will live to his face.	*In a very short time he will make us strong again; in just a few days he will restore us so that we may live in his presence.*

When will Yahweh make his people strong again?

He will make them strong again after a short time so that they may live in his presence.

Hosea 6:3

ULT	UST
And let us know, let us pursue to know Yahweh. Like the dawn, his going forth is established, and he will come like the rain to us, like the latter rain that waters the land.”	*We need to know Yahweh; let us try hard to do that. He will certainly help us, as surely as the dawn comes every morning. He will restore us again like the rain, as the spring rain restores the land.”*

What do the people say they need to do?

They say they need to try hard to know Yahweh.

Hosea 6:4

ULT	UST
What shall I do for you, Ephraim? What shall I do for you, Judah? And your covenant faithfulness is like a cloud of the morning, and like the dew rising early and going away.	*Yahweh says, "You people of Ephraim and you people of Judah, I do not know what more I can do with you! You say that you will faithfully love me, but you love me about as long as the mist stays in the morning; you love me about as long as the dew stays that is gone early in the day.*

To what does Yahweh compare the people's faithfulness?

He compares their faithful love for him to the mist or the dew in the morning; neither lasts very long.

Hosea 6:5

ULT	UST
Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and your judgments are as light that goes forth.	*That is why I sent my prophets to tell you to reform yourselves; the messages that I told them to speak warned you that soldiers were coming to kill you. What I have justly decided to do will happen as surely as the sun will shine.*

What did Yahweh do through the prophets?

He sent them to warn the people that he would judge them.

Hosea 6:6

ULT	UST
For I desire covenant faithfulness and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.	*I do all of this because I want you to faithfully love me rather than to offer me sacrifices; I want you to truly know me rather than to give me burnt offerings.*

What does God desire more than sacrifice?

God desired covenant faithfulness more than sacrifice, and the knowledge of him more than burnt offerings.

Hosea 6:7

ULT	UST
But they, like Adam, they transgressed the covenant; there they acted treacherously against me.	*However, on their part, they broke my covenant, just as Adam did; in that way they were unfaithful to me.*

What does Yahweh say the people did like Adam?

Like Adam, they broke his covenant and were unfaithful to him.

Hosea 6:8

ULT	UST
Gilead is a city of workers of evil, tracked with blood.	*Gilead is a city full of people who do wicked things. People murder others there so often, it is as though their footprints leave trails of blood everywhere.*

What does Yahweh say about the city of Gilead?

Gilead is a city full of people who do evil things and murder people.

Hosea 6:9

ULT	UST
And, as lying in wait for a man, are bands; a company of priests murder on the way toward Shechem, for they have done villainy.	*The priests are like bandits who lie in wait to ambush a man; they join together to murder people on the road to Shechem. Indeed, they have done terrible and shameful things.*

To what does the speaker compare the terrible and shameful things the priests have done?

The priests actions are compared to gangs of robbers who join together to commit murder on the way to Shechem.

Hosea 6:10

ULT	UST
In the house of Israel I have seen the horrible; Ephraim's prostitution is there; Israel is defiled.	*Among the people of Israel I have seen something horrible: the people of Ephraim stopped worshiping me and became prostitutes. Yes, the people of Israel made themselves unacceptable to me by sinning.*

What horrible thing has Yahweh seen among the people of Israel?

Ephraim had become like a prostitute when they stopped worshiping him, and Israel's sin had made them unacceptable to Yahweh.

Hosea 6:11

ULT	UST
Also, Judah, he has appointed a harvest for you. When I restore the fortunes of my people,	*People of Judah, I have also appointed a time when I will judge you. Whenever I consider enabling my people to prosper again,*

What did Yahweh say he has appointed for Judah?

Yahweh said he has appointed a time when he will judge them, when he restores the fortunes of his people.

Hosea 7

Hosea 7:1

ULT	UST
when I would heal Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim is uncovered, and the evils of Samaria, for they practice falsehood, and a thief comes in; a raiding band strips them outside.	*whenever I want to restore the people of Israel, I see how sinfully the people of Ephraim act and all of the evil things that the people of the city of Samaria do. Indeed, they constantly deceive others, thieves break into houses, and gangs of robbers steal from people in the streets.*

What does Yahweh see when he wants to heal Israel?

He sees how sinfully the people of Ephraim act and all of the evil things that the people of the city of Samaria do.

Hosea 7:2

ULT	UST
And they do not say to their heart that I remember all of their evil. Now their deeds surround them; they are before my face.	*They never stop to think that I remember every evil thing that they do. It is as though they have piled up their sins all around them; it is as though those sins are always right in front of me.*

What did Yahweh remember?

Yahweh remembered every evil thing that they do.

Hosea 7:3

ULT	UST
By their evil they make the king glad, and by their lies, the princes.	*The people of Israel please their king by doing evil things, and they please the royal officials by telling lies.*

How did the people make the king glad?

The people of Israel please their king by doing evil things.

Hosea 7:4

ULT	UST
All of them are adulterers, like an oven burning from a baker; he ceases from awakening it, from the kneading of the dough until leavening it.	*All the people are unfaithful to me like an adulterous spouse. They are so intent on doing evil things that they are like a burning oven that a baker has heated; it is so hot that the baker does not need to stir the fire from when he starts to knead the dough until he adds leavening to it.*

What does Yahweh compare the people to?

He compares them to adulterers because they are unfaithful to him.

Hosea 7:5

ULT	UST
On the day of our king, the princes made him sick with heat from wine. He extended his hand with the mockers.	*On the day that they celebrate the king's festival, the officials made him drunk with wine until he became sick. Then the king joined in with those who mock me.*

What happened to the king on the day of his festival?

The officials made him drunk with wine until he became sick, and he joined with those who mock Yahweh.

Hosea 7:6

ULT	UST
For they have brought near their heart like an oven in their ambush. All the night their baker is asleep; in the morning it is burning like a fire of flame.	*Indeed, the officials strongly desire to murder the king, as though their hearts were as hot as an oven. They remain angry through the night, like an oven that the baker neglects while he sleeps; but then in the morning it blazes up like a roaring fire.*

What were the people's hearts like?

Their hearts were as hot with anger as the heat of an oven.

