

# Hosea 6:7 - 7:16

6:7 – But like Adam they transgressed the covenant; there they dealt faithlessly with me.

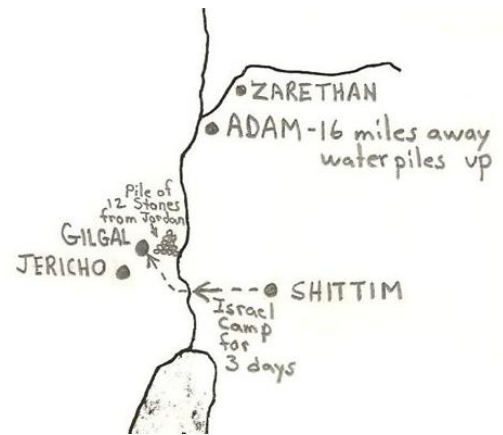
	898 [e]	8033 [e]		1285 [e]	5674 [e]	121 [e]	1992 [e]
bī.	bā·gē·dū	šām	—	bə·rīt;	'ā·bē·rū	kə·'ā·dām	wə·hēm·māh
בִּי	בַּגְדוּ	שָׁם	—	בְּרִית	עָבְרוּ	כְּאָדָם	וְהֵמָּה 7
with Me	they dealt	treacherously	there	the covenant	transgressed	like men	But they
Prep   1cs	V-Qal-Perf-3cp	Adv		N-fs	V-Qal-Perf-3cp	Prep-k   N-ms	Conj-w   Pro-3mp

1. Who is “Adam”?

- a. Could be the first man. He rebelled.
- b. Could be the town of Adam which is on the Jordan River where the waters stopped flowing (Joshua 3:16) when Joshua crossed into Canaan.

i. This is supported because:

- 1. of the word “there” (Heb. *sam*)
- 2. The next are locations
- 3. It could have become a shrine
- 4. It is in the land of Gilead (which is mentioned next) and was the location that the political coup of 738 BC took place when Pekah came with 50 men from Gilead to assassinate King Pekahiah in Samaria (2 Kings 15:25)



c. A good possibility is Hosea is referring to a shrine at Adam which works well in his example because it is also the name of the first man who rebelled

2. “Like Adam (the man) they break the covenants; they are faithless to me there (the town).”

6:8 – Gilead is a city of evildoers, tracked with blood.

1818 [e]	6121 [e]	205 [e]	6466 [e]	7151 [e]	1568 [e]
mid·dām.	'ā·qub·bāh	'ā·wen;	pō·'ā·lē	qir·yaṭ	gil·'ād
מִדָּם	עֲקֻבָּה	אֹוֹן	פְּעָלֵי	קִרְיַת	גִּלְעָד 8
with blood	[And] defiled	evildoers	of	a city	Gilead [is]
Prep-m   N-ms	Adj-fs	N-ms	V-Qal-Prtcpl-mpc	N-fsc	N-proper-fs

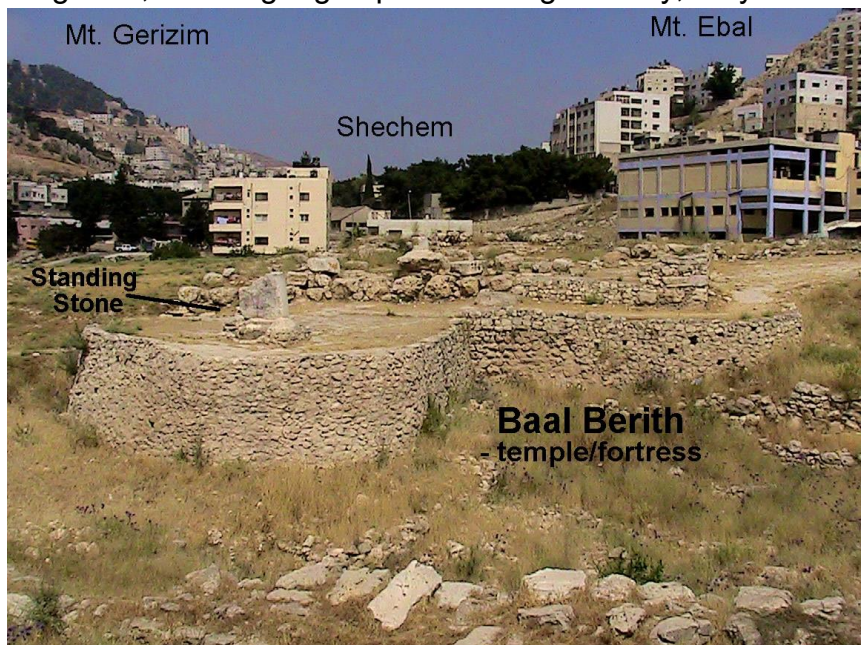
- 1. Gilead is Transjordan and includes the place Laban caught up with Jacob and also where Jacob was reunited with Esau and Jacob wrestled with the Angel of the Lord
- 2. The end of the verse has a word “tracked” - **aqubbah** - appears only here in the Bible.
  - a. It means something like “grab by the heel.”
  - b. Here it means something like “foot-tracked” or “tracks of blood” or “bloody footprints”

3. Gilead is described as “evildoers” from the Hebrew word “awen” which we are familiar with from its use in describing Bethel as Beth-aven. (House of evil instead of House of God)
    - a. “awen” or “evildoers” – These are people who oppose God or, in Psalms, the person writing the Psalm.
  4. Jacob fled Esau and met the Lord at Bethel. 14 years later Jacob return to Esau and wrestled with the Lord at Gilead.
    - a. The point is Israel is acting in the worst possible way their namesake, Jacob, or Israel, could and did behave
    - b. Jacob was selfish and did not know the Lord, but was converted and called Israel. In Hosea’s day the people have remained unconverted and are called “evildoers” and “stained with footprints of blood”. They are guilty.
    - c. Jacob will again be an example in 12:2-4 which supports this context
- 6:9 – **As robbers lie in wait for a man, so the priests band together; they murder on the way to Shechem; they commit villainy.**

