

Israel Missed Her Chance

A. Israel (*Ephraim*) Could _____ Judgment (Hosea 7–12)

1. Israel Turns to _____ and Assyria, (Hosea 7:1-16)

a. God's plan revealed (Hosea 7:1)

1 When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity(_____) of Ephraim was discovered, and the wickedness(_____) of Samaria: for they commit falsehood(_____); and the thief cometh in, and the troop of robbers spoileth without.

b. Israel followed their _____ heart (Hosea 7:2-3)

2 And they consider not in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them about; they are before my face.

3 They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies.

c. A Two-fold Illustration (Hosea 7:4-8)

4 They are all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, who ceaseth from raising after he hath kneaded the dough, until it be leavened(to be _____).

5 In the day of our king the princes have made him sick with bottles of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners.

6 For they have made ready their heart like an oven, whiles they lie in wait: their baker sleepeth all the night; in the morning it burneth as a flaming fire.

7 They are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges; all their kings are fallen: **THERE IS NONE AMONG THEM THAT CALLETH UNTO ME.**

8 Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned.

***ONE ROTTEN APPLE ROTTENETH THE WHOLE BARREL!**

d. Following the _____ has an effect on Israel (Hosea 7:9-16)

1) _____ - No more _____ (Hosea 7:9)

9 Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not.

2) _____ (Hosea 7:10)

10 And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face: and they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek him for all this.

3) _____ - They lost _____ (Hosea 7:11)

11 Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.

4) _____ - God _____ respond (Hosea 7:12-16)

12 When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them, as their congregation hath heard.

13 Woe unto them! for they have fled from me: destruction unto them! because **they have transgressed against me: THOUGH I HAVE REDEEMED THEM**, yet they have spoken lies against me.

14 And **they have not cried unto me with their heart**, when they howled upon their beds: they assemble themselves for corn and wine, and **they rebel against me**.

15 **THOUGH I HAVE BOUND AND STRENGTHENED THEIR ARMS**, yet do they imagine mischief against me.

16 **They return, but not to the most High**: they are like a deceitful bow: their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue: this shall be their derision in the land of **Egypt**.

2. Israel Turns to Golden _____ and Altars of Sin, (Hosea 8:1-14)

a. God's _____ stated (Hosea 8:1-2)

1 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.

2 Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee.

b. Israel chooses the ways of the _____ (without God) (Hosea 8:3-14)

3 Israel hath cast off **the thing that is good**: the **enemy** shall pursue him.

1) Bad _____ (Hosea 8:4)

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.

2) Bad _____ (Hosea 8:5)

5 Thy **calves**, O **Samaria**, hath cast thee off; mine anger is kindled against them: how long will it be ere they attain to **innocency**(free from _____)?

6 For from Israel was it also: the workman made it; therefore it is not God: but the **calves of Samaria** shall be broken in pieces.

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**.

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.

3) Bad _____ (Hosea 8:6)

11 Because **Ephraim hath made many altars to sin**, altars shall be unto him to sin.

12 **I have written to him** the great things of **my law**, but they were counted as a strange thing.

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.

3. Israel Turns to Land **Productivity**; Will Be Driven from Land, **(Hosea 9–10)**
4. Israel Turns from God—Must Be Judged; BUT God Will Not **Give Up** on Her, **(Hosea 11–12)**

Wine and Vinegar

Vinegar means 'sour wine' . The ethanol (alcohol) in the wine is digested by bacteria and excreted as acetic acid. So vinegar is alcohol free.

The level of acetic acid and sugar will decide how drinkable the stuff is.

Historically because fermentation was not understood, mild vinegars were produced where the alcohol was not fully digested; apparently such vinegars did have an alcohol component. I am told you can still find such rustic vinegars in the Balkans, and possibly Eastern Europe. I've never encountered them.