

HOSEA – LESSON FIVE

- I. GOD EXPOSES ISRAEL’S POLITICAL CORRUPTION WITH ITS DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES (7:1-8:14)**
- A. Thieves and robbers collaborate with kings to do wickedness – Rulers fall (7:1-7).
 - B. Israel turns back and forth between Assyria and Egypt for strength instead of unto God – Israel weakened (7:8-16).
 - C. Israel in her capital city of Samaria is sowing to the wind of transgressing God’s law and worshipping idols – Israel will reap the whirlwind of losing blessings and captivity in Assyria (8:1-7).
 - D. Israel prostitutes herself to buy the favors of Assyria – Israel will be diminished by the kings from whom she seeks help (8:8-10).
 - E. Israel has multiplied the altars for worshipping idols and rejected God’s law – She will be carried off into captivity and even fortified cities shall be destroyed (8:11-14).

QUESTIONS:

1. In the midst of the leading tribe of Israel sinning, what **two facts** about God should we remember?
2. How corrupt had even the kings become in Israel?
3. What are the consequences for the kings when they stretch out their hands to the wicked?
4. How is Ephraim like “*a cake not turned*”?
5. How is Ephraim acting like a “*silly dove*”?
6. How does Hosea depict Israel becoming weak instead of gaining strength by appealing to the nations for protection?
7. Why is Hosea calling for the trumpet to be brought to the mouth?

8. How inconsistent is Israel in their deeds when they say “*My God, we Israel know thee*”?
9. What is a good thing to remember when we are tempted to erect any idol in our life?
10. What is ironic about Israel appealing to Assyria for help?
11. How many altars had God commanded Israel to construct?
12. What is God telling Israel in pointing to “*the ten thousand things of my law*”?
13. In what sense will Israel “*return to Egypt*”?
14. Even though Israel and Judah were building palaces and fortified cities, who or what had they forgotten?

What were the consequences to be?