

The Book of Hosea

Chapter 14

Introduction

- We did it! The last chapter!
- The first 7 verses of this chapter deal with all of Israel, while the last two only with Ephraim.
- Personally, I think the full fulfillment of this chapter is yet to happen. Israel was regathered at best partially at the conclusion of the Captivity Period. That may be partially in view here, but I see reference also the future restoration of Israel during the Tribulation and Millennial Kingdom.

Chapter Fourteen

- vs. 1 - note the cause of the fall - iniquity, sin.
- vs. 1 – A.C. Gaebelien – “God’s hands are tied as long as His people stay away from Him and do not return to Him in true repentance. No true salvation and deliverance for His people is possible without a true heart return unto Him. It is this for which He looks and waits.”
- vs. 2 - “calves of our lips” - a continuing sacrifice of praise
- vs. 3 - Asshur - original capital of Assyria
- vs. 3 - they are to turn away from trusting: fellow man, military might, idols
- vs. 4-5 – Note the three “I will”s in these verses. He will heal, He will love, He will bless. There is much that can be observed in that order.
- vs. 5-7 - Lebanon - famed for its cedar forests - Psalm 29:5, 72:16
 - There are three descriptions used regarding Lebanon – roots, smell, (scent of) wine. I think there is something to be said for this order also.
- vs. 7 - pictures the regathering of Israel. This is partially fulfilled when the Captivity ended but has a full fulfillment in the End Times.
- vs. 8 – The blessedness of Psalm 1 is restored when they turn from idols and turn to God.
- 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.