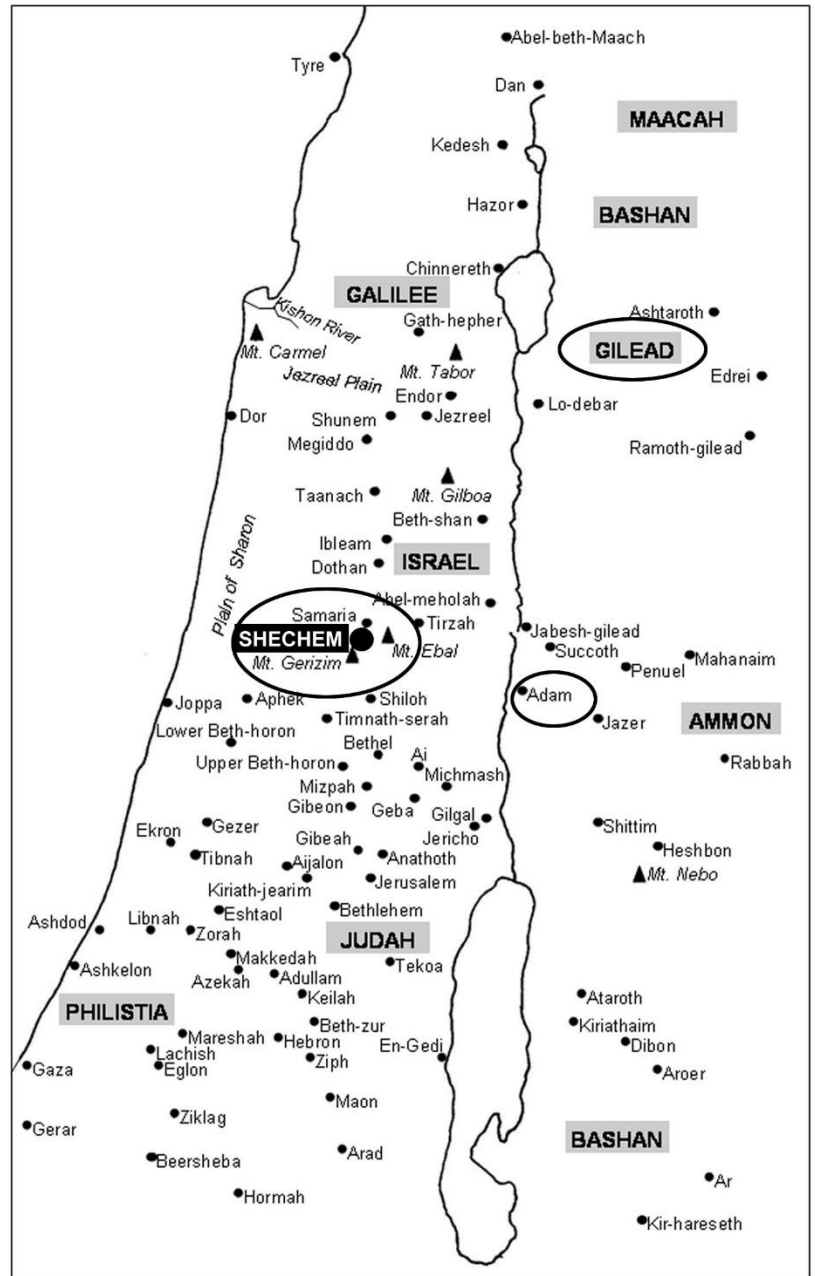
7523 [e]	1870 [e]	3548 [e]	2267 [e]	1416 [e]	376 [e]	2442 [e]
yə·raṣ·ṣə·hū-	de·reḵ	kō·hă·nîm,	ḥe·ḇer	ge·dū·dîm,	’iš	ū·ḵə·ḥak·kê
יִרְצְחוּ	דֶּרֶךְ	כְּהֹנִים	חֶבֶר	גְּדוּדִים	אִישׁ	וּכְחָכִי 9
murder	on the way	of priests	[So] the company	bands of [robbers]	a man	And as lie in wait for
V-Piel-Imperf-3mp	N-cs	N-mp	N-msc	N-mp	N-ms	Conj-w, Prep-k   V-Piel-Inf

6213 [e]	2154 [e]	3588 [e]	7927 [e]
’ā·śū.	zim·māh	kî	šek·māh;
עָשׂוּ:	זִמָּה	כִּי	שֶׁכֶּמָּה
they commit	lewdness	surely	to Shechem
V-Qal-Perf-3cp	N-fs	Conj	N-proper-fs   3fs

1. Translation: “Like members of a looting mob, so is a gang of priests along the way, they commit murder at Shechem, for they carry out a wicked plan.”
2. The city of Shechem was slaughtered by Jacob’s sons Simeon and Levi for having raped their sister Dinah (Genesis 34)
  - a. Levi became the priesthood
  - b. The priest are credited as having the same deceitful and murderous character that their forefather had. Levi was treacherous and a mass murder
3. Shechem was located in a valley between Mt. Gerizim and Mt. Ebal with a high place that still remains today.



4. “wickedness” – *zimma* – the priest had behaved in “wickedness”:
- a. This noun can refer to:
    - i. Immoral acts of desire, sexual depravity in Lev. 18:17; Jer. 13:27; Ezek. 16:27
    - ii. Violence as “bloodthirsty” in Ps. 26:9-10
    - iii. Folly in Prov. 21:27; 24:9; Ps. 119:150
  - b. In context this would refer to political treachery (coming from Gilead to assassinate Pekahiah) in a conspiracy with the religious leaders who assist with the violence and murder to gain power.



Three places, three stories, three failures of contemporary Israel:

1. Adam
2. Gilead
3. Shechem

6:10 – In the house of Israel I have seen a horrible thing;  
Ephraim's whoredom is there; Israel is defiled.

