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### ISRAEL’S SIN AND CAPTIVITY - VS. 1-15

*Hos 10:1 Israel empties his vine; He brings forth fruit for himself. According to the multitude of his fruit He has increased the altars; According to the bounty of his land They have embellished his sacred pillars.*

*Hos 10:2 Their heart is divided; Now they are held guilty. He will break down their altars; He will ruin their sacred pillars.*

*Hos 10:3 For now they say, "We have no king, Because we did not fear the LORD. And as for a king, what would he do for us?"*

*Hos 10:4 They have spoken words, Swearing falsely in making a covenant. Thus judgment springs up like hemlock in the furrows of the field.*

*Hos 10:5 The inhabitants of Samaria fear Because of the calf of Beth Aven. For its people mourn for it, And its priests shriek for it— Because its glory has departed from it.*

*Hos 10:6 The idol also shall be carried to Assyria As a present for King Jareb. Ephraim shall receive shame, And Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel.*

*Hos 10:7 As for Samaria, her king is cut off Like a twig on the water.*

*Hos 10:8 Also the high places of Aven, the sin of Israel, Shall be destroyed. The thorn and thistle shall grow on their altars; They shall say to the mountains, "Cover us!" And to the hills, "Fall on us!"*

**v. 1- empties his vine** - That has lost its strength to bring forth fruit. *For himself* - Whatever fruit was brought forth by its remaining strength, was not brought forth to God. *His fruit* - When the land yielded more plentiful increase, this plenty was employed on multiplying idols. *The altars* - Of his idols. Imagining that the goodness of their land was a blessing from their idols.

**He wants all of your love.** Cf. Is. 5:1-7; John 15:1-8

**v. 2 heart is divided, James 1:8-** From God and his worship. Faulty – *held guilty* - As this was their sin, so the effects hereof should manifestly prove them guilty. *The LORD* - God. Because of putting God out, now they are to be put out.

**v. 3 they say** - Seeing and feeling. *No king* - Either no king at all, or no such king as we expected. *What would* - For kings are not able to save without the God of kings.

**v. 4 Words** - Vain words. Swearing falsely - By perjury deceiving those they treated with. A covenant - With the Assyrian king. Judgment - Divine vengeance. As hemlock - A proverbial speech, expressing the greatness of this evil. ael

**v. 5** Because of the calves - Because they had sinned by these calves, therefore did this fear seize them. The people - They who dwelt at Beth - aven. That rejoiced on it - These priests formerly were fed, clothed, and enriched by this idol, this made them right glad. The glory thereof - All its credit is vanished. Is departed - The Assyrians have either broken it, or carried it in derision into Assyria. They were mourning over the loss of their golden calves.

**v. 6** Ephraim and Israel are about to fall. Judah, at this point under King Hezekiah, is still faithful. But unfortunately, when Hezekiah dies, and his son Manasseh takes over, Judah is going to follow in the same steps of her treacherous sister, Israel. The judgment that came upon Israel, will ultimately come upon Judah also, as they follow the same path.

**v. 7** You see twig just being tossed about in the water, totally insignificant. Thus the king of Samaria, is, is going to be like a twig on the water. Just disappearing, dissolving, no longer reigning over the land.

**v. 8** These high places, they’ll say, “Cover us...fall on us!”, because of the destruction and the calamity that is coming upon them. In Revelation, chapter six, as God’s judgment begins to come upon the earth in the great tribulation, we read that, “The people will call to the mountains to fall on us, and to hide us from the wrath of the Lamb, for the day of His wrath has come, and who shall be able to stand?” So, here the prophecy, these high places, the places where they had gathered in their idolatrous worship, they’ll be calling upon them to, “Cover us, fall on us, hide us from the judgment that has come upon us!” cf. Luke 23:30; Rev, 6:16

### God want fruitfulness from each of us!

**Isa 5:1-7** Now let me sing to my Well-beloved A song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard: My Well-beloved has a vineyard On a very fruitful hill. [2] He dug it up and cleared out its stones, And planted it with the choicest vine. He built a tower in its midst, And also made a winepress in it; So He expected it to bring forth good grapes, But it brought forth wild grapes. [3] "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge, please, between Me and My vineyard. [4] What more could have been done to My vineyard That I have not done in it? Why then, when I expected it to bring forth good grapes, Did it bring forth wild grapes? [5] And now, please let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be burned; And break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. [6] I will lay it waste; It shall not be pruned or dug, But there shall come up briars and thorns. I will also command the clouds That they rain no rain on it." Isa [7] For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, And the men of Judah are His pleasant plant. He looked for justice, but behold, oppression; For righteousness, but behold, a cry for help.

