

# The Book of Hosea

## Chapter 5

### Review

- We continue from the previous chapter and the indictment against the Kingdom of Israel for her sins.

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- vs. 1 – the priests, people, and king are all guilty and judgment is coming.
- vs. 1 - Mizpah and Mt. Tabor are on opposite sides of the Jordan, highlighting the spread of the wrongdoing.
- vs. 1 - The allusion to snares and nets is that of catching wild birds. Note that they have set their own traps.
- vs. 2 – God Himself has tried to stop them.
- vs. 3 – Ephraim is the royal tribe for the Northern Kingdom. Their sin has led the people to sin.
- vs.4 – They are so given over to their sin that they cannot turn back to God.
- vs. 5 – To get the people to turn back to Him, God must send judgment. Their pride must be broken before they can repent.
- vs. 6 – This verse speaks of the people offering all their flocks as sacrifice to seek God. God does not desire their sacrifice; He desires their heart.
- vs. 7 – Because of their idolatry their fall must come shortly.
- vs. 8 – Pictures the coming invasion of the Assyrians. The locations mentioned are around the territory of Benjamin, which must be where the invasion started.
- vs. 9 – God said it, it will happen.
- vs. 10 – B.H. Carroll writes: “A curse is pronounced in the law upon those who remove the landmarks (Deuteronomy 27:17). Judah instead of taking warning from the disaster coming upon the northern kingdom, the ten tribes, sought gain by an enlargement of their own border. The princes of Judah, instead of weeping over the calamity, rejoiced at the removal of Israel as the means of removing the boundary line and increase their estate. Wrath was in store for Judah.”
- vs. 11 – Ephraim falls because they willingly turned away from God and toward sin.
- vs. 12 – God has been steadily and slowly judging His people – like a moth or decay.
- vs. 13 – Instead of turning to God, they had turned to make alliance with other nations.
- vs. 13 - King Jareb - means “avenger”, represents Assyria, whom both Kingdoms had attempted alliances with (II Kings 15:19, 17:3,16:7)

- vs. 14-15 - God had tried to get their attention through “light” judgment (as a moth or decay), but since they did not repent He must now come with “strong” judgment (as a lion).