2184 [e]	8033 [e]	8186 [e]	7200 [e]	3478 [e]	1004 [e]
zə·nūṭ	m	ša·'ā·rū·rī·yāh; [שַׁעֲרִירִיָּה]	rā·'î·ṭî	yîs·rā·'êl,	bə·ḇêṭ
זְנוּת	שָׁם	(שַׁעֲרִירִיָּה)	רָאִיתִי	יִשְׂרָאֵל	בַּבַּיִת 10
the harlotry	there [is]	a horrible thing	- I have seen	of Israel	In the house
N-fs	Adv	Adj-fs	V-Qal-Perf-1cs	N-proper-ms	Prep-b   N-msc

3478 [e]	2930 [e]	669 [e]
yîs·rā·'êl.	niṭ·mā	lə·'ep·ra·yim,
יִשְׂרָאֵל:	נִטְמָא	לְאֶפְרַיִם
Israel	is defiled	of Ephraim
N-proper-ms	V-Nifal-Perf-3ms	Prep-l   N-proper-ms

1. Israel's deeds reflect their inner whoredom

- a. Inner deceit and lies
  - b. Social rebellion and violence.
2. Israel is totally dark.
  3. Morally impure and Ritually unclean

6:11 – **For you also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed.**  
**When I restore the fortunes of my people,**

	5971 [e]	7622 [e]	7725 [e]	7105 [e]	7896 [e]	3063 [e]	1571 [e]	
פ	'am·mī.	šə·būt	bə·šū·bī	lāk;	qā·šīr	šāt	yə·hū·dāh	gam-
פ .	:עַמִּי	שְׁבוּת	בְּשׁוּבִי	לְךָ	קָצִיר	שֶׁת	יְהוּדָה	גַּם 11
-	of My people	the captives	when I return	for you	a harvest	is appointed	Judah	Also
Punc	N-msc   1cs	N-fsc	Prep-b   V-Qal-Inf   1cs	Prep   2fs	N-ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	N-proper-ms	Conj

1. Judah
2. 6:11b starts the next section: “When I restore the fortunes of my people...(continues in 7:1)

## Hosea 7:1-16

- **Timeline . . . 43 years of history 765-722 BC:**
  - 765 BC – Plague in Nineveh listed in Assyrian Eponym Canon
  - 764 BC – Assyrian military too weak to campaign
  - 763 BC – Solar eclipse seen in Nineveh June 15
  - 762 BC – **AMOS** goes to prophecy in Northern Israel
  - 760 BC – Earthquake and Second plague strikes Nineveh
  - 759 BC – **JONAH** goes to Nineveh
  - 753 BC – King Jeroboam II dies (fourth generation of Jehu’s dynasty)
  - 752 BC – King Zechariah assassinated by Shallum (king for 6 months; end of Jehu line)
  - 752 BC – King Shallum assassinated by Menahem (king for 1 month) – 2 Kings 15
  - 750 BC – **MICAH** begins his ministry (total 750-686 BC)
  - 742 BC – King Menahem dies after 10 year reign of paying tribute to Assyria; - 2 Kg. 15
  - 742 BC – King Pekahiah replaces his father on the throne
  - 740 BC – **ISAIAH** begins his ministry (total 740-686 BC)
  - **738 BC – Pekahiah assassinated by King Pekah, a chief officer from Gilead**
  - **737 BC ? ----- Time of Hosea 6-7 -----**
  - 734-732 BC – Tiglath-Pileser takes 2/3 of Northern Israel – 2 Kings 15:29
  - 731 BC – Hoshea assassinates King Pekah; King Hoshea pays tribute to Shalmaneser, King of Assyria, who had set Hoshea up as a puppet king of N. Israel (2 Kgs 17:3)
  - 724 BC – King Hoshea goes to Pharaoh So in Egypt for help (2 Kings 17:4).  
Shalmaneser attacks Samaria capital of Northern Israel and lays siege for 3 years (724-722 BC)
  - 722 BC – Samaria falls, Israelites of Northern Israel are deported into various Assyrian occupied lands. (2 Kings 17:5-7). Assyria’s new king is Sargon.



6:11b – “When I restore the fortunes of my people”

	5971 [e]	7622 [e]	7725 [e]
פָּ	'am·mî.	šə·būt	bə·šū·bî
כּ .	עַמִּי:	שְׁבוּת	בְּשׁוּבִי
-	of My people	the captives	when I return
Punc	N-msc   1cs	N-fsc	Prep-b   V-Qal-Inf   1cs

1. Literally 6:11b says, “in my turning the captivity”
  - a. “besubi” is from “shub” meaning “to turn back”, “to return”
  - b. “sebut” means “captivity”, “captives”
  - c. The meaning of this is the Lord is saying that YHWH will “turn back” the “captivity”
  - d. Thus the translation, “I restore the fortunes of my people”

7:1 – “when I would heal Israel,  
 the iniquity of Ephraim is revealed,  
 and the evil deeds of Samaria,  
 for they deal falsely;  
 the thief breaks in,  
 and the bandits raid outside.”

8111 [e]	7451 [e]	669 [e]	5771 [e]	1540 [e]	3478 [e]	7495 [e]
šō·mərō·wn,	wə·rā·'ō·wṭ	'ep·ra·yim	'ā·wōn	wə·niḡ·lāh	lə·yiś·rā·'ēl,	ke·rā·pə·'î
שְׁמֶרוֹן	וְרָעוֹת	אֶפְרַיִם	עֲוֹן	וּנְגִיָּה	לְיִשְׂרָאֵל	כִּרְפָּאִי 1
of Samaria	and the wickedness	of Ephraim	the iniquity	and was uncovered	Israel	When I would have healed
N-proper-fs	Conj-w   N-fpc	N-proper-ms	N-csc	Conj-w   V-Nifal-ConjPerf-3ms	Prep-l   N-proper-ms	Prep-k   V-Qal-Inf   1cs

2351 [e]	1416 [e]	6584 [e]	935 [e]	1590 [e]	8267 [e]	6466 [e]	3588 [e]
ba·hūṣ.	gə·dūd	pā·šaṭ	yā·bō·w,	wə·ḡan·nāḅ	šā·qer;	pā·'ā·ū	kî
בְּחוּץ:	גְּדוּד	פָּשַׁט	יָבֹא	וְגַנֵּב	שֶׁקֶר	פָּעְלוּ	כִּי
outside	a band of [robbers]	takes spoil	comes in	and a thief	fraud	they have committed	for
Prep-b, Art   N-ms	N-ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	V-Qal-Imperf-3ms	Conj-w   N-ms	N-ms	V-Qal-Perf-3cp	Conj

1. God was willing to restore Israel, but whenever he intervened “Ephraim” (Northern Israel) and “Samaria” (Capital city of N. Israel) more clearly revealed their sin. The specific sins (“iniquity” and “evil deeds”) are identified as:
  - a. “deal falsely” or “they have committed fraud”
  - b. “thief breaks in” or “a thief comes in”
  - c. “bandits raid outside” or “band of robbers take spoil outside”

7:2 – “But they do not consider that I remember all their evil. Now their deeds surround them; they are before my face.”

