

## Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 411 – Hear Ye This Through Till They Acknowledge Their Offense (Hosea 5:1-15)

### 1. Why was judgment toward the priests, Israel, and the king?

They had been a snare on Mizpah and a net upon Tabor: *“Hear ye this, O priests; and hearken, ye house of Israel; and give ye ear, O house of the king; for judgment is toward you, because ye have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor”* (**Hosea 5:1**).

- The Lord’s judgment on the priests, the people, and the king was just (**Nehemiah 9:32-35**).
- The priests were in trouble (**Malachi 2:1-9**).
- They were setting traps and nets... With Micah being a prophet at this same time... (**Micah 7:1-3**). Think about what that says (**Proverbs 1:8-19, Proverbs 28:17, and Jeremiah 5:26**).
- Mizpah and Tabor were places in Palestine.
- When the leaders are so corrupt, the people have no one to have confidence in (**Proverbs 25:19**).

### 2. What were the revolters profound to make?

Slaughter: *“And the revolters are profound to make slaughter, though I have been a rebuker of them all”* (**Hosea 5:2**).

- Revolters were those whom departed from the right, i.e. sin, that turn aside (Strong’s # 7846). This was an increasing issue among those in Israel (**Isaiah 1:4-5, Isaiah 31:6, and Isaiah 59:12-13**).
- Their revolting lead to their “being gone” (**Jeremiah 5:23; 6:28**).
- They were profound [deep; deeply] to make slaughter (**Isaiah 57:1-5 and Ezekiel 16:21-22**).
- The Lord’s rebukes did not work (**Jeremiah 5:1-3; 6:28**).

### 3. At the time Hosea was a prophet, were Israel and Ephraim looking to repent of their sins?

No: *“(3) I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim, thou committest whoredom, and Israel is defiled. (4) They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God: for the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of them, and they have not known the LORD. (5) And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them”* (**Hosea 5:3-5**).

- Ephraim were the descendants of Joseph (**Genesis 41:51-52**). As addressed in the previous chapter, they were gone after their idols (**Hosea 4:17**).
- God knew what was going on (**Psalms 44:21, Isaiah 29:15, Jeremiah 17:10, and Jeremiah 23:24**).
- As is continually discussed in Hosea, they were guilty of spiritual whoredoms (**Hosea 4:12**).

- Israel was defiled (**Isaiah 59:1-3** and **Jeremiah 3:8-9**).
- Turning to God is in reference to repentance (**Ezekiel 14:6**). They were NOT willing to turn to God (**Jeremiah 2:13-19**).
- And the pride of Israel testified to his face (**Hosea 7:10, Isaiah 9:9-10, and Isaiah 59:12**).
- Judah and Israel falling in their iniquity (**II Kings 17:18-23**). However, God did not utterly destroy Judah (**Psalms 69:35 and Hosea 1:7**) for the greatest of reasons (**Hebrews 7:14**).

4. Why wouldn't they be able to find the Lord?

He had withdrawn himself from them: *"They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the LORD; but they shall not find him; he hath withdrawn himself from them"* (**Hosea 5:6**).

- So, they would bring sacrifices, but what good is that (**I Samuel 15:22, Proverbs 15:8, Proverbs 21:27, Isaiah 1:10-18, and Hosea 6:6**)?
- They shall not find Him (**Proverbs 1:24-33, Jeremiah 11:9-11, Amos 5:21-23, and John 9:31**).
- Understand why God withdrew Himself from those in sin (**I Corinthians 10:21, II Corinthians 6:14-18, and I John 1:5-6**).

5. How had they dealt with the Lord?

*"They have dealt treacherously against the LORD: for they have begotten strange children: now shall a moth devour them with their portions"* (**Hosea 5:7**).

- This specific is that they had begotten strange children (**Ezra 10:10; 10:44**).
- Their treacherous actions against the Lord, in addition to spiritual whoredoms and having children with the heathens; were great (**Isaiah 59:13, Hosea 6:7, and Malachi 2:10-17**).
- The time of these judgments was near (**Ezekiel 7:1-7**).

6. The blowing of the cornet and the trumpet brought about what messages to Ephraim and Judah?

*"(8) Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah: cry aloud at Bethaven, after thee, O Benjamin. (9) Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be. (10) The princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound: therefore I will pour out my wrath upon them like water. (11) Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment. (12) Therefore will I be unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness"* (**Hosea 5:8-12**).

- The sounding forth of cornet and trumpet is about crying aloud (**Isaiah 58:1**).
- Ephraim desolate (**Isaiah 28:1-8 and Hosea 12:1**).
- God made known what would surely happen (**Leviticus 26:14-46**).

- The princes of Judah were likened to those who moved landmarks; boundaries (**Deuteronomy 19:14** and **Proverbs 22:28**).
- Think about the language of pouring out wrath like water. The fact was, His indignation was coming forth (**Ezekiel 21:31-32**).
- Ephraim is oppressed and broken because they walked after the WRONG commandments (i.e. **I Kings 15:33-34**, **II Kings 13:6**, **II Kings 13:10-11**, **II Kings 17:22**, and **Micah 6:9-16**).
- Moth eaten and rotten (**Psalms 39:11**).

7. When Ephraim saw his sickness, did they return to the Lord?

No, they turned to Assyria: *"When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound"* (**Hosea 5:13**).

- They turned to Assyria (**II Kings 15:19**).
- The huge problem of seeking help from man in times they should have turned to God (**Psalms 119:8-9**, **Isaiah 2:22**, **Isaiah 30:1-5**, and **Jeremiah 17:5-6**).

8. What was the Lord going to be as to Ephraim and Judah?

A lion: *"For I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue him"* (**Hosea 5:14**).

- **Hosea 13:7-8** and **Amos 5:18-19**

9. What would they have to do to bring the Lord back into their presence?

Until they acknowledged their offense and sought His face: *"I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early"* (**Hosea 5:15**).

- God was removing Himself UNTIL they really repented (**Deuteronomy 30:1-20**, **II Chronicles 7:14**, **Isaiah 55:6-9**, and **Jeremiah 29:12-14**).