**God has a purpose for each of our lives, and for the nation. The purpose of God is that we might bring forth fruit to the Lord. God wants your life to be fruitful. That He might come, and spend time in fellowship and communion with you, just enjoying the fruit of His Spirit in your life. Israel, was a vine that brought forth fruit, but it wasn’t for the Lord. It used the benefits that God gave. It took the blessings that God bestowed, and it used it for it’s own purposes, rather than God’s purposes. It is always wrong for a person to take those talents, those gifts, those capacities that God has given to them, and to use them for their own sake, to use them for their own enrichment, or for their own benefits. What God has given to you, He wants you to use for His glory, and for His purposes, that your life might bring forth fruit to the Lord. So, here is God’s complaint against Israel.**

# HOSEA – GOD’S UNFAILING LOVE - Israel’s Sin, but God’s Heartbeat and Love for His Wife, Israel! – CHAPTERS 10-11

## OBSERVATION

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**Hos 10:9** "O Israel, you have sinned from the days of Gibeah; There they stood. The battle in Gibeah against the children of iniquity Did not overtake them.

**Hos 10:10** When it is My desire, I will chasten them. Peoples shall be gathered against them When I bind them for their two transgressions.

**Hos 10:11** Ephraim is a trained heifer That loves to thresh grain; But I harnessed her fair neck, I will make Ephraim pull a plow. Judah shall plow; Jacob shall break his clods."

**Hos 10:12** Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the LORD, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you.

**Hos 10:13** You have plowed wickedness; You have reaped iniquity. You have eaten the fruit of lies, Because you trusted in your own way, In the multitude of your mighty men.

**Hos 10:14** Therefore tumult shall arise among your people, And all your fortresses shall be plundered As Shalman plundered Beth Arbel in the day of battle— A mother dashed in pieces upon her children.

**Hos 10:15** Thus it shall be done to you, O Bethel, Because of your great wickedness. At dawn the king of Israel Shall be cut off utterly.

**v. 9** Shortly after they came into the land, the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah were existent in the land of Israel, the village of Gibeah, that belonged to the tribe of Benjamin. A similar incident, much like Lot and the angels in Sodom, took place there in Gibeah. The men of Israel gathered together, incensed over this horrible deed. But the problem was the tribe of Gibeah stood by the evil men, and sought to defend the evil men, rather than turning them over for judgment, they gathered arms to defend them. There was a tremendous civil war, as the tribes of Israel gathered together, and ultimately destroyed the Benjamites.

**v. 10** *Whom it is My desire, I will chasten them.*” So God did chastise them.] and the people shall be gathered against them, when they shall bind themselves in their two furrows. Possibly the, the city of Dan, and the city of Bethel, where they had set up these false idols. Or, it could be both Judah, and Israel, the two nations. Here, God is promising the chastisement that will come upon.

**v. 11** Ephraim is like a heifer that is taught, and loves to tread out the corn; Under the law, you shall not muzzle the ox that treads out the corn. So usually those oxen that treaded out the corn became very fat. So, “Ephraim is like a heifer that is taught, who loves to tread out the corn”,] but I passed over upon her fair neck: and I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall plow, and Jacob shall break his clods. God is speaking really of His mercy to Ephraim, “As a heifer that tread out the corn”, and God would relief, give relief from the yoke.