6258 [e]	2142 [e]		7451 [e]	3605 [e]	3824 [e]	559 [e]	1077 [e]
'at-tāh	zā-kā-rə-tî;		rā-'ā-tām	kāl-	lil-bā-bām,	yō-mə-rū	ū-bal-
עַתָּה	זָכַרְתִּי	—	רַעְתָּם	כָּל-	לְלִבְבְּכֶם	יֹאמְרוּ	וְבַל־ 2
now	[That] I remember		their wickedness	all	in their hearts	they do consider	And not
Adv	V-Qal-Perf-1cs		N-fsc   3mp	N-msc	Prep-I   N-msc   3mp	V-Qal-Imperf-3mp	Conj-w   Adv

	1961 [e]	6440 [e]	5048 [e]	4611 [e]	5437 [e]
	hā-yū.	pā-nay	ne-ḡed	ma-'al-lê-hem,	sə-bā-būm
	הֵיוּ:	פָּנַי	נֶגַד	מֵעֲלֵיהֶם	— סָבְבוּם
	they are	My face	before	their own deeds	have surrounded them
	V-Qal-Perf-3cp	N-mpc   1cs	Prep	N-mpc   3mp	V-Qal-Perf-3cp   3mp

1. Although YHWH “remembers” them, the Israelites do not “consider” God. They do not consider the common sense fact that God sees, remembers and will hold them accountable.
2. “deeds surround them” is the literal interpretation which means they are trapped, engulfed or surrounded by their deeds (which are sinful) and they cannot escape. They cannot be separated from their deeds.
3. Since they are surrounded by their sin and cannot be separated when God looks at Israel he says their sins “are before my face. God cannot look at Israel without seeing their evil deeds.

7:3 – “By their evil they make the king glad, and the princes by their treachery.”

8269 [e]		3585 [e]	4428 [e]	8055 [e]	7451 [e]
śā-rīm.		ū-bə-ka-ḥā-šê-hem	me-lek;	yə-śam-mə-ḥū-	bə-rā-'ā-tām
שָׂרִים:		וּבְכַחְשֵׁיהֶם	מֶלֶךְ	יְשַׂמְחוּ-	בְּרַעְתָּם 3
princes		and with their lies	a king	they make glad	With their wickedness
N-mp		Conj-w, Prep-b   N-mpc   3mp	N-ms	V-Piel-Imperf-3mp	Prep-b   N-fsc   3mp

1. The leadership is “glad” about the social fraud, the thief inside and the raids of bandits plundering outside.
2. Why is the king and the princes pleased with the social turmoil? The society, the general population or the middle class is being led into a condition to bring about a change. Mentioned next is adultery and a heated oven:
  - a. Adultery is first of all spiritual or ideological against YHWH (portrayed earlier by Gomer)
  - b. The “heated oven” is the prepared social condition heated and ready to make a change

3. The evil and treachery that at one time make the king glad and the please the princes, will suddenly turn on the king and the princes.
  - a. No one is safe.
  - b. The violent elite with please the leadership with oppression of the middle class until the violent elite desire to turn their violence on the leadership. Then, the elite will overthrow the king and his princes.
4. “glad” has a double meaning when applied to the king by the elites:
  - a. One, their behavior pleases the king for he gains wealth, position and power from their evil.
  - b. Two, their pleasing behavior is also flattery which is used to set the king up for betrayal and assassination when his purpose has been served.
5. This is basic life in the royal court:
  - a. Immoral debachery
  - b. Used to gain power over the middle class
  - c. Filled with intrigue

7:4 – “**They are all adulterers;  
they are like a heated oven  
whose baker ceases to stir the fire,  
from the kneading of the dough  
until it is leavened.**”

5782 [e] mê-’fîr,	7673 [e] yiš·bō·wt	644 [e] mê-’ō·pēh;	1197 [e] bō-’ê·rāh	8574 [e] tan·nūr,	3644 [e] kə·mōw	5003 [e] mə·nā-’ā·pîm,	3605 [e] kul·lām
מְעִיר	יִשְׁבּוֹת	מֵאִפֶּה	בְּעֵרָה	תְּנֹור	כְּמוֹ	מִנְּאִפִּים	כֻּלָּם 4
stirring [the fire]	He ceases	by a baker	heated	an oven	Like	adulterers	They [are] all
V-Hifil-Prtcpl-ms	V-Qal-Imperf-3ms	Prep-m   V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	V-Qal-Prtcpl-fs	N-cs	Prep	V-Piel-Prtcpl-mp	N-msc   3mp

2556 [e] ḥum·šā·tōw.	5704 [e] ’aḏ-	1217 [e] bā·šêq	3888 [e] mil·lūš
חֲמֻצָתוֹ	עַד-	בְּצֶק	מְלוּשׁ
it is leavened	Until	the dough	after kneading
V-Qal-Inf   3ms	Prep	N-ms	Prep-m   V-Qal-Inf

1. “Adulterers” –
  - a. the people have been led into spiritual adultery against YHWH by the leadership: kings, princes, judges, priests, prophets, etc.
  - b. The middle class does not know the Lord because of the failure of the priests:
    - i. Hosea 4:4 – “Yet let no one contend, and let none accuse, for with you is my contention, O **priest**.”
    - ii. Hosea 4:6 – “My people (*general population*) are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you (*priests*) have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a **priest** to me. And since you (*priess*) have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children (*middle class, society*)
    - iii. Hosea 5:1 – “Hear this, O **priests**! Pay attention, O house of Israel! Give ear, O house of the king! For the judgment is for you; for you have been a snare at

Mizpah and a net spread upon Tabor. And the revolvers have gone deep into slaughter, but I will discipline all of them.”

- iv. Hosea 6:9 – “As robbers lie in wait for a man, so the **priests** band together; they murder on the way to Shechem; they commit villainy.”

