themselves, but *by quick flight!* And thus also here we have to read simply : . . . לְכָה פַתְרֹס וְרַהַב *go away to Pathros and Rahab, . . ., flee into Egypt!* Egypt was for the fleeing Palestinian the usual refuge. Hither fled Jerobeam before Solomon and also the prophet Uriah, when the king and his officers wanted to put him to death, and hither, far away from his creditor's grasp, the unfortunate bail also is advised to flee. Rahab (רהב), as a regular name for Egypt is used here as in *Psalms* LXXXVII, 4 : I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me; behold Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia.

At the end the sentence is not complete. Possibly we have to read instead of the second רעיך : Go away to Pathros and Egypt, the cities of Kush and Sheba (ערי כוש ושבא).

Thus there is no such verb as התרפס in the *Bible;* on the other hand the spelling תרפס instead of Pathros פתרס may be of interest for the Egyptologists.