

Bible Reading Class - The Book of Hosea

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Chapter 8

1. God had taken all that He could take from Israel; He instructed Hosea to tell the watchman to “**put the _____ to your [his] _____**”; an _____ [Assyria] was coming against the _____ of the _____; God was going to use the Assyrians to punish _____ because they had transgressed His _____.
2. Israel had rejected God; thus, God said He was not going to hear the cries of Israel when they said, “_____ know _____!”; this reminds me of Jesus’ words in **Matthew 7:22-23**, when “**many will say to Me in that day, _____, _____, have we not prophesized in Your _____, and done many _____ in Your _____? And then I will declare to them I _____ you...**”
3. In **v. 4**, the prophet Hosea said to Israel, they had done three things to show they had ceased to trust in Him. Israel...:
 - 1) set up _____ without consulting Him,
 - 2) set up _____ [leaders] without asking for His advice, and
 - 3) took their _____ and _____ and made idols.
4. Hosea informed _____ (**Israel**), God’s destruction was certain; God had rejected the _____ (**idol**) that Israel had made.
5. The _____ was the work of their _____, and it wasn’t _____; thus, He was going to _____ it into _____.
6. Israel had sown the _____, by not _____ God and _____ His help; therefore, their _____ was going to be a _____ of God’s anger and wrath.
7. In **v. 9**, in times of trouble, Israel sent ambassadors to _____ seeking help because of their fail _____; the prophet said Israel looked like a _____ standing alone with no one to help them.
8. Ephraim [**Israel**] went to various _____ for help, but none of the nations helped him; these nations turned their back on Israel.

9. According to **v. 11**, _____ didn't worship one calf (**idol**) in Samaria but worshipped many _____ (**idols**) throughout the land.

10. God had given Israel His law, but the people treated God's law as if it was a _____.

11. The Israelites loved offering _____; they offered their sacrifices as if they were just common meals, that is, they offered sacrifices, but their _____ were not in it. Thus, God rejected their _____.

12. Israel had forgotten his _____; they built _____ and _____ for their false gods. Even _____ had forgotten God and built palaces (**fortified cities**), because they had forgotten God; therefore, He was going to send _____ to destroy their _____.

Chapter 9

1. Israel, under king _____ (**cf. Hos. 1:1**), had experienced military success, and prosperity; Israel was now _____, not because of her spiritual relationship with God, but their material prosperity.

2. In **verse 1**, the prophet Hosea said to Israel, "**Do not _____**" because you "**played the _____ against your God**"; as a result, "**the threshing _____ and the _____ shall not feed them**", that is, the _____ of grain and new wine will not always be there.

3. Ephraim (**Israel**) was going into captivity as in the days of _____; in captivity (**Assyria**), Israel was going to eat "**_____ things**" or food they were commanded not to eat.

4. In captivity, Israel will not be able to give _____ of wine to the Lord and none of their _____ will please God; the food that they shall eat will be like food eaten in time of _____ (**funeral**) and will be unfit to be taken into the _____ of the _____ (**v. 4**).

5. In **v. 5**, the question is asked, "**What will you (Israel) do in the _____ day**", that is, on the Sabbaths and feast days, you (**Israel**) will not be able to worship God.

6. Israel is going away into captivity; _____ was a great city in Egypt, and it was going to be the _____ for the treasures of Israel. Also, the _____ and ease of life was about to leave them and be replaced with _____ (weeds) and _____.

7. In **v. 7**, the people of Israel would realize the prophets whom they had listened to were “_____” and “_____”; Hosea says to Israel the days of God’s _____ and _____ had come.

8. Ephraim had become a _____ against God, and her false prophets were a _____ or trap to God’s people (**v. 8**).

9. In **v. 9**, Hosea compared the present Israel with God’s people during the days of _____ (**cf. Judg. 19-20**). [At that time, the Benjaminite of Gibeah raped and abused a man’s concubine all night and she died. The owner cut the woman’s body into twelve parts and delivered them to the twelve tribes of Israel. The Benjaminite people were punished severely by the other tribes, and Israel was going to be punished like these people].

10. In **v. 10**, God says when He first found Israel, they were like _____ in the wilderness; they were like first fruits on the _____ at the beginning of the season, but when they came to _____ (**cf. Num. 25:1ff**), they changed. So, God said that He had to cut them off like _____ fruit.

11. In **v. 11**, the prophet says Ephraim’s glory was like a _____ that was going to _____; in captivity, there will be few _____; Israel will have some children, but God declares that He was going to take them away by _____ and _____.

12. Ephraim was like a _____, in **verses 16-17** and was going to wither away; the reason for their withering was because “**they did not** _____”; therefore, they shall wander among nations without a _____.

Chapter 10

1. Hosea declared Israel was like a _____ that grew plenty of fruits, and as Israel increased in prosperity, they built more _____ to false gods.

2. The hearts of Israel were _____ [a portion of their minds desired to serve God and other portion desired to serve the idols around them]; due to their divided hearts, God was going to destroy them, their _____, and _____ (memorial stones).
3. In **verses 3-4**, Israel was about to come to the realization of their _____ state; they were without God and their _____ did nothing but lie to them.
4. In **vv. 5-6**, God declared justice was about to come down on Israel, and the _____ (idol) the people worshipped was going to be _____ by the Assyrians as a _____ to their king.
5. In **v. 6**, Israel will become ashamed of their _____, that is, the false prophets, priests, kings, and princes.
6. In **verses 7-8**, God stated that He was going to destroy the king of _____ (Israel) along with their places of _____; Israel was going to experience shame because of their sins and will cry to the mountains, “ _____ us!” and to the hills, “ _____ on us.”
7. God again, as He did in **Hosea 9:9** compared the present sins of Israel to the sins of tribe of Benjamin in the days of _____; at the appointed time God was going to “ _____ ” or punish Israel.
8. In **Hosea 4:16**, Israel was compared to be like a “ _____ ” calf; in **v. 16** of this chapter, Israel is compared to be like a “ _____ ”, that is, Israel was about to be forced into hard labor in the fields of the Assyrians.
9. In **v. 12**, the prophet says, if Israel had planted _____, then they would be harvesting _____ (faithful love); they were encouraged to _____, and God would allow the rain of righteousness to fall upon them.
10. Israel had planted _____ and they were going to reap _____; Israel ate the fruit of _____, by trusting in their power and _____ (military); thus, the army of the Israelites was going to be destroyed.
11. Hosea cited the example of _____ who destroyed _____; as this king of Assyrian did to Beth Arbel, God was going to do to the king of Israel and the people.