

Hosea 8

Hosea 8.1-7

V1 – **Who is blowing the trumpet?** Probably the enemy (Assyria) who was to destroy the Northern Kingdom

-**The message?** The punishment of God is near

V2 – **What would the Northern Kingdom cry out?** "We are God's people; this can't happen to us. We know God."

-Remember: Israel was Jacob's new name; they were supposed to be God's people

-So their history went all the way back to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

V3 – A good summary: Israel had rejected the good way

V4 – **What had they done without God's permission?** Appointed kings and princes and made idols

V5 – **What could not save them?** Their calf worship – **Read 1 Kings 12.28-30**

-**Who started that worship?** Jeroboam I (at Bethel and Dan)

V6 – The calf would be destroyed

V7 - Very famous verse – **Read Num. 32-23, Gal. 6.7-8**

-**Definition of a whirlwind?** Tornado, cyclone

-With sin, the end result is always far worse than what people bargained for

-This is a law of the universe and the theme of this chapter; we should remember this before sinning (example: smoking)

Hosea 8.8-10

V8 – Spoken as if it had already taken place

-In other words, "It's as good as done."

V9 – Like a wild donkey

-**How?** The donkey is in heat and goes to Assyria for mating

V10 – **Would allies help Israel?** No

Hosea 8.11-14

V11 – The more altars they made, the more their punishment would be

V12 – **What did they think of as being strange?** All the commandments of God

V13 – Their sacrifices didn't count any more

-Return to Egypt? A reference to captivity

V 14 – Israel and Judah would both be destroyed (Southern Kingdom in 586 BC)

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