## 2. “Heated Oven”

- a. “oven” is *tannur*, a large industrial model of the domestic oven found in the courtyard of most homes.
  - i. The oven was beehive-shaped with clay walls and a lid.
  - ii. The fire was made from wood sitting on the dirt or stone floor for the oven.
  - iii. The flat dough was made into 5-6 inch discs and slapped against the inside wall of the oven to cook.
- b. The illustration is of baking bread.
  - i. This oven is an industrial oven, not an oven used by a woman baking at home.
    - 1. The baker is a man who has mixed the dough (“kneading of the dough”) in the evening
    - 2. Allowed it to rise over night (“until it is leavened”).
    - 3. The baker does not need to get up in the night to tend the fire (“baker ceases to stir the fire”) because the oven has enough heat to stay hot all night.
    - 4. The oven needs to be hot and ready in the morning when the dough has risen.
    - 5. Creating a hot oven is not a problem, since the oven is already heated and staying hot.
  - ii. The oven represents the cultural manipulation and social upheaval (“the dough”) that has been prepared and ready.
    - 1. The oven does not need to be tended while the “baker” (the leaders, the elite) of society wait for their moment to bake “the dough” to “make the bread”.
    - 2. The leaders have misled society so far that people are ready to be used in social chaos among the middle class to overthrow the status quo.

## 3. “the baker”

- a. Who is the baker? The king? The conspirators?
  - i. If it is the king then the king is neglecting his responsibilities by not tending the fire while he waits for the dough to rise. This would mean that due to the king's lack of attention to detail he has been lulled to sleep and caught off guard
  - ii. If it is the conspirators then they have heated the oven enough to allow it to simmer all night and still be hot enough to serve its purpose in the morning when the dough has risen and it is time to bake the bread. This would mean the conspirators' motivation to assassinate the king has reached full temperature. They no longer need to stoke the flames of conspiracy. They merely have to wait until the time is right to take action. So, they can party all night knowing they will make their move in the morning and assassinate the king and his princes.
- b. Bakers would normally have to tend the fire all through the night so they would be ready to bake the bread in the morning after it had risen. But, this baker has enough heat already to finish the job in the morning.



**7:5 – “On the day of our king, the princes became sick with the heat of wine; he stretched out his hand with mockers.”**

3945 [e]	854 [e]	3027 [e]	4900 [e]	3196 [e]	2573 [e]	8269 [e]	2470 [e]	4428 [e]	3117 [e]	
lō-ṣə-šîm.	'et-	yā-dōw	mā-šak	mî-yā-yin;	ḥā-mat	śā-rîm	he-ḥē-lū	mal-kē-nū,	yō-wm	
לְצַצִּים:	אֶת-	יָדוֹ	מִשָּׂרָף	—	מִיַּיִן	תִּמְתָּ	שָׂרִים	הִחֲלִי	מִלְכָנֹו	יּוֹם 5
scoffers	with	his hand	He stretched out		with wine	inflamed	Princes	have made [him] sick	of our king	In the day
V-Piel-PrtcpI-mp	Prep	N-fsc   3ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms		Prep-m   N-ms	N-fsc	N-mp	V-Hifil-Perf-3cp	N-msc   1cp	N-msc

1. The king (possibly Pekahiah, 738 BC) and his “princes” (leaders, government officials, etc.) was joined for an evening of revelry (king’s birthday, pagan god holy day?) by “mockers” who had long been planning an overthrow of society (obviously they had also rebelled against YHWH already). The night involved heavy drinking and patient waiting by the “mockers” for the events of the king’s assassination to fully develop. The assassination may have been poisoned wine.
2. “On the day of our king” gives the impression this is a day of festivity and celebration. It could be:
  - a. Pekahiah’s birthday
  - b. One of the Pagan god’s holy days, calling the god “king”
3. The “heated oven” is used as an image for a second time:
  - a. 7:4 – the “heated oven” refers to building social unrest and desire for social upheaval possibly for 14 years between 752-738 BC
  - b. 7:6 – the “heated oven” refers to the actual planning and execution of King Pekahiah’s assassination in 738 BC
4. The “king” and “princes” drank all night with the “mockers”
5. “became sick with the heat of wine”
6. “stretched out his hand with mockers”

**7:6 – “For with hearts like an oven they approach their intrigue; all night their anger smolders; in the morning it blazes like a flaming fire.”**

3462 [e]	3915 [e]	3605 [e]	693 [e]	3820 [e]	8574 [e]	7126 [e]	3588 [e]		
yā-šên	hal-lay-lāh	kāl-	bē-’ā-rə-bām;	lib-bām	kat-tan-nūr	qê-rə-bū	kî-		
יָשֵׁן	—	הַלַּיְלָה	כָּל-	—	בְּאֲרָבִים	לִבָּם	כַּתְּנוּר	קִרְבֹּו	כִּי 6
sleeps		night	all	while they lie in wait	their heart	like an oven	they prepare	For	
Adj-ms		Art   N-ms	N-msc	Prep-b   N-msc   3mp	N-msc   3mp	Prep-k, Art   N-cs	V-Piel-Perf-3cp	Conj	

3852 [e]	784 [e]	1197 [e]	1931 [e]	1242 [e]	644 [e]
le-hā-bāh.	ke-’êš	bō-’êr	hū	bō-qer	’ō-pê-hem,
לְהִבָּה:	כַּאֲשֶׁר	בֹּעֵר	הוּא	בִּקְרֹו	אֲפֵהֶם
flaming	like a fire	burns	it	in the morning	their baker
N-fs	Prep-k   N-csc	V-Qal-PrtcpI-ms	Pro-3ms	N-ms	V-Qal-PrtcpI-msc   3mp

1. The “mockers” had “hearts like an oven” and “hot as an oven” which means their hearts were heated with “intrigue” and “anger” ready to “devour their rulers” or “all their kings” (referring to King Pekahiah and his government officials) at the right moment.
2. The assassination (if it were by sword) or the result of the poisoning (if it were by poisoned wine) was done in the early morning after an all night drinking party.

7:7 – “All of them are hot as an oven,  
and they devour their rulers.  
All their kings have fallen,  
and none of them calls upon me.”

