

The Book of Hosea

Chapter Thirteen

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.

II. Chapter Twelve

- A. vs. 1 - A combination of Matthew 23:12 and Romans 6:23 in action
- B. vs. 2 - note that the 'gods' they create are from themselves and not divine
- C. vs. 4-5 - I love it when God brags!
- D. vs. 6 - a heart filled with one's self has no room for God.
- E. vs. 7-8 - God compares Himself to fierce predators. Not something you hear much of today!
- F. vs. 9 - Who's fault is it when judgment comes? Not God's! We bring it upon ourselves.
- G. vs. 11 - God never intended for Israel to have a king other than Himself. They looked at other kingdoms and wanted what those had but not what God wanted for them. see I Samuel 8.
- H. vs. 12 - "bound" as in sealed or filed away
- I. vs. 13 - the image of labor pains, sudden and severe. The
- J. vs. 14 - Sound familiar? (I Corinthians 15:54,55)
- K. vs. 15 - east wind appears again and speaks of drought and famine
- L. vs. 16 - judgment and cruelties of the worst sort await them. Samaria would never be the city it once was