[35] He will not regard kofer (compensation); neither will he be the appeased, though shochad (bribe) be great.

7 Beni (my son), be shomer over my words, and treasure up my mitzvot with thee.

[2] Be shomer over my mitzvot, and live, and over my torah as the apple of thine eye.
[3] Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the luach (tablet) of thine lev.

[4] Say unto chochmah, Thou art my achot; and call binah (understanding) thy kinsman;
[5] That they may be shomer over thee and keep thee from the zarah, from the nokhriyah with her smooth words.

[6] For at the chalon (window) of my bais I looked through my lattice,
[7] And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the banim, a na’ar (young man) devoid of lev [of understanding, sense],

[8] Passing through the street near her corner; and he went on the derech to her bais,
[9] In the twilight, at erev, in the black and dark laitlah;

[10] And, hinei, there met he, and kissed him, and with a brazen ponem said unto him,

[11] –She is loud and soreret (rebellious, defiant); her raglayim abide not in her bais;

[12] Now is she without, now in the rochovot, and lurketh in wait at every pinnah (corner)–

[13] So she caught hold of him, and kissed him, and with a brazen ponem said unto him,

[14] I have zivkhei shelamim vowed; this yom have I payed my neder.

[15] Al ken (therefore) came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.

[16] I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with a bedspread of fine linen of Mitzrayim.
[17] I have perfumed my mishkav (bed) with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
[18] Come, let us take our fill of dodim (loves) until boker; let us delight ourselves with ahavim (loves, pl. of intensity).

[19] For the ish (man, i.e., husband) is not b’bais, he is gone a derech merachok (distant journey);
[20] He hath taken a bag of kesef with him, and will come back to his bais at the appointed time.

[21] By her enticing speech she caused him to yield, with the smoothness of her sfatayim she seduced him.
[22] He goeth after her and followeth immediately, as a shor (ox) goeth to tavach (stock yard, slaughter-house), or as the fettered to the musar of the fool;

[23] Till a khetz (arrow) strike through his liver; as a tzippor (bird) followeth immediately, as a negidim (noble things, worthy words).
[24] Pay heed unto me now therefore, O ye banim, and attend to the words of my peh (mouth).

[25] Let not thine lev turn aside to her drakhim; go not astray in her netivot (trodden paths).

[26] For she hath cast down many chalalim (wounded); indeed, many strong men have been slain by her.
[27] Her bais is the drakhei Sheol, going down to the she’arim (gates), at the entry of the city, at the entrance at the petachim (doorways):

[28] I have hurt her and I have afflicted her; and she is become a cuckol of Gomer.]

[T.N. The off-stage character here in chp 7 has been the cuckold of Israel even as Hosea became the cuckold of Gomer.]