4428 [e]	3605 [e]		8199 [e]	853 [e]		398 [e]		8574 [e]	2552 [e]	3605 [e]
mal·kê·hem	kāl-	-	šō·pə·ṭê·hem;	'et-		wə·'ā·kə·lū		kat·tan·nūr,	yê·ḥam·mū	kul·lām
מְלֻכֵיהֶם	כָּל-	-	שֹׁפְטֵיהֶם	אֶת-		וְאָכְלוּ		כַּתָּנוּר	יְחַמּוּ	כָּלֵם 7
their kings	all		their judges	-	and have devoured			like an oven	they are hot	All
N-mpc   3mp	N-msc		V-Qal-Prtcpl-mpc   3mp	DirObjM	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp			Prep-k, Art   N-cs	V-Qal-Imperf-3mp	N-msc   3mp

	413 [e]		7121 [e]	369 [e]	5307 [e]
	'ê·lāy.	bā·hem	qō·rê	'ên-	nā·pā·lū,
	אֵלַי:	בֵּהֶם	קִרָּא	אִיֶּן	נָפְלוּ
	upon Me	among them	calls	None	have fallen
	Prep   1cs	Prep   3mp	V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	Adv	V-Qal-Perf-3cp

1. The assassination plan was successful. “All the kings have fallen” or all the governmental leaders along with King Pekahiah were assassinated by the mockers.
2. As the government officials and the king were dying or being attacked NONE of them called upon YHWH for help.
  - a. The Lord and Hosea take note of this.
  - b. The mockers who assassinated the king and the king along with his officials (“judges” or “rulers” were evil, anti-YHWH).
3. “All their kings (plural) have fallen” - The fact that “rulers” and “kings” is plural may indicate that this single event was a sample of a much broader general practice of this fourth generation culture of slaughtering their “kings” (plural).
  - a. This was the case between the years of 752-731 BC (21 year period).
    - i. 752 BC – King Zechariah assassinated by Shallum
    - ii. 752 BC – King Shallum assassinated by Menahem
    - iii. 738 BC – Pekahiah, a chief officer from Gilead, assassinated by King Pekah
    - iv. 734-732 BC – Tiglath-Pileser takes 2/3 of Northern Israel – 2 Kings 15:29
    - v. 731 BC – Hoshea assassinates King Pekah;
      1. Shalmaneser, King of Assyria, sets Hoshea up as a puppet king of North Israel (2 Kgs 17:3)
      2. King Hoshea pays tribute to Shalmaneser, King of Assyria,
  - b. After 731 BC Assyrian King Shalmaneser controls Northern Israel with his own puppet king in Israel, King Hoshea, for 10 years.

7:8 – “Ephraim mixes himself with the peoples;  
Ephraim is a cake not turned.”

2015 [e]	1097 [e]	5692 [e]	1961 [e]	669 [e]	1101 [e]	1931 [e]	5971 [e]	669 [e]	
hā·pū·kāh.	bə·lî	'u·ḡāh	hā·yāh	'eḇ·ra·yim	yit·bō·w·lāl;	hū	bā·'am·mîm	'eḇ·ra·yim	
הַפּוּקָה:	בְּלִי	עֵגָה	הִיא	אֶפְרַיִם	יִתְבּוֹלֵל	הוּא	—	בְּעַמִּים	אֶפְרַיִם 8
untuned	not	a cake	is	Ephraim	has mixed	he		among the peoples	Ephraim
V-Qal-QalPassPrtcp1-fs	Adv	N-fs	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	N-proper-ms	V-Hitpael-Imperf-3ms	Pro-3ms		Prep-b, Art   N-mp	N-proper-ms

1. “mixes...with the peoples” is Israel turning to Assyria, then to Egypt for help during their cycles of discipline instead of turning to God.
2. Their “turning” is not really “turning” or “returning” (repenting) to YHWH. So, they are half baked and worthless

7:9 – “Strangers devour his strength,  
and he knows it not;  
gray hairs are sprinkled upon him,  
and he knows it not.”

7872 [e]	1571 [e]	3045 [e]	3808 [e]	1931 [e]	3581 [e]	2114 [e]	398 [e]
śē·bāh	gam-	yā·dā';	lō	wə·hū	kō·ḥōw,	zā·rîm	'ā·kə·lū
שֵׁיבָה	גַּם־	יָדַע	—	וְהוּא	כָּחוֹ	זָרִים	אָכְלוּ 9
gray hairs	Yes	does know [it]	not	but he	his strength	Aliens	Have devoured
N-fs	Conj	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Adv-NegPrt	Conj-w   Pro-3ms	N-msc   3ms	Adj-mp	V-Qal-Perf-3cp

3045 [e]	3808 [e]	1931 [e]	2236 [e]	
yā·dā'.	lō	wə·hū	bōw,	zā·rə·qāh
יָדַע:	לֹא	וְהוּא	בּוֹ	זָרְקָה
does know [it]	not	and yet he	on him	are here and there
V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Adv-NegPrt	Conj-w   Pro-3ms	Prep   3ms	V-Qal-Perf-3fs

1. “strangers” are Assyria and Egypt devouring Israel
2. Israel does not have enough sense or knowledge to understand what is happening. They cannot run from YHWH.
3. Israel is like an old man with gray hair – weak, feeble, and close to death – but, Israel cannot discern their place in time

7:10 – “The pride of Israel testifies to his face;  
yet they do not return to the Lord their God,  
nor seek him, for all this.”

3068 [e]	413 [e]	7725 [e]	3808 [e]	6440 [e]	3478 [e]	1347 [e]	6030 [e]
Yah·weh	'el-	šā·bū	wə·lō-	bə·pā·nāw;	yiś·rā·'ēl	gə·'ō·wn-	wə·'ā·nāh
יְהוָה	אֶל-	שָׁבוּ	וְלֹא -	בְּפָנָיו	יִשְׂרָאֵל	גְּאוּרֵן	וְעֵנָה 10
Yahweh	to	they do return	but not	to his face	of Israel	the pride	And testifies
N-proper-ms	Prep	V-Qal-Perf-3cp	Conj-w   Adv-NegPrt	Prep-b   N-cpc   3ms	N-proper-ms	N-msc	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms

2063 [e]	3605 [e]	1245 [e]	3808 [e]	430 [e]
zōt.	bə·kāl	biq·šu·hū	wə·lō	'ē·lō·hē·hem,
זֹאת:	בְּכֹל-	בִּקְשׁוּהוּ	וְלֹא	אֱלֹהֵיהֶם
this	for all	seek Him	nor	their God
Pro-fs	Prep-b   N-msc	V-Piel-Perf-3cp   3ms	Conj-w   Adv-NegPrt	N-mpc   3mp

