

## Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 414 – Set The Trumpet Through Devouring Fire (Hosea 8:1-14)

1. Why was the Lord going to be as an eagle against His house?

*“Set the trumpet to thy mouth. He shall come as an eagle against the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law” (Hosea 8:1).*

- The prophet setting the trumpet to his mouth (**Isaiah 58:1**, **Ezekiel 33:1-20**, and **Joel 2:1-17**).
- Going forward though, they would not hear these warnings (**Jeremiah 6:14-17**).
- The imagery of an eagle as it ties to punishment from God via an invading nation (**Deuteronomy 28:47-58**).
- Transgression of the Lord’s covenant [alliance, pledge] (**Joshua 7:1-26** [vs. 11; 15], **Joshua 23:16**, **Judges 2:16-23**, and **Hosea 6:5-7**). Remember, Israel had a covenant relationship with God (**Jeremiah 3:14**). That covenant was witnessed by themselves long ago (**Joshua 24:14-28**).
- Transgression of the Law (**James 2:10-12** and **I John 3:4**; cf. **Jeremiah 2:8** and **Daniel 9:10-11**).

2. What did Israel cry unto God and say?

*“Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee” (Hosea 8:2).*

- **Deuteronomy 5:28-29**, **Psalms 78:36-37**, **Isaiah 29:13**, **Isaiah 48:1-8**, **Ezekiel 33:30-33**, **Mark 7:1-13**, **Titus 1:16**, and **I John 2:1-6**

3. What did Israel cast off?

Good: *“Israel hath cast off the thing that is good: the enemy shall pursue him” (Hosea 8:3).*

- **Psalms 36:1-3**, **Psalms 81:10-16**, and **Lamentations 4:12-19**

4. Were their actions of God?

No: *“(4) They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off. (5) Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast thee off; mine anger is kindled against them: how long will it be ere they attain to innocency? (6) For from Israel was it also: the workman made it; therefore it is not God: but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces” (Hosea 8:4-6).*

- They set up kings, but not by the Lord from the very first (**I Samuel 8:1-22**; cf. **Deuteronomy 17:14-20**).
- Idolatry (**Exodus 20:23**, **Deuteronomy 5:7-9**, **Deuteronomy 11:16-17**, **Acts 15:20**, **I Corinthians 6:9-10**, **I Corinthians 10:14**, and **I John 5:21**).

- While they cast off God, their idols did nothing for them (**Psalms 115:1-8, Isaiah 45:20, Jeremiah 2:27-28, and Jeremiah 10:14**).
- How long will they not be innocent (**Jeremiah 13:27**)?

5. How was Israel going to be swallowed up?

They would be among strangers; Gentiles: *“(7) For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up. (8) Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure”* (**Hosea 8:7-8**).

- Here we see the often taught principle of you reap what you sow (**Job 4:8, Job 34:11, Proverbs 1:31, Proverbs 12:14, Proverbs 14:14, Proverbs 24:12, Isaiah 3:10-11, Jeremiah 2:19, Jeremiah 4:16-18, Jeremiah 32:19, Ezekiel 22:31, Hosea 7:2, Hosea 8:7, John 5:28-29, Romans 2:4-11, II Corinthians 5:10, and Galatians 6:7-9**).
- Not just as a figure of speech, but literally too; they would not have a fruitful harvest (**Jeremiah 14:1-6 and Joel 1:10-12**).
- Israel swallowed up (**Lamentations 2:1-16**); scattered (**Jeremiah 50:17**).
- They provided no pleasure to the Lord (**Malachi 1:6-10 cf. Revelation 4:11**).

6. Who had Ephraim hired?

Many lovers among the nations: *“(9) For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim hath hired lovers. (10) Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes”* (**Hosea 8:9-10**).

- They went up to Assyria (**II Kings 16:1-18**).
- The wild ass (**Jeremiah 2:24-25**).
- They had hired lovers (**Ezekiel 16:1-63 and Ezekiel 23:1-49**).
- God planned to gather them (**Jeremiah 31:10**).
- Assyria, the burden, etc. (**Isaiah 14:24-32**).

7. What did Ephraim make many of?

Altars to sin: *“Because Ephraim hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin”* (**Hosea 8:11**).

- **Hosea 10:1-2**
- Yet, they acted as though there was no sin (**Hosea 12:1-8**).

8. How did Ephraim look at the great things written to them of the law of God?

As a strange thing: *“I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing”* (**Hosea 8:12**).

- They word of God was certainly made known among them (**Deuteronomy 1:3, Deuteronomy 10:12-13, Deuteronomy 27:1, and II Kings 17:13**).

- Great things were revealed therein (**Psalms 119:18, Acts 3:25, Romans 9:4, and Hebrews 10:1**).
- Counted as a strange thing (**Isaiah 5:24 and Jeremiah 6:15-19**) because they did not know our Lord (**Isaiah 45:4-5 and Jeremiah 4:22**).

9. Why did God reject their sacrifices and set His plan to send fire upon their cities?

*“(13) They sacrifice flesh for the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat it; but the LORD accepteth them not; now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins: they shall return to Egypt. (14) For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof” (Hosea 8:13-14).*

- This is a point similarly made by Jeremiah (**Jeremiah 7:21-23**).
- Their sacrifices were unacceptable because of their disobedience (**Isaiah 1:10-18**).
- God knew they’d return to Egypt instead of Him (**Isaiah 31:1 and Jeremiah 37:1-10**) to no avail (**Isaiah 36:6**).
- They forgot the Lord (**Hosea 13:6**) as they have before (**Deuteronomy 32:15-18 and Psalms 106:21**).
- Nothing was going to stop what God was going to have sent upon them (**Jeremiah 4:5-13 and Jeremiah 19:1-15**).