

Hosea 5

Hosea 5.1-7 – a sermon directed toward the priests of Israel (with the people listening)

V 1 – **Who was also present?** The king

-Mizpah and Tabor were famous for idol worship

-**How had the people been led into idolatry?** Snared and caught with a net (animals are still trapped that way today)

V 2 – They were deep in sin and depravity

V 3 – God was aware of everything that was happening

V 4 – **Could they return to God?** Their sins would not let him (they were so entwined with sin)

V 5 – **What particular sin kept the Northern Kingdom from repenting?** Pride (same today)

-This was a day of some prosperity (during the reigns of Jeroboam and Omri and Ahab)

-They were so proud of their money; there was a great division between the rich and the poor

V 6 – **Why go to the Lord with flocks?** To make sacrifices

-**Will this do any good?** No, God will not let them find him

V 7 – "New moon" = a possible reference to a sudden invasion by Assyria

Hosea 5.8-12

V 8 – Ramah and Gibeah were on the northern border of Benjamin (good locations for a general warning to Israel)

-**Meaning of "Behind you, Benjamin"?** Foes were everywhere

V 9 – **Prediction?** Ephraim would be desolate

-Great message: I declare what is sure!

V 10 – **Was the Southern Kingdom any better?** Not much

-**Describe the princes of Judah:** Moved the boundary markers

-There are survey markers in every neighborhood; it is illegal to move those benchmarks

V 11 – **Reason Ephraim was doomed?** They followed man's commandments, not God's

-Note: This is like baptizing babies today – God has not commanded that practice

V 12 – **Describe a moth:** Constantly eating away in silence

-God was like that to the Northern Kingdom

Hosea 5.13-15

V 13 – **Who did the Israelites go to for help?** Assyria, not God

-King Jareb – a title used by Assyrian kings

-See 2 Kings 15.19-20 – Menahem

-See 2 Kings 17.3 – Hoshea

-Assyrian records tell of the tribute paid to Tiglath-Pileser III by the Israelite kings Menahem and Hosea (*2 Kings 15.19-20*)

V 14 – **What would God be like?** A lion that tears apart his victim

V 15 – A lion will return to his den and eat his victim; the same with God

Hosea 5 – Very simple illustrations (moth, lion, etc.); everyone could understand this sermon

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