Hosea 7:7

ULT	UST
All of them are hot like an oven, and they devour their judges. All of their kings have fallen; there is none among them calling to me.	*All of those conspirators are so passionate to be important that they are like hot ovens, and they destroy their rulers. All of their kings die violently; yet not one of them calls out to me to help him.*

What happened to all the kings of Israel?

All of their kings died violently; yet none of them called out to Yahweh for help.

Hosea 7:8

ULT	UST
Ephraim, he mixes himself among the peoples. Ephraim is a bread cake not turned over.	*The leaders of Ephraim make alliances with foreign nations, so Ephraim has become ruined, like a pancake that someone has failed to turn over.*

What has ruined Ephraim?

Ephraim has become ruined because of his alliances with foreign nations.

Hosea 7:9

ULT	UST
Strangers have devoured his strength, and he does not know it. Moreover, gray hair is sprinkled on him, and he does not know it.	*Foreigners have drained away their resources, yet the people of Israel do not realize it. Their nation is becoming powerless, like a man who is growing old and weak, yet they do not realize it.*

What did the people not realize was happening to them?

Foreigners have drained away their resources and their nation is becoming powerless yet the people of Israel do not realize it.

Hosea 7:10

ULT	UST
And the pride of Israel testifies against his face, and they have not returned to Yahweh their God, and they have not sought him in all this.	*The way that the people of Israel are so proud makes this clear to everyone. Yet they have not begun again to worship Yahweh their God, and they have not tried to know me despite all of these things that have happened.*

What have the people of Israel not done despite everything that has happened?

They have not returned to worship Yahweh their God or tried to know him.

Hosea 7:11

ULT	UST
And Ephraim has been like a dove, being silly, without heart. They called to Egypt; they went to Assyria.	*The leaders of Ephraim are like a dove, foolish and stupid. They asked the leaders of Egypt to help them; then they asked the leaders of Assyria to help them.*

What made Ephraim like a dove?

Ephraim was as foolish and stupid as a dove because they asked other nations instead of Yahweh to help them.

Hosea 7:12

ULT	UST
Whenever they go, I will spread my net over them; like birds of the heavens I will bring them down. I will discipline them according to the report to their congregation.	*Whenever they go to seek help, I will not allow them to succeed. I will be like a hunter who catches birds with a net and pulls them down from the sky. I will punish them, just as I warned their assembly that I would do.*

What will Yahweh do to them?

He will not allow them to succeed but instead will punish them.

Hosea 7:13

ULT	UST
Woe to them, for they have wandered from me! Destruction to them, for they have revolted against me! And I, I would redeem them, but they, they have spoken lies against me.	*Terrible things will happen to them because they have stopped obeying me! I will destroy them because they have rebelled against me! For my part, I wanted to rescue them, but for their part, they just tell lies about me.*

Why did Yahweh not rescue the people?

Yahweh did not rescue the people because they spoke lies against him.

Hosea 7:14

ULT	UST
And they have not cried out to me in their heart, but they wail on their beds. For grain and new wine they sojourn; they turn away from me.	*They do not sincerely cry out to me to help them; instead they just lie on their beds and wail. They slash themselves to offer their blood to pagan gods, hoping to get grain and new wine, but they reject me.*

What did the people do instead of crying out to Yahweh for help?

They just lie on their beds and wail.

Hosea 7:15

ULT	UST
And I, I trained, I strengthened their arms, but against me they plan evil.	*As for me, I trained them and made them strong, but now they plan to do evil things to me.*

What does Yahweh say he did for the people?

He trained them and made them strong.

Hosea 7:16

ULT	UST
They turn, but not upward; they are like a deceitful bow. Their princes will fall by the sword from the indignation of their tongue. This is their scorn in the land of Egypt.	*They ask for help, but not from me, the Most High God; they are as unreliable as a bow that does not shoot straight. Their officials will die in battle because what they have said has made me very angry. The people of Egypt will laugh at them for this."*

Why will the officials die in battle?

The officials will die in battle because what they said made Yahweh very angry.

Hosea 8

Hosea 8:1

ULT	UST
“To your palate, a shofar! Like a vulture over the house of Yahweh, because they have transgressed my covenant and against my law they have rebelled.	*Yahweh said to me, “Blow a trumpet to warn the people! My people have rejected the agreement that I made with them, and they have rebelled against obeying my laws. Therefore, an enemy is ready to invade the land where my people live, as a vulture watches its prey.*

Why was an enemy watching Yahweh’s people like a vulture watching over its prey?

Israel’s enemy was ready to invade the land where the people of Yahweh lived because they had broke his covenant and rebelled against his law.

Hosea 8:2

ULT	UST
To me they cry out, ‘My God, we, Israel, know you.’	*The Israelites cry out to me, ‘Our God, we people of Israel know you!’*

What do the people of Israel say to Yahweh?

They say that they know him as their God.

Hosea 8:3

ULT	UST
Israel has rejected the good; an enemy will pursue him.	*But the people of Israel have rejected what is good, so an enemy will chase after them.*

What will happen because Israel has rejected what is good?

An enemy will chase after Israel.

Hosea 8:4

ULT	UST
They, they have made kings, but not from me. They have appointed princes, but I did not know. Their silver and their gold they have made for themselves into idols, so that he will be cut off."	*As for them, they set up kings without asking me, and they chose leaders, but I did not approve them. They used their silver and gold to make idols for themselves, and that is why I will destroy them."*

What did the people use to make idols for themselves?

They used their silver and gold to make idols for themselves.

Hosea 8:5

ULT	UST
"He has rejected your calf, Samaria. My nose burns against them. Until when will they not attain innocence?	*"I reject your calf idol, you people of Samaria! I am very angry with you. You need to stop acting in ways that make you guilty!*

What does Yahweh say about Samaria's calf idol?

Yahweh says that he rejects it, and that he is very angry with the people of Samaria.

Hosea 8:6

ULT	UST
For from Israel is even this: a craftsman made it, and it is not God! Surely the calf of Samaria will become broken pieces.	*And it was in Israel that a craftsman made that idol! It is not God! I will make sure that someone smashes that calf idol of Samaria into pieces.*

What does Yahweh say about the calf idol of Samaria?

He says a craftsman made it, so it is not God, and it will be broken into pieces.