1. “The pride of Israel” is YHWH
2. YHWH “testifies to his face” means YHWH spoke directly to Israel’s face to testify of the nations evil and to warn of their judgment. This was likely done by the prophets the Lord sent.
3. Israel’s response to being told to their face that they are wrong and will be judged:
  - a. Israel does not return to the Lord
  - b. Israel does not seek the Lord
4. “For all this” refers to the things identified in 7:8-9:
  - a. Israel is confused and does know where to turn or what to do
  - b. Israel’s strength as a nation is gone
  - c. Israel’s youth and vigor are gone
  - d. Israel needs to seek the Lord for renewal
  - e. But, Israel will NOT seek the Lord

**7:11 – “Ephraim is like a dove,  
silly and without sense,  
calling to Egypt, going to Assyria.”**

1980 [e]	804 [e]	7121 [e]	4714 [e]	3820 [e]	369 [e]	6601 [e]	3123 [e]	669 [e]	1961 [e]
hā·lā·kū.	'aš·šūr	qā·rā·'ū	miš·ra·yim	lêb;	'ên	pō·w·tāh	kə·yō·w·nāh	'ep·ra·yim,	way·hî
הֵלְכוּ:	אֲשׁוּר	קָרְאוּ	מִצְרַיִם -	לֵב	אֵין	פֹּתָה	כִּי־וְנָה	אֶפְרַיִם	וַיְהִי 11
they go	to Assyria	they call	to Egypt	sense	without	silly	like a dove	Ephraim	And is
V-Qal-Perf-3cp	N-proper-fs	V-Qal-Perf-3cp	N-proper-fs	N-ms	Adv	V-Qal-Prtcpl-fs	Prep-k   N-fs	N-proper-ms	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3ms

1. “dove” are an illustration from nature of being naïve.
2. Israel (“Ephraim”) is:
  - a. “Silly” –
  - b. “Without sense” –
3. Going to Egypt for help, then turning to Assyria, then back to Egypt is as illogical as a dove.
  - a. Neither Egypt and Assyria will not tolerate being betrayed
  - b. Logic would have been to turn to the Lord.
  - c. Ultimately Israel is betraying the Lord
  - d. Both the nations and the Lord are against Israel at this point

7:12 – “As they go, I will spread over them my net;  
I will bring them down like birds of the heavens;  
I will discipline them according to the report made to their congregation.”

3381 [e]	8064 [e]	5775 [e]	7568 [e]	5921 [e]	6566 [e]	1980 [e]	834 [e]	
'ō-w-rî-dêm;	haš-šā-ma-yim	kə-'ō-wp̄	riš-tî,	'ā-lê-hem	'ēp-rō-wś	yê-lê-kū,	ka-'ā-šer	
אֲרִידֵם	—	הַשָּׁמַיִם	כְּעוֹף	רֶשֶׁתִּי	עֲלֵיהֶם	אֶפְרוֹשׁ	יֵלְכוּ	כַּאֲשֶׁר 12
I will bring them down		of the air	like birds	My net	on them	I will spread	they go	Wherever
V-Hifil-Imperf-1cs   3mp		Art   N-mp	Prep-k   N-msc	N-fsc   1cs	Prep   3mp	V-Qal-Imperf-1cs	V-Qal-Imperf-3mp	Prep-k   Pro-r

	5712 [e]	8088 [e]	3256 [e]
s	la-'ā-dā-tām.	kə-šê-ma'	'ay-si-rêm
ס .	לְעֵדוּתָם:	כְּשִׁמְעַ	אִיסְרֵם
-	their congregation	According to what has heard	I will chastise them
Punc	Prep-l   N-fsc   3mp	Prep-k   N-ms	V-Hifil-Imperf-1cs   3mp

1. “As THEY go” refers to the “doves” of vese 11 which represents “deceived and senseless” Israel
2. YHWH will spread a net over Israel to bring them down and discipline them.
3. “according to the report made to their congregation” or “according to what has heard their congregation.”
  - a. This refers to the leaders words or advice to the nation, the people or the council that will make the decision.

7:13 – “Woe to them, for they have strayed from me!  
Destruction to them, for they have rebelled against me!  
I would redeem them,  
but they speak lies against me.”

	6586 [e]	3588 [e]	1992 [e]	7701 [e]	4480 [e]	5074 [e]	3588 [e]	1992 [e]	188 [e]
bî;	pā-šə-'ū	kî-	lā-hem	šōd	mim-men-nî,	nā-de-dū	kî-	lā-hem	'ō-w
בִּי	כִּשְׁעוּ	כִּי-	לָהֶם	שׁוֹד	מִמֶּנִּי	נָדְדוּ	כִּי-	לָהֶם	אֵי 13
against Me	they have transgressed	because	to them	Destruction	from Me	they have fled	for	to them	Woe
Prep   1cs	V-Qal-Perf-3cp	Conj	Prep-l   Pro-3mp	N-ms	Prep   1cs	V-Qal-Perf-3cp	Conj	Prep-l   Pro-3mp	Interjection

	3577 [e]	5921 [e]	1696 [e]	1992 [e]	6299 [e]	595 [e]
	kə-zā-bîm.	'ā-lay	dib-bə-rū	wə-hêm-māh	'ēp-dêm,	wə-'ā-nō-kî
.	כְּזָבִים:	עָלַי	דִּבְרוּ	וְהֵמָּה	אֶפְדֵּם	וְאַנְכִּי
	lies	against Me	have spoken	and yet they	redeemed them	and Though I
	N-mp	Prep   1cs	V-Piel-Perf-3cp	Conj-w   Pro-3mp	V-Qal-Imperf-1cs   3mp	Conj-w   Pro-1cs

1. “Woe” and “Destruction” for Israel has “strayed from me” and “rebelled against me.”
2. “Would redeem them” but when they talk or think about YHWH “they speak lies against me” because they do not know me, my ways, or my word.

