

Hosea 13

Hosea 13.1-3

V1 – What was the position of Ephraim among the tribes? One of the leaders (a very large population)

-But why was Ephraim about to die? Because they worshipped Baal

-Notice the past tense here: "died"

V2 – Even with destruction facing them, what was their attitude? Make more idols

-How did they worship the idols? By kissing the idol

V3 – Four ways to describe how short the time was for the Northern Kingdom? Morning cloud, dew, chaff, smoke from chimney

Hosea 13.4-8

V4 – What had God done? Rescued Israel and saved the people

-Where were they told "no gods but God"? #1-2 of the Ten Commandments

-Interesting: Only one savior – a reference to Jesus as the Messiah – this proves that Jesus is God

V5 – What else had God done? Saved them in the wilderness (40 years)

V6 – But what happened? Prosperity became pride (like the U.S. today)

-How does prosperity turn into pride? People take credit themselves for their successes; they forget about God

-How has God helped this country? Vast natural resources, etc.

V7 – God would be like a lion or leopard

V8 – God would be like a bear robbed of her cubs

Hosea 13.9-11

V9 – Ephraim was fighting against its help ("biting the hand that feeds it")

-One person has said, "Gratitude is a word that is only found in the dictionary" – not always true, but often is correct

V10 – Where did the people see salvation? Judges and the kings

-Remember: In a time of crisis (during the period of the Judges), a judge would arise, but not this time

V11 – Remember *1 Sam. 8:5* – the people had demanded a king – now God would take their king away from them

-Why was God angry about their request for a king? Because it meant that they had rejected him as their king

-What happened to Saul, their first king? A moral disaster (he committed suicide and was replaced by David)

Hosea 13.12-14

V 12 – The sins had been stored up

V 13 – Like a baby that was late in coming (from the point of view of the baby)

-The end would come very quickly (overdue, over-ripe)

V 14 – **Meaning?** Death and hell were coming

-**Read 1 Cor. 15.55**

-Partially quoted by Paul, but not in a positive sense

Hosea 13.15-16

V 15 – The punishment from God would come like the east wind

-East wind = Assyria (from the east)

V 16 – The horrible details of the fall of the Northern Kingdom (characteristics of the battle with Assyria)

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