

Bible Reading Class - The Book of Hosea
December 8, 2022 - Chapters 11-14

Chapter 11

1. Hosea starts the chapter by looking back to when Israel was a _____, that is, when Jehovah led Israel out of bondage from _____; Jehovah loved Israel as His _____ (v. 1).
2. After Israel's deliverance, they sinned and Jehovah disciplined them, but Israel rejected Jehovah's rebukes by His _____, and they continued to _____ to the _____ and _____ (v. 2).
3. In v. 3, Jehovah states, "I taught Ephraim to _____", that is, He gave Ephraim His law, He cared for them and _____ them, but Israel cast God away and served the _____ of the Canaanites.
4. In v. 4, Jehovah declares that He was like a devoted Father to Israel; He led them with "gentle _____" and "bands of _____."
5. Thus, Jehovah says because Israel's _____ and refusal to _____, they will go into captivity by the _____ (v. 5).
6. The threat of captivity in verses 5-7 is followed in verses 8-9 by one of Jehovah's deep emotional pleas; He says, "How can I give you up, _____? How can I _____ you over, Israel? How can I make you like _____ and _____." [These were two other cities that Jehovah destroyed along with Sodom and Gomorrah (cf. Deut. 29:23)].
7. In vv. -8-9, Jehovah declares that His heart is _____, that is, He is changing His mind; He is not going to execute His _____ and _____ them as He did the people Admah and Zebolim.
8. Israel deserved God's complete _____, but God's _____ for Israel would not permit Him to _____ them; thus, after God's anger has been poured out on Israel, He was going to have _____ on the _____, "They shall _____ with the Lord" (v. 10).

9. Jehovah is going to roar like a _____ or make His voice be heard and the humbled children who _____ from the west will follow Him; also, like a _____ will they come trembling out of _____ (**bondage**), and a _____ seeking a resting place will they come out of _____.

10. Hosea declares the day is coming when Israel will dwell in their _____; this is God's ray of hope to be realized under the _____ (**Jesus Christ**) – when both _____ and _____ will be called by the glorious _____.

Chapter 12

1. This chapter continues with Hosea describing Israel's apostasy or departure from Jehovah; he charges Ephraim (**Israel**) with _____ on the _____ (**lies of the council**) or surrounding themselves with lies. One of example of their wrongdoing is found in the agreements they made with _____ and _____ rather than turning to _____ for help.

2. In **v. 2**, Jehovah brings a charge against Judah; the charge is that Judah is guilty of _____ (**wicked deceit**); therefore, Judah also is going to be punished.

3. In **vv. 3-6**, Hosea goes back to the time of _____, the father of both Israel and Judah, and cites three examples from his life to teach Israel a lesson:

1) first (**v. 3**) in Jacob's birth, his hand held on to Esau's _____ [**which prophetically indicated that he would later wrestle the birthright away from his brother (cf. Gen. 25:23-ff)**]. Jacob had a high regard for spiritual things and Esau didn't have a high regard for spiritual things (**cf. Heb. 12:16**).

2) second, in **verse 4**, Jacob wrestled with an angel of Jehovah (**cf. Gen. 32:24ff**); Jacob learned, during this wrestling match, God's blessings cannot be wrestled away from Him by physical strength or deceit but by _____ of life and _____.

3) third, then at _____ (**v. 4**), Jehovah spoke with Jacob and instructed him to build an altar (**Gen. 35:1-15**); it was here that God spoke to Jacob and later to his descendants.

- 4) after calling to remembrance their beginning through Jacob, Hosea appeals to Israel to turn to the God of their father Jacob; they are called to “ _____ on your God _____ ” or put their trust in Jehovah.
- 5) The lesson God desired for Israel to learn was those who _____ themselves and put their _____ in Him will be _____, but Israel, unlike _____ was unwilling to do this.
4. According to **v. 8**, Ephraim didn’t see any corruption on their part; they had gotten _____ through their own efforts; in **v. 9**, Jehovah informs Israel that He is not like _____, but He is _____.
5. _____ is again described as a sin city (**cf. Hos. 6:8**); in Gilead, the people had insulted Jehovah by attempting to worship _____ and their idols; their altars were going to become like _____ in the furrows of the field (**v. 11**).
6. In **verses 12-14**, Hosea once again compares Israel with Jacob; Jacob had left his home in Syria (**Canaan**) traveling to Haran to find a _____. [He served Laban by keeping sheep for years – 7 years for each wife: _____ and _____].
7. Jehovah had over the years blessed Israel in various ways: first, by sending a _____ to lead them out of _____, and secondly, by _____ them in the wilderness by supplying their needs for 40 years; but did they appreciate My blessings? No, Jehovah says, they _____ Him to _____.