Hosea 8:7

ULT	UST
For they sow wind, and they will reap a whirlwind; standing grain on which there is no head. It will not yield flour. If perhaps it yields, strangers will swallow it up.	*What the people of Israel have done is completely foolish, like trying to plant wind. What they get in return will be terrible, like reaping a whirlwind. Their plans will produce nothing good, like grain stalks that have no heads and that can produce no flour. Even if they did produce something, foreigners would come and steal it all.*

To what does the speaker compare the foolish things Israel has done?

The foolish plans the people have made are like they tried to plant the wind which of course will produce nothing good.

Hosea 8:8

ULT	UST
Israel is swallowed up. Now they are among the nations like a vessel in which there is no delight.	*The other nations have already stolen Israel. Even now the Israelites live as one of the other nations, and there is nothing special about them at all.*

What does Yahweh say Israel has become among the nations?

Israel has become just like the other nations, with nothing special about them.

Hosea 8:9

ULT	UST
For they, they have gone up to Assyria, a wild donkey alone by itself. Ephraim has hired lovers.	*Indeed, the Israelites have gone to Assyria like a lonely wild donkey looking for a mate. The people of Ephraim have paid other nations to be their allies.*

What has Ephraim done to get help from other nations?

Ephraim has gone to Assyria and paid other nations to be their allies.

Hosea 8:10

ULT	UST
Even though they hire among the nations, now I will gather them. And they will begin in a little from the burden of the king of princes.	*But although they pay other nations to help them, I will now begin to punish them. They will soon suffer greatly because of everything that the great king will demand from them.*

What will Yahweh do now that they have paid other nations to help them?

Now that they paid another nation to help them, Yahweh will punish them by making them suffer under the demands of the king of that nation.

Hosea 8:11

ULT	UST
Because Ephraim has multiplied altars for sin, they have become for him altars for sin.	*Because the people of Ephraim built many altars on which to make sacrifices to take away sin, those altars became places where they sinned even more.*

What happened to the altars that Ephraim built to take away sin?

Those altars became places where Ephraim sinned even more.

Hosea 8:12

ULT	UST
Were I to write for him myriads of my law, they would be regarded as something strange.	*Even if I wrote down my law for them ten thousand times, they would still consider that it did not apply to them.*

Even if Yahweh wrote down his law for them ten thousand times, how would they view it?

They would still consider that it did not apply to them.

Hosea 8:13

ULT	UST
The sacrifices of my gifts they sacrifice flesh and they eat. Yahweh does not accept them. Now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. They, they will return to Egypt.	*They offer sacrifices to me and eat some of the meat from those sacrifices, but I, Yahweh, am not pleased with those people. I remember the wrong things that they have done and now I will punish them because they have sinned. As for them, they will become slaves again like they were in Egypt.*

How will Yahweh punish the people's sins?

He will punish their sins by making them become slaves again, like they were in Egypt.

Hosea 8:14

ULT	UST
And Israel forgot his maker and built palaces. And Judah has multiplied fortified cities, but I will send fire on his cities, and it will devour her citadels."	*The people of Israel have forgotten God, the one who created their nation, and they have built palaces for themselves instead. The people of Judah have built many cities with strong walls to protect them, but I will send fire to burn down their cities and it will completely consume their strong towers."*

What does Yahweh say Israel did?

Israel forgot the God who made them and built palaces for themselves instead.

Hosea 9

Hosea 9:1

ULT	UST
Do not rejoice, Israel, to joy like the peoples, for you have prostituted yourself from upon your God. You have loved prostitute-wages on all the threshing floors of grain.	*You people of Israel, do not celebrate joyfully the way other peoples do! I say this because you have been unfaithful to your God. You have loved the gifts that you thought were payments from your idols at every threshing floor where people thresh grain.*

Why should Israel not rejoice?

Israel should not rejoice because they have been unfaithful to their God.

Hosea 9:2

ULT	UST
The threshing floor and the winepress will not feed them, and the new wine will fail her.	*Soon the people will not have enough grain or wine, and the new wine will be gone.*

What will happen to Israel's food supply?

There will not be enough grain or wine to feed them.

Hosea 9:3

ULT	UST
They will not dwell in the land of Yahweh, and Ephraim will return to Egypt, and in Assyria they will eat unclean food.	*The people of Israel will not continue to live in the land that belongs to Yahweh. Instead, the people of Ephraim will go back to being slaves as they were in Egypt, and in Assyria they will eat food that God has forbidden them to eat.*

What will happen to the people of Ephraim?

Ephraim will no longer live in the land Yahweh gave them, but will return to slavery and eat unclean food in Assyria.

Hosea 9:4

ULT	UST
They will not pour out wine to Yahweh, and their sacrifices will not be pleasing to him; like bread of mourning they will be to them; all the eaters of it will be defiled. For their bread will be for their appetite; it will not enter the house of Yahweh.	*They will not pour out wine offerings to Yahweh, and their sacrifices will not please him. Their sacrifices will be like the food that is in the house with a dead body; everyone who eats that food will be unacceptable to God, because they will eat that food only for themselves; they will not bring it into Yahweh's temple.*

How does Yahweh respond to Israel's offerings and sacrifices?

Their offerings sacrifices will not be pleasing to Yahweh.

Hosea 9:5

ULT	UST
What will you do for the day of meeting, and for the day of the festival of Yahweh?	*You will not be able to celebrate the feasts that Yahweh appointed or the festivals that honor Yahweh.*

What will the people no longer be able to do once they are in exile?

They will not be able to celebrate the feasts and festivals that Yahweh has appointed for them.

Hosea 9:6

ULT	UST
For behold, they go away from destruction, Egypt will gather them; Memphis will bury them. Nettles will possess the precious things of their silver; thorns will be in their tents.	*Look! Even if some of them escape when the Assyrians destroy their towns, people in Egypt will capture them, and people in the Egyptian capital city of Memphis will bury them. Weeds will grow over the silver objects that they treasure, and thorns will fill their tents.*

What will happen to Israel's treasures of silver?

Weeds will take over their precious silver and thorns will fill their tents.

Hosea 9:7

ULT	UST
The days of punishment have come; the days of retribution have come. Israel will know it! The prophet is a fool; the man of the Spirit is insane, because of the abundance of your iniquity and great hostility.	*Now is the time for God to punish the Israelites; now is the time for him to do to them as they deserve. When he does, the people of Israel will know it! You say that the prophet is a fool and that the one whom the Spirit inspires is insane, but that is only because you have sinned so much and because you are very hostile toward God.*

Why is God going to punish the Israelites?

