

Hosea 7:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Woe unto them! for they have fled from me: destruction unto them! because they have transgressed against me: though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against me.

Analysis

Woe unto them! for they have fled from me: destruction unto them! because they have transgressed against me: though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against me.' Double pronouncement: 'woe' and 'destruction' for those who fled from and transgressed against God. The painful irony: 'though I redeemed them' (from Egypt), 'they spoke lies against me' (false teaching about God's character/requirements). Ingratitude after redemption merits severe judgment. This demonstrates covenant unfaithfulness: experiencing redemption, then denying Redeemer. Only those who acknowledge Christ's redemption and remain faithful avoid this woe.

Historical Context

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

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

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

וְאֵלֶּה לְקַמְּנָה מִתְּנַדֵּד מִפְּנֵי שְׁתִּים
Woe H1992 H3588 **unto them! for they have fled** H5074 H4480 **from me destruction** H7701
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לְבַטְחָה שְׁעָרָה אֶנְכִּי בְּנֵי
H1992 H3588 **unto them! because they have transgressed** H6586 H0 H595

עַל־ אֶפְרַיִם דָּבָר וְאֵת מִתְּהִלָּה
against me though I have redeemed H6299 H1992 **them yet they have spoken** H1696 H5921

קְטָבִים:
lies
H3577

Additional Cross-References

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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