Chapter 13

1. The prophet Hosea remembered a time when Ephraim (**Israel**) _____ and other nations _____ due to Jehovah’s favor; Israel had _____ from Jehovah’s favor by worshipping Baal – Israel had _____ himself by serving Baal, and thus, Israel had _____.
2. After Israel started serving Baal, their _____ grew more and more; this started with the people giving into the sin of Jeroboam I to worship at _____ and _____ rather than Jehovah’s appointed place, _____. The expression Israel “**kisses the _____**” refers to they gave devotion to false gods rather than Jehovah.

3. As a result of “kissing the calves”, the prophet states four illustrations to what was going to happen to Ephraim (v. 3). Israel shall pass away like...:

- 1) the _____,
- 2) the _____,
- 3) the _____ that is blown away by the wind, and
- 4) the _____ from a chimney, that is, seen for a moment and is gone.

4. Hosea proclaims to Israel that Jehovah had been their _____ and _____ since they came out of the land of Egypt; they had been warned over and over that they were to have no other gods than Him.

5. In v. 5, Hosea reminded them of God’s care; He gave them _____ and _____ while they were in the wilderness; in the place, where there was no water, He gave them water from a _____.

6. Israel was _____ with Jehovah’s blessings, but in their comfort, they _____ Him (v. 6).

7. Because Israel had forgotten Jehovah, He is going to treat them as a _____ treated its prey; he is going to be a _____ that lurks on its prey, and a bereaved _____ that has lost her _____. [**Jehovah is going to shreds these disobedient, and unthankful people**].

8. In **verses 9-14**, the prophet Hosea testifies to Israel that their destruction was forthcoming because they refused to recognize Jehovah as their only _____ of help; they had turned to their _____ (12:8), _____ (10:13), kings (10:3; 13:10), Assyria (7:11), _____ (9:7), _____ (10:5), and idols (8:6) – these were reasons for their destruction.

9. In v. 13, Ephraim’s sinful life is likened unto a woman’s _____ when she is unable to give birth (a **breech baby**) and thereby faces the danger of death.

10. In v. 15, Jehovah’s promise to Israel that although they were going into captivity and suffer; He was going to _____ them – He is going to deliver them from their captivity; their _____ will be as a birth – it is going to be as a resurrection from the dead (cf. Ezek. 37).

11. **Verse 15** is quoted by the apostle Paul in **1 Corinthians 15:54-55** to indicate that Christian's today can achieve _____ over _____ and the Christian will be raised from the dead to die no more.

12. At one time, Ephraim was _____, but their bountiful years were about to come to an end by the _____ or the _____; Samaria, the prophet says, shall bear his _____ - a gruesome death awaits man, woman, children, even pregnant women.

Chapter 14

1. Hosea says to Israel "**You have _____ (sinned) against Jehovah; acknowledge your sin and _____ to Him.**"

2. They were challenged to think about what they will _____ (words) and come back to the Lord; he encouraged them to say to Jehovah, _____ **away all _____** " **and accept their words as sacrifices of their _____** " (v. 2).

3. They were to express their trust in Jehovah by saying, "**_____ will not save us;**" the various things Israel found comfort (**Assyria, idols, mighty men, wealth, and material things**) were to be cast away.

4. Referring to the _____, Jehovah says through Hosea that he will forgive their _____; He will _____ them and _____ them (v. 4).

5. Jehovah will be to His people as the refreshing _____; Israel will blossom again as the _____ and will cast forth his roots as _____.

6. The prophet foresees the day when the people of Israel (**new Israel**) will again live under God's _____; they will grow like _____ and be beautiful as the _____ and fragrant as _____.

7. Ephraim shall _____ to serve idols or false gods; for those with such a _____ shall find a _____ with Jehovah.

8. **Verse 9** is a summary of the focus of the book; the _____ and _____ understand God's instruction: the _____ man is one who fears the Lord, and the _____ man is one who can make a practical application of God's instruction.