**v. 12** **Their hearts had become hardened.** God is calling, “**Just break up the unplowed ground. Make it receptive for the seed. You know, you’re in danger of becoming destroyed! You’ve become hard against God, and the things of God. There, there’s no fruit that can come forth from that hardened heart of yours.**” Surely, we have come to that place in our national life, where we’ve turned our backs upon God and have become hardened to the things of God, nationally. Trying to just sort of push God aside. We are beginning reap the bitter fruit. It’s time that we seek the Lord, until He come and rain righteousness. **It’s time to seek the Lord! Gal. 6:7-8**

**v. 13** *You have plowed* - You, O Israelites. Ye have reaped - Ye have lived in wickedness, and propagated it, and you have met with a recompense worthy of your labor. *Eaten* - Fed yourselves with vain hopes. In thy way - Their way was their idolatry. *Large number of soldiers* - The next lie on which they lived was the wisdom and valor of their great men.

**v. 14** like Shalman’s - Probably Salmaneser. Beth - arbel - It was a city of Assyria, and gave name to a country or region in part of Assyria. Their children and mothers will be bludgeoned to death, by the Assyrians. Cf. Ps. 137:8-9

**vs. 15** Beth - el - The idolatry committed there. Do - Procure all this evil against you. In a morning - Possibly the Assyrians might assault the city towards morning and master it. May the events of the past chapters be a warning to us! True love is not just loving, but it’s warning!

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### **GOD’S CONTINUING LOVD FOR ISRAEL - VS. 1-11**

***Hos 11:1 "When Israel was a child, I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son.***

***Hos 11:2 As they called them, So they went from them; They sacrificed to the Baals, And burned incense to carved images.***

***Hos 11:3 "I taught Ephraim to walk, Taking them by their arms; But they did not know that I healed them.***

***Hos 11:4 I drew them with gentle cords, With bands of love, And I was to them as those who take the yoke from their neck. I stooped and fed them.***

***Hos 11:5 "He shall not return to the land of Egypt; But the Assyrian shall be his king, Because they refused to repent.***

***Hos 11:6 And the sword shall slash in his cities, Devour his districts, And consume them, Because of their own counsels.***

***Hos 11:7 My people are bent on backsliding from Me. Though they call to the Most High, None at all exalt Him.***

***Hos 11:8 "How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I set you like Zeboiim? My heart churns within Me; My sympathy is stirred.***

***Hos 11:9 I will not execute the fierceness of My anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim. For I am God, and not man, The Holy One in your midst; And I will not come with terror.***

**v. 1-** *Was a child* - In the infancy of Israel. *I loved him* - Manifested my tender and paternal affection to him. *Called my son* - Adopted him to be my son, and as my son, provided for him, and brought him out of servitude. *Out of Egypt* - But Israel, the first adopted son was a type of Christ the first - born. And the history of Israel's coming out was a type of Christ's future coming out of Egypt. ***Cf. Mt. 2:15; Rom 9:9-16 The Bible is the greatest commentary on itself!***

**v. 2** *They* - Moses and Aaron, and other prophets. *Called* - Persuaded, entreated, and urged by exhortations, the whole house of Israel. *From them* - From the prophets counsel and commands. *Baalim* - In the desert they began this apostasy, and held on with obstinacy in it.

**v. 3** *I taught* - As a mother or nurse helps the child. *Taking them* - Supporting and bearing them up. *They did not knew* - They would not see nor acknowledge me in it. ***God draws you with His love. He wants you to respond to His love. That is the constraining power that God uses in drawing you. "For the love of Christ constrains us."***

**v. 4** *gentle cords* - With such kindness as best fits and most prevails with a man. *And I was* - As a careful husband - man in due season takes the yoke from his laboring oxen, and takes off the muzzle with which they were kept from eating, when at work. *I bent down to give them food* - Brought them provision in their wants.

**v. 5** *Israel* - Ephraim. *Shall be his king* - Shall rule them with rigor and cruelty. *They refused* - The reason of all is, their obstinacy in idolatry.

