

# Hosea 14

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## **A Plea to Return to the Lord**

- <sup>1</sup> O Israel, return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.
- <sup>2</sup> Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.
- <sup>3</sup> Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.
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## **God's Promise of Healing**

- <sup>4</sup> I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.
- <sup>5</sup> I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.
- <sup>6</sup> His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon.
- <sup>7</sup> They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.
- <sup>8</sup> Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him, and observed him: I am like a green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found.

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

## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

### Iniquity — עֲוֹן (Avon)

Iniquity, guilt, punishment

The Hebrew **avon** (עֲוֹן) encompasses iniquity, guilt, and its punishment—the twisted nature of sin. 'The LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all' (Isaiah 53:6), Christ bearing our guilt and penalty.

### Lord — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

### Love — אַהֲבָה / חֶסֶד (Ahavah / Chesed)

Love / Loyal-love

Hebrew uses **ahavah** (אַהֲבָה) for love generally, but the covenant term **chesed** (חֶסֶד) describes God's steadfast, loyal love—faithful covenant commitment beyond mere emotion.

### Salvation — יְשׁוּעָה (Yeshuah)

Salvation, deliverance

The Hebrew **yeshuah** (יְשׁוּעָה) means salvation or deliverance—rescue from danger or enemies. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.'

## CROSS REFERENCES

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**Hosea 14:1** **References Lord:** Hosea 6:1; Jeremiah 4:1. **References God:** Hosea 12:6.  
**References Israel:** Hosea 13:9. **Sin:** Lamentations 5:16

**Hosea 14:2** **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 13:15; 1 Peter 2:5. **Sin:** 2 Samuel 12:13; 24:10; Job 7:21; Isaiah 6:7; Hebrews 10:4; 1 John 3:5. **Grace:** Luke 18:13. **References Lord:** Joel 2:17

**Hosea 14:3** **Parallel theme:** Hosea 2:17; 5:13; 14:8; Psalms 10:14; 33:17; Isaiah 30:16; 31:1; John 14:18. **References God:** Psalms 68:5

### **Hosea 14:4**

**Parallel theme:** Hosea 6:1; Psalms 78:38; Isaiah 12:1; 57:18; Jeremiah 3:22; 5:6; 8:22; 14:7; 17:14. **Love:** Zephaniah 3:17

### **Hosea 14:5**

**Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 32:2; Job 29:19; Psalms 72:16; Isaiah 35:2; Matthew 6:28; Ephesians 3:17. **References Israel:** Isaiah 27:6

**Hosea 14:6** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 52:8

**Hosea 14:7** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 91:1

**Hosea 14:8** **Parallel theme:** Job 33:27; 34:32; Isaiah 41:19; 55:13; 60:13; Luke 15:20; John 1:16; Ephesians 5:9; 1 Thessalonians 1:9; James 1:17

### **Hosea 14:9**

**References Lord:** Psalms 107:43; 119:75; Proverbs 10:29; Jeremiah 9:12. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 119:128; Daniel 12:10; John 8:47. **Righteousness:** Deuteronomy 32:4; Isaiah 26:7; Zephaniah 3:5