Because of Israel's great iniquity and great hostility.

Hosea 9:8

ULT	UST
The watcher of Ephraim is with my God; as for the prophet, a snare of a fowler is on all his ways; hostility is in the house of his God.	*Prophets watch over the people of Ephraim because my God told them to do so, but people set traps for them everywhere they go. People are hostile to them, even in the temple of their God.*

What is the role of the prophet?

The prophet is the watchman with God over Ephraim.

Hosea 9:9

ULT	UST
They have made deep, they have corrupted themselves as in the days of Gibeah. He will remember their iniquity; he will punish their sins.	*The people have become very grievously sinful, just as the people of Gibeah were long ago. God will not forget how wickedly they have acted; he will punish them for their sins.*

To what does Hosea compare Israel's current corruption?

He compares it to just how sinful the people of Gibeah were long ago.

What will God do about Israel's sins?

God will punish them for how wickedly they have acted.

Hosea 9:10

ULT	UST
Like grapes in the wilderness, I found Israel. Like the first fruit on the fig tree in its beginning, I saw your fathers. They, they came to Baal Peor, and they devoted themselves to the shame, and they became abominations like what they loved.	*Yahweh says, "When I chose Israel, I was as pleased with them as someone who finds grapes in a desert. When I first looked at your ancestors, they were as delightful as the very first figs that grow on a young fig tree. But then they started worshiping the Baal of Peor. They gave themselves completely to that disgusting idol, and they became as disgusting as the idol that they loved.*

What did Israel's ancestors do when they came to Baal Peor?

They devoted themselves to the worship of shameful idol.

Hosea 9:12

ULT	UST
Even if they raise their children, I will bereave them from a man. For indeed, woe to them when I turn away from them!	*Even if they do raise children, I will take away every one of them so that none survive. Yes, indeed, it will be terrible for them when I abandon them!*

What does Yahweh say he will do even if the people of Ephraim is able to raise children?

He will take away every one of them.

Hosea 9:13

ULT	UST
Ephraim—just as I have seen for Tyre, planted in a meadow, so Ephraim is to bring out his children to the slayer.	*I have decreed for Ephraim just as I have decreed for Tyre, that city in its beautiful place, that the people of Ephraim will bring out their own children for their enemies to slaughter."*

What will happen to Ephraim's children?

Their children will be slaughtered by their enemies.

Hosea 9:14

ULT	UST
Give to them, Yahweh—what will you give? Give to them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.	*Hosea says, "So Yahweh, give to these people—but what can I ask you to give them? Give them miscarriages and no way to nurse babies."*

What does Hosea ask Yahweh to give to Ephraim?

He asks Yahweh to give them miscarriages and no way to nurse babies.

Hosea 9:15

ULT	UST
All their evil is in Gilgal, for there I hated them. Because of the evil of their deeds, I will drive them out of my house. I will not continue loving them; all their princes are rebels.	*Yahweh says, "Because of all of the wicked things that my people have done at Gilgal, that is where I started to hate them. Because of all of the evil things that they do, I will drive them out of my land. I will not love them any longer; all of their leaders rebel against me.*

What does Yahweh say he will do because of the evil things the people of Israel have done?

Yahweh will drive them out of the land and will no longer love them no.

Hosea 9:16

ULT	UST
Ephraim is struck; their root has dried up; they will not produce fruit. Even if they do give birth, then I will kill the precious ones of their womb.	*I have struck the people of Ephraim so that they are as infertile as grapevines that have shriveled roots and cannot produce fruit. Even if the women do give birth, I will kill the children whom they love."*

What would happen even if Ephraim had children?

Even if they have children, Yahweh will kill the children whom they love.

Hosea 9:17

ULT	UST
My God will reject them, for they have not listened to him, so they will be wanderers among the nations.	*Hosea says, "The God whom I worship will reject the people of Israel because they have not obeyed him. Therefore, they will wander among the other nations, away from their home."*

Why does God reject Israel?

God rejects Israel because they have not listened to him.

What will happen to Israel after God rejects them?

They will become wanderers among the nations.

Hosea 10

Hosea 10:1

ULT	UST
Israel is an emptying vine; he places fruit for himself. According to the abundance of his fruit, he made abundant altars. According to the goodness of his land, they made good pillars.	*The people of Israel are selfish, like a productive vine that establishes its fruit for itself. The more the people prospered, the more altars they built to worship idols. The more their land produced, the more elaborate they made their pillars to idols.*

What happened as the people of Israel became more prosperous?

The more the people prospered, the more altars they built.

Hosea 10:2

ULT	UST
Their heart is slippery; now they will bear guilt. He, he will break the neck of their altars; he will destroy their pillars.	*The people of Israel deceive themselves; now they must suffer for their sins. Yahweh will be the one to tear down their altars and smash their sacred pillars.*

What is the consequence of the people's sin?

Yahweh will destroy their sacred altars and pillars.

Hosea 10:3

ULT	UST
For now they will say, "There is no king for us, for we did not fear Yahweh, and the king—what could he do for us?"	*Indeed, soon they will say, "We have no king because we did not honor Yahweh. However, even if we had a king, he could not do anything to help us."*

Why did they no longer have a king?

They had no king because they had not feared or honored Yahweh.

Hosea 10:4

ULT	UST
They have spoken words, swearing oaths of worthlessness, cutting a covenant, so judgment sprouts like a poisonous weed on the furrows of a field.	*The people of Israel make false promises; they swear empty oaths and make agreements that they do not keep. So people accuse each other to the judges and the number of these harmful legal disputes is multiplying throughout the land like poisonous weeds in a plowed field.*

Why were the covenants the people made worthless?

Israel made covenants that they did not keep.

Hosea 10:5

ULT	UST
The inhabitant of Samaria will be afraid for the calves of Beth Aven, for its people will mourn over it, and its idolatrous priests will shout over it, over its glory, for it has departed from it.	*The people who live in Samaria will be afraid about what will happen to the calf idol of Beth Aven. Indeed, the people who worship it will mourn over it, and the idolatrous priests who serve that idol will cry out about it and about how splendid it was, because it will be splendid no more.*

What will the people of Samaria do because of the calf idol of Beth Aven?

They will be afraid about what will happen to the idol, and the people and priests will mourn and cry out because it is gone.