**vs. 6-7** This is the second time in Hosea that the word backsliding occurs. Again, it is the figure of the backsliding heifer, that little calf who, when you try to push her up the runway into the old wagon, simply puts down her front feet and begins to slide backwards—and you just have to start all over again. That is a picture of what backsliding is—it is to refuse to listen to God, to refuse to come to Him. Their own schemes or counsel – ***Is. 30:1-2***

**v. 8** ***God’s lament! Mt. 23:37-39*** *Give you up* - To utter destruction. Admah and Zeboim were two of the four cities which were destroyed with fire from heaven. *My sympathy is stirred* - Not that God is ever fluctuating or unresolved; but these are expressions after the manner of men, to shew what severity Israel had deserved, and yet how divine grace would be glorified in sparing them. ***You know the hardest place to get into is hell.***

**v. 9** *I will execute the fierceness* - Conquerors that plunder the conquered city, carry away the wealth of it, and after some time return to burn it; God will not do so. Not man - Therefore my compassions fail not. *The Holy One* - A holy God, and in covenant, though not with all, yet with many among you. *I will not come in terror* - Utterly to destroy thee, as I did Sodom.

### **Introduction to chapter 11 –**

Hosea give us a pulse on the heart of in a real, more picturesque way than perhaps any other prophet depicts. In chapter 11, we will see that, although Israel was a polluted and punished people, she was also a prized and precious people. The Lord never gives up on us.

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*Hos 11:10 "They shall walk after the LORD. He will roar like a lion. When He roars, Then His sons shall come trembling from the west;*

*Hos 11:11 They shall come trembling like a bird from Egypt, Like a dove from the land of Assyria. And I will let them dwell in their houses," Says the LORD.*

**GOD’S ANGER WITH JUDAH’S SIN - V. 12**

*Hos 11:12 "Ephraim has encircled Me with lies, And the house of Israel with deceit; But Judah still walks with God, Even with the Holy One who is faithful.*

**JUST AS I AM - Ernie Ford**

1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, poor, wretched and blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need in Thee, I find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. Amen

**v. 10** *They* - The remnant shall hear and obey the Lord. Like a lion - The word of the Lord, so says the Chaldee, *will roar like a lion*. Christ is called, The lion of the tribe of Judah; and when He cried with a loud voice, it was as when a lion roared. The voice of the gospel was heard far, as the roaring of a lion; and it was a mighty voice. *Trembling* - The spirit by its power awakening them to a sight of sin, shall make them fear and tremble. *From the west* - From the ends of the earth. **Joel 3:16; Rev. 10:3**

**v. 11** *They will be roused* - At their return into their own land, some shall hasten, yet with solicitude, out of Egypt, whither they fled for shelter; others like doves shall hasten out of Assyria, but with fear and trembling. *I will settle them* - A seasonable and comfortable promise.

**v. 12** *Ephraim* - Most of the people of Israel. *With lies* - Play the hypocrite with me still. *Judah* - The two tribes. *Still wanders* - While idolaters are slaves to the devil, the true worshippers of God, like princes, rule with God. *Faithful* - Retains purity, at least truth of worship, and comparatively is faithful. Judah adheres to God's holy prophets, priests, and other saints of God.

***O LOVE THAT WILT NOT LET ME GO –  
JOSLIN GROVE CHORAL GROUP***

1. O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.
2. O light that foll’west all my way,  
I yield my flick’ring torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine’s blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.
3. O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life’s glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

**Summary:**

Ephraim and Israel are about to fall. Judah, at this point under King Hezekiah, is still faithful. But unfortunately, when Hezekiah dies, and his son Manasseh takes over, Judah is going to follow in the same steps of her treacherous sister, Israel. The judgment that came upon Israel, will ultimately come upon Judah also, as they follow the same path.

But again, **the thing that is really touching is God’s unwillingness to let them go. His stubborn love, where He continues to reach out, and He continues to call them, “My people”.** Oh, how I love God, and how I thank Him for His hand of mercy, that is constantly extended. **All He asks is that you repent, all He asks is that you turn! He just wants you to give Him an excuse to forgive you, and to love you, and to bless you. He was still holding out to Israel, opportunities for forgiveness, mercy and blessing, as He does to each of us right now!**

**Closing Prayer:**

**God help us to turn our hearts and lives towards You, that Your mercy might be showered upon us, because of Your love that just doesn’t quit! We thank You Father for these lessons, that we can learn from history, of Your dealing with Your people. Of Your unfailing love, in spite of their failures. Of Your reluctance to let them go. Of Your continual seeking to draw them unto the best, and the highest. Lord, may our lives bring forth fruit to You. Fruit of righteousness Lord. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**