

The Book of Hosea

Chapter Nine

I. Review

- A. Hosea was a prophet to the Northern Kingdom of Israel who prophesied of its fall to Assyria.
- B. Chapters 4-14 contain messages of the coming judgment upon Israel
- C. God's indictment against Israel is across three groups: Israel, the nation and people; Ephraim, the ruling class or princes; and the priests. All these have failed in their duties to serve God.
- D. In this chapter God describes the judgment that is coming, in dispersion (1-9) and then barrenness (10-17)

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- A. vs. 1 - Instead of repenting or mourning, Israel's unfaithfulness becomes even more widespread.
- B. vs. 3 - Dispersion. The people will be taken from the land and scattered. This was a key method of subjugation used by Assyria and later empires.
- C. vs. 4-5 - turning too little, too late
- D. vs. 6 - note the humiliation of condition in judgment. From riches to thorns.
- E. vs. 7-8 - these verse describe the false spirituality that the people trusted in. The prophets mentioned are false prophets.
- F. vs. 9 - Gibeah - the terrible crime of Judges 19. To be compared to that is mind-boggling.
- G. vs. 10 - Baalpeor - see Numbers 25:1-15.
- H. vs. 11 - They will be unable to have children
- I. vs. 12 - the surviving generation will be destroyed
- J. vs. 13 - Comparing the capital Samaria to the city of Tyre in Phoenicia. Both appear impregnable, but both fell to conquerors.
- K. vs. 15 - Gilgal pops up again. Based on this and 4:15, it is assumed that it must have been a center of idolatry.
- L. vs. 17 - another allusion to dispersion