

The Book of Hosea

Chapter Fourteen

I. Review

- A. We are finally done!!!!
- B. Hosea was a prophet to the Northern Kingdom of Israel who prophesied of its fall to Assyria.
- C. Chapters 4-14 contain messages of the coming judgment upon Israel
- D. 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. Note that the first 7 verses deal with all of Israel, while the last two only with Ephraim. Personally, I think the fulfillment of these verses is yet to happen. It may point to the future restoration of Israel during the Tribulation and Millennial Kingdom
- B. vs. 1 - note the cause of the fall - iniquity, sin.
- C. vs. 2 - "calves of our lips" - a continuing sacrifice of praise
- D. vs. 3 - Asshur - original capital of Assyria
- E. vs. 3 - they are to turn away from trusting: fellow man, military might, idols
- F. vs. 4 - God's mercy in action
- G. vs. 5 - Lebanon - famed for its cedar forests - Psalm 29:5, 72:16
- H. vs. 5 - God's blessing return through his mercy
- I. vs. 5-7 - Note the appearance of "he" and "his". Who is this? It is Christ as the accepted Messiah
- J. vs. 7 - pictures the regathering of Israel
- K. vs. 8 - the green fir tree is a picture of Christ.
- L. vs. 9 - Hosea summarizes his entire message in the last words of this book: Follow God! Similar to Solomon's conclusion in Ecclesiastes 12:13-14