Hosea 10:6

ULT	UST
Even it will be carried to Assyria, a tribute to the king of Yareb. Ephraim will receive shame, and Israel will be ashamed of his counsel.	*The enemy will carry the idol itself to Assyria as a gift for its king. The people of Ephraim will be ashamed, yes, all of the people of Israel will feel humiliated because what they had believed and lived by was wrong.*

Why will the calf idol of Beth Aven be carried to Assyria?

It will be carried to Assyria as a gift for the its king.

Hosea 10:7

ULT	UST
Samaria—its king will be ended, like a splinter on the face of the waters.	*The king of Samaria will be no more. He will go away like a chip of wood floating away on the surface of the water.*

What will happen to the king of Samaria?

He will be no more, like a chip of wood floating away on the water.

Hosea 10:8

ULT	UST
And the high places of Aven will be destroyed, the sin of Israel. Thorn and thistle will grow up on their altars, and they will say to the mountains, "Cover us!" and to the hills, "Fall on us!"	*Yahweh will destroy the places on the hilltops, like Beth Aven, where the people of Israel sin by worshiping idols. Thorns and weeds will grow up and cover their altars. Then the people will beg the mountains and hills, "Fall down on us and cover us to protect us from Yahweh!"*

What will grow over the altar?

Thorns and thistles will grow over the altar.

Hosea 10:9

ULT	UST
From the days of Gibeah you have sinned, Israel. There they have stood. Will not war overtake them in Gibeah, against the sons of injustice?	*Israel, you have been sinning ever since your ancestors did those terrible things at Gibeah, and you have continued doing such things ever since then. War will certainly overtake all of the wicked people in Gibeah.*

What will happen to the wicked people of Gibeah?

War will overtake them.

Hosea 10:10

ULT	UST
When it is my desire, I will chastise them, and peoples will be gathered against them when they are bound to their two eyes.	*Yahweh says, "When I decide to act, I will punish them. I will gather armies from other nations to attack them and capture them because of their double sin.*

What will Yahweh do when he decides to punish them?

He will allow armies from other nations to attack and capture them.

Hosea 10:11

ULT	UST
And Ephraim is a trained heifer loving to thresh, but I, I have passed over upon the goodness of her neck. I will harness Ephraim; Judah will plow; Jacob will harrow by himself.	*The people of Ephraim were like a young cow that someone had trained and that was happy to walk around on the stalks of grain. Its neck was flawless because no one had ever put a yoke on it. But for my part, I will ignore its beautiful neck. Now I will make the people of Ephraim work hard, as though they were a young cow that I was harnessing for the first time. It will be as though the people of Judah will have to plow, yes, it will be as though the people of Jacob will have to break up the hard ground with no one to help them.*

What will Yahweh make the people of Ephraim, Judah, and Jacob do?

Yahweh will make Ephraim work hard, Judah will have to plow, and Jacob will have to break up the ground with no one to help them.

Hosea 10:12

ULT	UST
Sow for yourselves for righteousness; reap to the mouth of covenant faithfulness. Till for yourselves tillage, and it is time to seek Yahweh, until he comes and rains righteousness on you.	*Start doing what is right, as though you were planting good seeds, and it will be as though you were harvesting the crop from those good seeds when I reward you for being faithful to me. Do the hard work of changing your ways as though you were plowing new ground. Now is when you must start to know me. Then I will come and abundantly bless you by doing what is right for you.*

For how long should the people seek Yahweh?

They should seek Yahweh until he comes and blesses them.

Hosea 10:13

ULT	UST
You have plowed wickedness; you have reaped injustice. You have eaten the fruit of deception, for you trusted in your way, in the multitude of your warriors.	*But instead of that, you have done what is wicked, which is like planting poisonous crops, and it is as though you have harvested and eaten those crops because what you have done has made you lie to each other and treat each other unjustly. You did this because you deceived yourselves, thinking that you knew the best way to do things and that your many soldiers would protect you.*

What did the people trust in for their security rather than in Yahweh?

They trusted that their many warriors would protect them.

Hosea 10:14

ULT	UST
And a tumult will arise among your people, and all your fortresses will be destroyed, as Shalman destroyed Beth Arbel on the day of battle— a mother was dashed to pieces upon her sons.	*But they will not; your enemies will attack you, and they will destroy all of your strong cities, just as Shalman destroyed the city of Beth Arbel, when his soldiers bashed mothers to death on top of their children.*

What happened to mothers with their children when Shalman destroyed Beth Arbel?

When Shalman destroyed Beth Arbel, mothers were dashed to pieces with their children.

Hosea 10:15

ULT	UST
Thus he will do to you, Bethel, from the face of the evil of your evil. At the dawn, the king of Israel being destroyed, will be destroyed.	*I will do the same thing to you, people of Bethel, because you are extremely wicked. When the battle begins at dawn, the enemy will completely destroy the king of Israel.*

Why will the king of Israel be destroyed at Bethel?

The king will be destroyed because of the wickedness of the people.

Hosea 11

Hosea 11:1

ULT	UST
When Israel was a child I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.	*When the Israelite people were young as a nation, I loved them as a father loves a son, and I brought them out of Egypt.*

From where did Yahweh call Israel when Israel was a young nation?

When Israel was a child, Yahweh brought them out of Egypt.

Hosea 11:2

ULT	UST
They called to them, thus they went from their faces. They kept sacrificing to the Baals and burning to the idols.	*However, the more I called to the Israelites, the more they ignored me. Those people kept offering sacrifices to the Baal gods and burning incense to honor the statues of them.*

What did the Israelites keep doing instead of listening to Yahweh?

The Israelites kept offering sacrifices to the Baal gods and burning incense to honor their statues.

Hosea 11:3

ULT	UST
Yet I, I taught Ephraim to walk. He took them upon his arms, but they did not know that I healed them.	*The people of Ephraim were like a small child and I was like the one who taught them to walk. It was as though I carried them in my arms, but they did not understand that I was the one who took care of them.*

Who taught Ephraim to walk?

Yahweh taught Ephraim to walk.

Hosea 11:4

ULT	UST
I led them with cords of humanity, with bands of love. And I was to them like the lifters of a yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to him; I fed him.	*I gently guided them, because I loved them. I was to them like a loving father who lifts his infant to his cheek and I bent down to feed them.*

How did Yahweh lead his people?

