

The Minor Prophets

Hosea – God’s Grace and His Redeeming Love

Lesson 4

Please pray and ask the Lord to teach you through His Holy Spirit before you begin.

Read Chapters 8 and 9 of Hosea

Chapter 8 – “They Sow the Wind, and Reap the Whirlwind”

1. In verse 1 we see that God has commanded the trumpet to be sounded to assemble the Assyrians to come against His house (the people of Israel) because they have broken His covenant and rebelled against His law. Look at Deuteronomy 28:47-50 and 2 Kings 15:29.
2. Read verse 2 and Titus 1:16; 1 John 2:4; and Matthew 7:21-23. What do you learn from these verses.
3. List the actions you find in verses 4-6 that Israel replaced ‘the good’ with.
4. Read verses 7-10 and Galatians 6:7. Why would the judgement that is to fall on Israel seem like a whirlwind when the sin they have been committing is compared to ‘sowing the wind’? (Isaiah 17:11 may help)
5. Read verses 11-13. What did Israel lose when they started considering God’s law to be a strange thing? (Deuteronomy 4:6-8) Could the same be said of our nation?
6. Verse 14 tells us that while Israel had forgotten God and would be judged for it, Judah was also sinning. What were they trusting in? Read Isaiah 37:33-36.

Chapter 9 – “The Days of Punishment Have Come”

7. Like Gomer Israel had gone after other lovers for her bread and other material needs, Hosea 2:5. As they were playing the harlot by worshiping idols literally on the threshing floor, it

sounds as though Israel was experiencing a time of plenty as God warns them in verse 1 “to not rejoice with joy like other peoples”.

a. List the punishments that are coming found in verses 2-4.

8. Read verses 5-9. What is the difference between the prophets and ‘the watchman of Ephraim’? Lamentations 2:14; Micah 2:11; and Isaiah 62:6; Jeremiah 6:17 may help with your answer.

9. Read verses 10-14.

a. Exodus 19:4-6 and Numbers 25:3 help us to understand what the Lord is saying in verse 10. Can you hear God’s heart for His people in this verse?

b. In verse 14 Hosea starts to ask the Lord for something but hesitates. Is what he ends up asking a blessing or a curse? Look at Luke 21:23.

10. Read verses 15-17. What do you learn?

a. Gilgal – 2 Kings 2:1; 4:38 and Hosea 4:15.

b. Baal and Ashtoreth were thought to bring fertility to the land and the people. What is the Lord telling them in verse 16?

c. Look at verse 17 along with Deuteronomy 28:64,65. This was the result of breaking the Old Covenant. Contrast that with what you learn in Hebrews 8:12, 10:16,17.

“But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.” Psalm 31:14