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**).

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- 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**).

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- 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**).

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