Yahweh gently guided them because he loved them.

Hosea 11:5

ULT	UST
He will not return to the land of Egypt, but Assyria—he will be his king, because they refused to return.	*The Israelites will not return to being slaves in the land of Egypt, but now the king of Assyria will rule over them, because they refused to worship me any more.*

Who will rule over them since they refuse to worship Yahweh?

The king of Assyria will rule over them because they refused to worship Yahweh any more.

Hosea 11:6

ULT	UST
The sword will whirl against his cities, and will destroy his bars, and will devour because of their plans.	*Enemies will attack the people in their cities with swords and will destroy the bars of their gates. Their enemies will kill them because of their evil plans.*

What will happen to Israel's cities because of their evil plans?

Enemies will attack their cities with swords, destroy the bars of their gates, and kill the people.

Hosea 11:7

ULT	UST
And my people are bent on turning away from me. Though they call to him on high, he will not raise them up at all.	*My people are determined to no longer worship me. Though they call out to me, the Most High, I will certainly not help them.*

What are Yahweh's people determined to do?

Yahweh's people are determined to turn away and stop worshiping him.

Hosea 11:8

ULT	UST
How can I give you up, Ephraim, surrender you, Israel? How can I make you like Admah, set you like Zeboiim? My heart is turned over within me; all my compassions are aroused together.	*And yet, I cannot bring myself to give you up, Ephraim! I cannot just let you go, Israel! I cannot completely destroy you the way I destroyed the cities of Admah and Zeboiim! I am in anguish deep within me; I love you much too strongly to do this!*

What happened to the cities of Admah and Zeboiim that Yahweh wants to avoid doing to Ephraim and Israel?

Yahweh doesn't want to destroy Ephraim and Israel the way he destroyed the cities of Admah and Zeboiim because he loves them too much.

Hosea 11:9

ULT	UST
I will not carry out the burning of my nose; I will not repeat to destroy Ephraim! For I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.	*Although I am extremely angry, I will not act accordingly; I will not destroy the people of Ephraim again! I will do this because I am God, not a human being. I am the Holy One who lives among you, and I will not come to destroy you even though I am extremely angry."*

Why will Yahweh not destroy Ephraim again?

Although Yahweh is extremely angry, he will not destroy Ephraim again, for he is God and not a human.

Hosea 11:10

ULT	UST
They will come after Yahweh; he will roar like a lion. When he, he roars, sons will come trembling from the sea.	*Hosea said, "The Israelites will return to Yahweh. He will call out with a loud, powerful voice, and when it is he who calls out, his people will come back, deeply respectful, from the lands around the sea to the west.*

What will happen to the people when Yahweh calls out?

The Israelites will return to Yahweh and will come back from lands around the sea.

Hosea 11:11

ULT	UST
They will come trembling like a bird from Egypt, and like a dove from the land of Assyria. And I will settle them in their homes—the declaration of Yahweh.	*Others of his people will come from Egypt as timid as a bird, and others will come from the land of Assyria as docile as a dove." I will settle them in their own homes again. This will happen, because I, Yahweh, have declared it.*

What does Yahweh say he will do when the people return?

He will settle them in their homes again.

Hosea 11:12

ULT	UST
Ephraim has surrounded me with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit. But Judah still roams with God, and is established with the Holy One.	*The people of Ephraim have constantly lied to me, yes, the people of Israel are continually treacherous. However, the people of Judah still obey God; they remain faithful to the Holy One.*

Who still follows God?

Judah still remains faithful and obeys God.

Hosea 12

Hosea 12:1

ULT	UST
Ephraim is feeding on wind and pursuing the east-wind all the day. He multiplies lies and destruction. And they cut a covenant with Assyria, and oil is carried to Egypt.	*The people of Ephraim do what is useless; yes, they keep busy all day doing worthless things. They constantly tell lies and do violent things. First they make a treaty with Assyria, and then they send olive oil to Egypt to get help from that nation.*

What did Ephraim do to get help from other nations?

Ephraim made a treaty with Assyria and sent oil to Egypt.

Hosea 12:2

ULT	UST
And a dispute is to Yahweh with Judah, and to punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his deeds he will repay to him.	*Yahweh is bringing a legal case against Judah as well, and he will punish the descendants of Jacob for how they have lived. He will give them what they deserve for the things they have done.*

What did Yahweh punish Jacob for?

Yahweh punished the descendants of Jacob for how they lived and the things they had done.

Hosea 12:3

ULT	UST
In the womb he took his brother by the heel, and in his manhood he struggled with God.	*When their ancestor Jacob was still in his mother's womb, he grabbed the heel of his brother Esau because he wanted to be the firstborn. When Jacob grew up and became strong, he wrestled with God.*

What did Jacob do in the womb?

In the womb, Jacob grabbed his brother by the heel.

Hosea 12:4

ULT	UST
And he struggled with an angel and prevailed. He wept and begged favor of him. At Bethel he found him, and there he spoke with us.	*He struggled with an angel who appeared to him, and he won. Then Jacob wept and begged the angel to bless him. God met Jacob at Bethel, and there God spoke with him.*

Where did God speak to Jacob?

God spoke with Jacob at Bethel.

Hosea 12:5

ULT	UST
And Yahweh, the God of Armies— Yahweh is his memorial name.	*That one is Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies; "Yahweh" is the name that he commanded us always to use for him.*

By what name were the people commanded to call God?

The name "Yahweh" is the name that he commanded the people to always use.

Hosea 12:6

ULT	UST
And you, by your God you must return. Keep covenant faithfulness and justice, and wait for your God continually.	*So you, people of Israel, restore yourselves as God's people by obeying your God! Be faithful to him and act justly toward others, and always trust in your God.*

For what should the people wait?

They should wait continually for their God by trusting in him.

Hosea 12:7

ULT	UST
A merchant—in his hand are scales of deceit— he loves to oppress.	*But the merchants among you use dishonest scales; they love to cheat people.*

What do the merchants use to cheat people?

The merchants use dishonest scales to cheat people.

Hosea 12:8

ULT	UST
And Ephraim said, "Surely I have become rich; I have found wealth for myself. All of my labors —they will not find iniquity in me that would be sin."	*The people of Ephraim boast and say, "We have become very rich! We have gained great possessions for ourselves. No one can find anything wrong in all the work we have done, that is, nothing that would count as sin for us."*

What did Ephraim claim no one would find in his work?