7:14 – “They do not cry to me from the heart,



**but they wail upon their beds;  
for grain and wine they gash themselves;  
they rebel against me.”**

5921 [e]	4904 [e]	5921 [e]	3213 [e]	3588 [e]	3820 [e]	413 [e]	2199 [e]	3808 [e]
'al-	miš·kə·bō·w·tām;	'al-	yə·yê·lî·lū	kî	bə·lib·bām,	'ê·lay	zā·'ā·qū	wə·lō-
עַל-	מִשְׁכְּבוֹתָם	עַל-	יִגְלוּ	כִּי	בְּלִבָּם	אֵלַי	זָעָקוּ	וְלֹא־ 14
for	their beds	upon	they wailed	when	with their heart	to Me	they did cry out	And not
Prep	N-mpc   3mp	Prep	V-Hifil-Imperf-3mp	Conj	Prep-b   N-msc   3mp	Prep   1cs	V-Qal-Perf-3cp	Conj-w   Adv-NegPrt
					5493 [e]	1481 [e]	8492 [e]	1715 [e]
			bī.	yā·sū·rū	yīt·gō·w·rā·rū	wə·tī·rō·wōš	dā·gān	
			בִּי:	יָסֹרוּ	יִתְגַּדְּרוּ	וְתִירוֹשׁ	דָּגָן	
			against Me	they rebel	they assemble together	and new wine	grain	
			Prep   1cs	V-Qal-Imperf-3mp	V-Hitpael-Imperf-3mp	Conj-w   N-ms	N-ms	

1. The people are crying out from their beds. This could mean:
  - a. Israel is suffering. They cry and wail in their beds because of their terrible situation
    - i. But, they are not crying out because they want to change, they are crying out because they want to be restored to continue living in rebellion to YHWH. This is seen in, “They do not cry to me from the heart.” They cry from want, but not in repentance.
  - b. Israel is worshipping with Baal rituals:
    - i. They turn to religion, but it is Baal religion and not YHWH worship
    - ii. “wail on their beds”
      1. Mourning for Baal’s mythical death (in the winter) ritually seeking his resurrection in the spring.
      2. This wailing ritual AND MEAL would be acted out and eaten reclining on their couches
    - iii. “for grain and wine” refers to the death, resurrection and the agricultural harvest provided by Baal that they had lost because YHWH was punishing them
    - iv. “gash themselves” is part of prayer and personal sacrifice before the Baals.
      1. The prophets of Baal in Elijah’s day cut themselves as they prayed, danced and cried out to Baal on Mt. Carmel
    - v. All this will NOT help because the people do not know YHWH and his ways. So, their attempt to renew themselves, seek God and repent is merely more rebellion.

**7:15 – “Although I trained and strengthened their arms,  
yet they devise evil against me.”**

7451 [e]	2803 [e]	413 [e]	2220 [e]	2388 [e]	3256 [e]	589 [e]
rā'.	yə·ḥāš·šə·bū-	wə·'ê·lay	zə·rō·w·'ō·tām;	ḥiz·zaq·tī	yis·sar·tī,	wa·'ā·nī
רָע:	יִחְשְׁבוּ	וְאֵלַי	זְרוּעֵתָם	חִזַּקְתִּי	יִסְרַתִּי	וְאַנִּי 15
evil	they devise	and yet against Me	their arms	[and] strengthened	disciplined	And Though I
Adj-ms	V-Piel-Imperf-3mp	Conj-w   Prep   1cs	N-fpc   3mp	V-Piel-Perf-1cs	V-Piel-Perf-1cs	Conj-w   Pro-1cs

1. The Lord had trained Israel and strengthened Israel
2. Israel continues to “devise evil” against the Lord
  - a. Their plans are to turn against the Lord and his Reality.
  - b. Their plans were to:
    - i. hold to a false philosophy (false truth) and
    - ii. to embrace a contrary false reality

7:16 – “They return, but not upward;  
 they are like a treacherous bow;  
 their princes shall fall by the sword  
 because of the insolence of their tongue.  
 This shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.”

2719 [e]	5307 [e]	7423 [e]	7198 [e]	1961 [e]	5920 [e]	3808 [e]	7725 [e]
ba·ḥe·reb	yip·pə·lū	rə·mî·yāh,	kə·qe·šet	hā·yū	'āl,	lō	yā·šū·bū
בַּחֶרֶב	יִפְּלוּ	רַמְיָהּ	כֶּקֶשֶׁת	הֵיוּ	עַל	לֹא	יָשׁוּבוּ 16
by the sword	shall fall	treacherous	like a bow	they are	to the Most High	[but] not	They return
Prep-b, Art   N-fs	V-Qal-Imperf-3mp	N-fs	Prep-k   N-fsc	V-Qal-Perf-3cp	N-ms	Adv-NegPrt	V-Qal-Imperf-3mp
4714 [e]	776 [e]	3933 [e]	2097 [e]	3956 [e]	2195 [e]	8269 [e]	
miṣ·rā·yim.	bə·'e·reṣ	la·gām	zōw	le·šō·w·nām;	miz·za·'am	šā·rê·hem	
מִצְרַיִם:	בְּאֶרֶץ	לְעָגָם	זֶו	לְשׁוֹנָם	מִזְצָאָם	שָׂרֵיהֶם	
of Egypt	in the land	their derision	This [shall be]	of their tongue	for the cursings	their princes	
N-proper-fs	Prep-b   N-fsc	N-msc   3mp	Pro-fs	N-csc   3mp	Prep-m   N-msc	N-mpc   3mp	

1. “al” means “upwards”
  - a. Translated as “Most High”
  - b. The people “return” but they do not “return” upward” referring to the Lord
  - c. The people knew they needed to make a change because of their disaster, so they would “return” somewhere but they did not know the Lord or how to return to him.
2. “like a treacherous bow”
3. “their princes shall fall by the sword” would have include these kings and many members of their governments:
  - a. Zechariah in 752 BC assassinated by Shallum
  - b. Shallum in 752 BC assassinated by Menahem
  - c. Pekahiah in 738 BC assassinated by Pekah
  - d. Pekah in 731 BC assassinated by Hoshea
4. “for the cursings of their tongues”
5. “This shall be their derision in the land of Egypt”
  - a. These kings and Jeroboam II before them had boasted to Egypt
  - b. With the slaughter of the kings, the princes and the land Egypt ridicules Israel