

God Promises Israel's Eventual Deliverance

A. Israel (*Ephraim*) Will Turn from Idols to **God** in Last Days, (Hosea 13–14)

1. God Judges (Hosea 13)

a. The Results of God's **Judgment** (Hosea 13:1-16)

- 1 When Ephraim spake **trembling**, he **exalted** himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, **he died**.
- 2 And now **they sin more and more**, and have made them **molten images** of their silver, and **idols** according to their **own** understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let the men that **sacrifice kiss the calves**.
- 3 Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the **early dew** that **passeth away**, as the **chaff** that is **driven** with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the **smoke** out of the chimney.
- 4 **Yet I am the LORD thy God** from the land of Egypt, and **thou shalt know no god but me**: for there is no **saviour**(**liberated**, **victorious**) beside me.
- 5 I **did know** thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought.
- 6 According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and **their heart was exalted**; therefore have **they forgotten me**.

1) He will **watch – stalk** them (Hosea 13:7)

- 7 Therefore I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard by the way **will I observe**(**watch**) them:

2) He will **confront** them (Hosea 13:8a)

- 8 I will **meet**(**encounter**) them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps,

- 3) He will **rip apart** their innermost being (Hosea 13:8b)
and will **rend**(**rip apart**) the **caul**(**enclosure**) of their heart,

- 4) He will **consume** them (Hosea 13:8c)
and there will I **devour**(**consume**) them like a lion:

- 5) He will **Divide** them (Hosea 13:8d)
the wild beast shall **tear**(**divide**) them.

b. Who really is at **fault** (Hosea 13:9-13)

- 9 O Israel, **thou hast destroyed thyself**; but in me is thine help.

1) Israel asked for a **king** – That didn't work (Hosea 13:10-11)

- 10 I will be thy king: where is any other that may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes?
- 11 I gave thee a king in mine anger, and took him away in my wrath.

2) Israel **hid** her sin – That didn't work (Hosea 13:12-13)

- 12 The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is hid.

13 The sorrows of a **travailing woman** shall come upon him: he is an unwise son; for he should not stay long in the place of the breaking forth of children.

c. God is their ONLY hope (Hosea 13:14-15)

14 **I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.**

15 Though he be fruitful among his brethren, an east wind shall come, the wind of the LORD shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: he shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant vessels.

16 **Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled (be disobedient to) against her God: they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.**

2. God Speaks - Israel Will Be Saved in the Future, (Hosea 14)

a. Here's what you've done (Hosea 14:1-2)

1 O Israel, **return unto the LORD thy God**; for thou hast fallen by **thine iniquity**.

2 Take with you words, and **turn to the LORD**: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.

b. Here's what "your" gods can do for you (Hosea 14:3)

3 **Asshur (Another name for Assyria)** shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.

c. Here's what I will do for you (Hosea 14:4-9)

4 **I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.**

5 **I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.**

6 His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon.

7 They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.

8 Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him, and observed him: I am like a green fir tree. **From me is thy fruit found.**

9 Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? **for the ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them:** but the transgressors shall fall therein.