He boasted that in all of his labor, no one will find anything wrong that would be considered sin.

Hosea 12:9

ULT	UST
"And I am Yahweh your God from the land of Egypt. I will make you dwell in tents again, as in the days of the appointed festival.	*"I am Yahweh your God, the one who brought your ancestors out of Egypt. I will make you live in tents again, just as your people did when they celebrated the Celebration of Shelters.*

Where did the people live when Yahweh brought them out of Egypt?

The people lived in tents when they left the land of Egypt.

Hosea 12:10

ULT	UST
And I spoke through the prophets, and I, I multiplied visions, and by the hand of the prophets I gave parables."	*I told the prophets what to say to the people, and I am the one who showed them many times what I am going to do. I used the prophets to teach my people through stories and examples."*

What did Yahweh use the prophets to give to the people?

Yahweh used the prophets to give visions and parables to the people.

Hosea 12:11

ULT	UST
If Gilead is iniquity, surely they have become worthlessness. In Gilgal, they sacrifice bulls; even their altars will be like heaps on the furrows of the field.	*The people of Gilead are certainly wicked; they are now completely worthless. The people sacrifice bulls at Gilgal, but enemies will tear down their altars and leave them looking like piles of stones in a plowed field.*

What will Gilgal's altars be like?

Gilgal's altars will be like piles of stones left on a plowed field.

Hosea 12:12

ULT	UST
And Jacob fled to the field of Aram, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheep.	*Your ancestor Jacob ran away to the land of Aram to escape from his brother Esau. There he, Israel, worked as a shepherd to pay for a wife, and he kept on tending sheep to pay for a wife.*

Where did Jacob flee?

Jacob fled to the land of Aram to escape from his brother Esau.

Hosea 12:13

ULT	UST
And by a prophet Yahweh brought Israel up from Egypt, and by a prophet he was kept.	*Later Yahweh used the prophet Moses to bring the Israelites out of Egypt, and through that prophet, Yahweh took care of them.*

What did Yahweh do by a prophet?

Yahweh used the prophet Moses when he brought Israel up from Egypt, and by that same prophet, he took care of them.

Hosea 12:14

ULT	UST
Ephraim has provoked bitternesses, and his Lord will leave his bloodguilt on him and will return his reproach to him.	*But the people of Ephraim have made their Lord extremely angry. Their Lord will hold them responsible for all of the people whom they have killed, and he will give them what they deserve for all of the ways that they have offended him.*

What will Ephraim's Lord do to him?

His Lord will hold Ephraim responsible for the bloodshed and give him what he deserves.

Hosea 13

Hosea 13:1

ULT	UST
When Ephraim spoke—trembling! He lifted up himself in Israel. But he became guilty through Baal and died.	*In the past, when the leaders of Ephraim spoke, many people became afraid. The leaders of Israel became arrogant. Then they caused the people to sin by worshiping Baal, and so they must die.*

Why did Ephraim become guilty?

He became guilty by worshiping Baal.

Hosea 13:2

ULT	UST
And now they continue to sin, and they have made for themselves a cast image from their silver, idols according to their skill, all of it the work of craftsmen. To them they are saying things, the sacrificers of humanity, they kiss calves!	*Now they keep on sinning more and more; they use their silver to make metal idols for themselves. They cleverly design the statues, but all of them are only the work of human craftsmen. The people who worship these idols talk to them. They sacrifice human beings to them, and they kiss these calf-idols!*

What do the people have made from their silver?

Skilled craftsmen make idols for the people from their silver.

Hosea 13:3

ULT	UST
Therefore they will be like a cloud of the morning and like the dew rising early, going; like chaff—it is blown away from the threshing floor— and like smoke from a window.	*Because of these things, those people will quickly disappear like clouds that form in the morning and then vanish, like dew that the sun dries up early in the day, like chaff that the wind blows away from the threshing floor, like smoke that drifts out through a window.*

What happens to chaff?

Chaff is blown away from the threshing floor by the wind.

Hosea 13:4

ULT	UST
“Yet I am Yahweh your God from the land of Egypt, and you will not know a god except me, and there is no savior besides me.	*Yahweh says to his people, “Even so, I am Yahweh your God, the one who brought your ancestors out of the land of Egypt. You should acknowledge no god except me, and no one else can save you.*

Who does Yahweh say is the only savior for his people?

Yahweh says that he himself is the only savior for his people.

Hosea 13:5

ULT	UST
I, I knew you in the wilderness, in the land of drought.	*I was the one who cared for your ancestors when they were in the very dry desert land.*

Where did Yahweh remind the people that he had cared for them?

Yahweh cared for his people in the wilderness, in the dry desert land.

Hosea 13:6

ULT	UST
According to their pasturage, then they became satisfied; they were satisfied, and their heart was lifted up. Therefore they forgot me.	*When I fed them, they ate until they were full; when they ate until they were full, they became proud. That is why they stopped thinking about me.*

What happened when the people’s hunger was satisfied?

When Yahweh’s people had enough to satisfy their hunger, they became proud and forgot him.

Hosea 13:7

ULT	UST
So I am to them like a lion; like a leopard along the path I will watch.	*So I will be as fierce toward them as a lion; I will be like a leopard that lurks to ambush them beside the road.*

What will Yahweh be like to his people?

Yahweh will be like a fierce lion, and like a leopard that watches along the path to attack.

Hosea 13:8

ULT	UST
I will encounter them like a bereaved bear, and I will tear open the enclosure of their heart. And I will devour them there like a lioness; the beast of the field will rip them open.	*I will attack them as furiously as a mother bear whose cubs someone has stolen; it will be as though I will rip their chests open. Right then and there I will completely destroy them, like a lioness devouring her prey, like wild animals tearing their victims apart.*

Like what will Yahweh attack his people?

He will attack them like a bear that is robbed of her cubs.

Hosea 13:9

ULT	UST
It has destroyed you, Israel, that you are against me, against your help.	*You have caused me to destroy you, people of Israel, because you rebelled against me, your only helper.*

Why did Israel's destruction happen?

Israel's destruction happened because they rebelled against Yahweh, their helper.

