

Hosea 14:1-9 **Israel called to Repent and return to Yahweh for Restoration**

Call to Repentance

1 O Israel, return to Yahweh Eloheyka (the Lord your God), For you have stumbled because of your iniquity;

2 Take words with you, And return to Yahweh (the Lord). Say to Him, " Take away all iniquity; Receive us graciously, For we will offer the sacrifices of our lips.

3 Assyria shall not save us, We will not ride on horses, Nor will we say anymore to the work of our hands, 'You are Eloheynu (our gods).' For in You the fatherless finds mercy."

Yahweh promised to restore Israel on the basis of their repentance

4 "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely, For My anger has turned away from him.

5 I will be like the dew to Israel; He shall grow like the lily, And lengthen his roots like Lebanon.

6 His branches shall spread; His beauty shall be like an olive tree, And his fragrance like Lebanon.

7 Those who dwell under his shadow shall return; They shall be revived like grain, And grow like a vine. Their scent shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

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8 "Ephraim shall say, 'What have I to do anymore with idols?' I have heard and observed him. I am like a green cypress tree; Your fruit is found in Me."

9 Who is wise? Let him understand these things. Who is prudent? Let him know them. For the ways of Yahweh (the Lord) are right; The righteous walk in them, But transgressors stumble in them.
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Facts Revealed:

Call to repentance [Hosea 14:1-3]

- ✧ The call is for Israel to repent and return to Yahweh with humble and sincere prayer that He would take away all their sins.
- ✧ The prayer is accompanied with a promise to offer the sacrifices of their lips. [Hebrews 13:15]
- ✧ They must acknowledge that they cannot trust in other nations or idolatry to save them, and that only in Yahweh can they find mercy.

Yahweh promised to restore Israel on the basis of their repentance [Hosea 14:4-7]

- ✧ Yahweh promised to respond by healing their backsliding and love them freely.
- ✧ His anger will be turned away and His blessings of abundance and prosperity will flow.

Kingdom Restoration [Hosea 14:8-9]

- ✧ Ephraim will renounce idolatry, and acknowledge that their blessings are from Yahweh Whom they have seen and observed.
- ✧ Yahweh reminds them that their fruit is found in Him alone.
- ✧ The **wise** will **understand** these things.
- ✧ The **prudent** will **know** them.
- ✧ **The ways of Yahweh are right.**
- ✧ The **righteous** walk in them.
- ✧ **Transgressors** stumble in them.