

Hosea 7

Hosea 7.1-7 – a list of the specific sins of the Northern Kingdom

V1 – **Three sins listed in v 1?** Dealing falsely with neighbors, stealing and breaking into houses, having bandits on the open road

V2 – **What did such people forget?** That God knows everything (a great lesson for people today)
-There is always a witness to a crime = God

V3 – **What was the result of these sins?** The kings and princes were made happy (most had had a part in the crimes)

V4 – **How were the Israelites like a poor baker?** He never stirred up the flames (in other words, the fire was gradually going out spiritually)

V5 – "On the day of the king" – A possible annual coronation of the king (a festive occasion)
-But what happened? The princes got drunk

V6 – They plotted all night to kill the king
-Remember the assassination of so many later kings of the Northern Kingdom

V7 – They were "consuming" kings

Hosea 7.8-16

V8 – A very famous verse – Ephraim liked to associate with the foreign and pagan nations
-Result? A cake not turned (like a pancake)
-Meaning? It was burned on one side and raw on the other side (not good for anything)

V9 – **What was the pitiful condition of the Northern Kingdom?** Being devoured (but didn't know it)
-They did not recognize that they were getting old and would soon meet God in judgment
-Remember Samson? He didn't know that God had left him (the same with Ephraim)

V10 – **What was condemning Israel?** Pride
-What was pride keeping Israel from doing? Returning to God (so true with so many people today)

V11 – Notice: One thing that upset God the most was the way the Northern Kingdom went to foreign countries for help
-How is a dove silly? Not smart; not cautious

V12 – God would throw a net over Ephraim
-A good illustration? Can an animal escape from a net? Same with the nation that is to be

punished by God

-In other words, God is saying: "I will give them what they ask for (see v 14 – they got drunk at their assemblies)

V 13 – **Did God still love the Northern Kingdom?** Yes (remember that Hosea still loved Gomer)

V 14 – They were crying to God, but not from their hearts

V 15 – They plotted against God

V 16 – The other nations would laugh at them when destruction comes

Total picture of the Northern Kingdom: Stubborn and rebellious

Why was God in such anguish over the Northern Kingdom? Because he loved them (same with us today)

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