Hosea 13:10

ULT	UST
Where is your king now, that he may save you in all of your cities, and your judges of whom you said, 'Give to me a king and princes'?	*You have a king, but it looks like he is unable to save you in any of your cities. Your ancestors said to me, 'Give us a king and officials,' and I did so. But those rulers cannot help you now.*

What did the people ask Yahweh to give them?

The people asked Yahweh to give them a king and princes.

Hosea 13:11

ULT	UST
I give to you a king in my nose, and I take him away in my wrath.	*I become angry when you request a king, but I give you a king. Later, I become angry again, so I take him away.*

What did Yahweh do to the king he gave them?

Yahweh took the king away because of his wrath.

Hosea 13:12

ULT	UST
The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is stored up.	*I have kept a record of all of the evil things that you people of Ephraim have done; yes, I have stored up an account of all of your sins.*

What does Yahweh do with Ephraim's sin?

Yahweh stores up and keeps a record of Ephraim's sin.

Hosea 13:14

ULT	UST
From the hand of Sheol I would ransom them; from death I would redeem them! Where are your plagues, Death? Where is your destruction, Sheol? Relenting is hidden from my eyes.	*I would have rescued you from going to the grave; yes, I wanted to save you from dying. But now, you must suffer as with a plague and die! The enemy must destroy you and send you to your graves! I cannot decide differently about this.*

What did Yahweh wish he could rescue the people from?

Yahweh wanted to save them from death.

Hosea 13:15

ULT	UST
Although he, among brothers, he bears fruit, an easterly will come, the wind of Yahweh, coming up from the wilderness, and his fountain will be ashamed and his spring will dry up. It, it will plunder the treasury of every vessel of desire.	*Even though the people of Ephraim have prospered more than the other tribes, I, Yahweh, will send enemies who will come from the east like a scorching wind out of the desert. They will destroy all of Ephraim's sources of wealth, and they are the ones who will carry away everything valuable that the people of Ephraim own.*

What will Ephraim's enemy plunder?

His enemy will plunder the treasury of all their valuable objects.

Hosea 13:16

ULT	UST
Samaria will bear guilt, for she has rebelled against her God. By the sword they will fall; their young children will be dashed to pieces, and his pregnant women will be ripped open."	*The people of Samaria are guilty and so I must punish them because they have rebelled against me, the God whom they promised to worship. Their enemies will kill them with swords; they will smash their little children on the ground, and they will cut open their pregnant women."*

What will happen to Samaria's young children?

Their young children will be dashed to pieces.

Hosea 14

Hosea 14:1

ULT	UST
Return, Israel, to Yahweh your God, for you have stumbled in your iniquity.	*You people of Israel, begin again to worship and obey Yahweh your God. You must do this because terrible things are happening to you because you have been sinning.*

Why should Israel begin to worship and obey Yahweh again?

Israel should return to worshiping Yahweh because terrible things are happening to them because of their sin.

Hosea 14:2

ULT	UST
Take with you words and return to Yahweh. Say to him, "Take away all iniquity and accept what is good, and let us repay with bulls of our lips.	*Decide what you will say, and determine that you will obey Yahweh. Say to him, "Please forgive us for all of the wrong things that we have done, and accept what we will do now to please you, and please accept what we say as we promise to obey you instead of sacrifices of animals.*

What does Israel ask Yahweh to do?

Israel asks Yahweh to forgive their sin since they now say they will do what is good.

Hosea 14:3

ULT	UST
Assyria will not save us; we will not ride on a horse. And we will not say anymore, 'Our God,' to the work of our hands, who by you the fatherless is shown compassion."	*We know that Assyria will not save us and it will not benefit us to ride on war horses. We will never again say, 'You are our gods' to the idols that we have made. You, Yahweh, are the one who acts mercifully toward orphans."*

Who will not be able to save Israel?

Assyria will not save Israel.

Hosea 14:4

ULT	UST
“I will heal their turning away; I will love them freely, for my nose has turned away from them.	*Yahweh says, “When they say that to me, I will forgive them for turning away from me; I will love them generously, because I will no longer be angry with them.*

Why will Yahweh love Israel generously?

Yahweh will love them generously because he will no longer be angry with them.

Hosea 14:5

ULT	UST
I will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like the lily, and he will strike his roots like Lebanon.	*I will refresh the people of Israel just as dew refreshes the ground. They will prosper and become beautiful and they will become as strong and stable as the trees of Lebanon.*

What does Yahweh say he will be like to Israel?

Yahweh says he will be like the dew that the refreshes the ground to Israel and they will prosper and become strong as the trees of Lebanon.

Hosea 14:6

ULT	UST
His shoots will go forth, and his splendor will be like the olive tree, and the scent of him like Lebanon.”	*They will become widely influential; they will be as majestic as an olive tree, and they will be as delightful as the aroma of the cedar trees in Lebanon.”*

What will Israel’s splendor be like?

Israel’s splendor will be as majestic as an olive tree and as delightful as the aroma of the trees in Lebanon.

Hosea 14:7

ULT	UST
They will return, dwellers in his shadow; they will revive grain and blossom like the vine. His remembrance will be like the wine of Lebanon.	*The people of Israel will come back and live under Yahweh's protection. They will grow abundant grain again; they will become as productive as a vineyard. People will speak well of Yahweh, like they speak well of the fine wine from Lebanon.*

How will the people speak of Yahweh?

They will speak well of Yahweh, like they speak well of the fine wine of Lebanon.

Hosea 14:8

ULT	UST
"Ephraim, what to me still to idols? I, I have answered and I will look after him. I am like a luxuriant cypress; from me your fruit is found."	*Yahweh says, "People of Ephraim, I want nothing more to do with idols! I am the one who responds to you and watches over you. I am the source of everything good in your life, like a tree that always stays green and always produces fruit."*

What does Yahweh say about idols to Ephraim?

Yahweh says he wants nothing more to do with idols, and that he is the one who watches over them and is the source of everything good in their lives.

Hosea 14:9

ULT	UST
Who is wise? Then let him understand these things. Discerning? Then let him know them. For the ways of Yahweh are right, and the righteous will walk in them, but the transgressors will stumble in them.	*Anyone who is truly wise should understand these things that I have written. Anyone who has good sense must be sure that he knows them. Because what Yahweh tells us to do is right, and people who do what is right will obey him, but people who rebel against him will ruin themselves by not doing what he tells us to do.*

Who will walk in the ways of Yahweh?

The righteous will walk in Yahweh's ways and obey him.