

Hosea 10

Two themes that Hosea goes back to again and again: The sins of the Northern Kingdom and God's punishment that is coming on the country because of those sins

Hosea 10.1-2

V1 – The economic condition of the Northern Kingdom? Good
-But? The more they made, the more they worshipped the idols

V2 – God was going to tear down all these altars and pillars

Hosea 10.3-10

V3 – What would they realize (apparently just after another king had been assassinated)?
That the king was killed because of the wickedness of the people

V4 – The value of their oaths? Worthless
-The value of their judgment (common sense)? Like poisonous weeds in the furrows of a field (what a powerful statement!)

V5 – What was their attitude toward the statue of Baal? They were crying over it (when it is gone, because of their captivity – see the next verse)

V6 – What was going to happen to the statue of Baal? It would be given to the king of Assyria
-Reaction? Ashamed and embarrassed

V7 - "Like a stick on water"? Floating without direction or help

V8 – What will happen to places where Baal was worshiped? They will be destroyed
-What would the people say? They would beg the hills to fall on them (*Luke 23.30*)
-Read **Rev. 6.15-17** – concerning the fall of the Roman Empire

V9 – Another reference to *Judges 19* – that was the beginning of the fall of the Northern Kingdom

V10 – When would the destruction take place? Whenever God decided it would happen

Hosea 10.11-15

V11 – If Ephraim was a cow, what was God going to do? Put a heavy yoke on it
-Remember the words of our Lord: **Read Matt. 11.28-30**

V12 – A very positive verse

-In the midst of the doom and gloom, here is a positive verse: God would still let them repent and be saved

V 13 – **Plowing wickedness?** Reaping injustice

-What had the Northern Kingdom trusted in? Many warriors

V 14 – No reference to Shalman and Betharbel, but it must have been a terrible time

V 15 – The Northern Kingdom would be destroyed

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