

# Hosea 7:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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## Historical Context

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God redeemed Israel from Egypt (Exodus), established covenant, provided for them - yet they claimed Baal redeemed them and gave provision (2:5, 8). This lying about God's character and works constituted ultimate ingratitude. Modern parallel: professing Christians who deny biblical truth about God or claim other sources for what God provides. Speaking lies against God includes false teaching about His character, denying His works, or attributing His gifts to other sources. Such ingratitude despite experienced redemption invites judgment.

## Related Passages

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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. In what ways might I 'speak lies' against God despite experiencing His redemption?
2. How does ingratitude after redemption demonstrate the depth of covenant unfaithfulness and invite judgment?

## Interlinear Text

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א וי	לָהֶם	כִּי	נָדָד ו	מִמֶּנִּי	שׁ ד
Woe	H1992	H3588	unto them! for they have fled	H4480	from me destruction
H188			H5074		H7701
לָהֶם	כִּי	כֹּשְׁעוּ	וְאֵנֹכִי בִי		
H1992	H3588	unto them! because they have transgressed	H0	H595	
		H6586			
אֶפְדֶּה	וְהֵמָּה	דָּבַר ו	עַל־י		
against me though I have redeemed	H1992	them yet they have spoken	H5921		
H6299		H1696			
כִּזְבִּים:					
lies					
H3577					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Hosea 9:12** (Parallel theme): Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them, that there shall not be a man left: yea, woe also to them when I depart from them!

**Hosea 11:12** (Parallel theme): Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the saints.

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