WEEK FOUR

Hosea 7-8

Hosea 8:7

For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up.

**Things To Do This Week**

For God:

For Parents:

For Siblings:

For Others:

For Self:

Date: Time:

Weekly memory verse – Hosea 8:7 Time spent in prayer

Read – Hosea 7:1-4

Examine –

1. What two things did God discover as He was going to heal Israel?
2. What did they commit?
3. Who is coming in?
4. Where is the troop of robbers?
5. What are they doing?

Note: They were so opposed to God’s laws that they did it with all watching!

1. What did they not consider?
2. Where were they to consider this?
3. What has taken them captive?
4. Who are they before?
5. How does the king respond to all this?
6. What are all of them?
7. What does he liken them?

Note: Although Israel would appear to back off of their sin from time to time, it really is just like an oven that is waiting for the bread to be cooked in it! It may not be flaming right now but it could be very quickly.

Apply-

Do you realize that God is watching your every move?

Do you live your life as before God’s face?

How many times do you consciously think of God’s eyes being on you?

Have you been in sin so long that it has you trapped?

Ask God for deliverance!

Prayer

Praise

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: Time:

Weekly memory verse – Hosea 8:7 Time spent in prayer

Read – Hosea 7:5-10

Examine –

Note: As we look at this passage today, it’s important to note that in this period (20 years) 4 Israelite kings were assassinated.

1. In light of the above comment, what do you think was one of the ways they killed the king?
2. Define Scorner –
3. What is their heart like?
4. When does the flame fire up?
5. What two groups of people have they killed?
6. What is there none of in their midst?
7. With whom has Ephraim mixed?
8. Who has devoured his strength?
9. Does Ephraim know it?
10. What else is happening to Ephraim?
11. What is a testament against Ephraim?
12. Did all this work?

Apply-

Although they have gone through all this and have all these signs they still did not repent!

One of their problems was that they could not see their problem. They were blinded by their sin. ARE YOU?

You may not even realize it.

Ask God to show it to you right now.

Prayer

Praise

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: Time:

Weekly memory verse – Hosea 8:7 Time spent in prayer

Read – Hosea 7: 11-16

Examine –

1. To what else does God compare Ephraim?
2. What does it not have?
3. Who are they looking to for help?
4. What will God spread over them?
5. What three things does God say they have done in verse 13?

6. What did they not do with all their heart?

7. Where were they mourning?

8. For what did they assemble themselves?

9. What do you think this means? (Call Pastor Ogle with answer)

Note: the bound means to chasten!

10. What did God do after he bound them?

Note: God is saying that He chastened them and then let them go stronger!

11. What did they still do?

12. Did they return?

1. To whom did they not return?
2. What will happen to their princes?

Apply-

Notice the second line in verse 16. They are like a deceitful bow. They are off target. They can’t shoot straight. When have you called to God with your whole heart?

Jeremiah 29:13 - *“And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.”*

God wants all of us not part!

Prayer

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Read – Hosea 8:1-4

The house of the LORD is probably referring to Israel as a whole.

Examine –

1. In Bible days, for what was a trumpet used?
2. How will the enemy come?
3. Why is this happening?
4. What will Israel say about God?

 Do they really?

1. What has Israel cast off?
2. What will be the enemy’s response?
3. What did they set up?
4. Did God approve of these things?
5. What did they do with the gold and silver?
6. To what would this lead?

Apply-

God seems to be emphasizing that a casual “genie god” mentality will not work for Him!

This is what most of Christianity is today.

How do you treat Him as a genie?

Do you daily spend time with Him when nothing big is happening?

This is what He longs for most.

Prayer

Praise

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Weekly memory verse – Hosea 8:7 Time spent in prayer

Read – Hosea 8:5-9

Examine –

1. Who does God address now?
2. What do you think He is referring to when He says calf?
3. What is against them?
4. Will this calf ever make them pure?
5. Who made the calves?
6. Therefore it can not be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. What will happen to the calf?
8. What have they sown?
9. What will they reap?
10. What will this do to their crops?
11. If they happen to get crops what will happen to them?
12. What will Israel become among the Gentiles?
13. Who do they buy off? (II Kings 15:19)
14. What has Ephraim bought?

Apply-

What are you trusting in to make you pure?

What are you sowing now that will bring bad results in the future?

Remember you always reap later, and more than you sow!

Prayer

Praise

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Weekly memory verse – Hosea 8:7 Time spent in prayer

Read – Hosea 8:10-14

Examine –

1. Will the protection bought from other countries help them?
2. Of what has Ephraim made many?
3. What will these be to them?
4. What did God write to them?
5. How did they respond?
6. Did they follow the sacrifice code properly?

Only the priests were to eat the leftovers and they had restrictions.

Exodus 29:31-34

1. Did God accept it?
2. What will God remember?
3. Where will they have to go?
4. What has Israel forgotten?
5. What have they and Judah built?
6. What will God send in judgment?
7. What will be the result?

Apply-

God has given us more than He gave Israel. We have more of the Bible, churches and so forth. Do you think our punishment will be any less?

How is your life in genuine fellowship with God?

Ask Him to forgive and He will abundantly pardon!

Prayer

Praise

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Read – Hosea - Review

Examine –

## Chapter 7

1. Who is God primarily talking about in this passage?
2. How many times is the word HEART used in this passage?
3. What kind of cooking terms does God use a lot to describe this situation?
4. List some of them:
5. How will God catch them?
6. When they returned, to whom did they go?

## Chapter 8

1. What warning are they going to hear?
2. Do they claim to know God?
3. What has Samaria and Israel built with their hands?
4. They have sown wind therefore they will reap what?
5. What had they hired as protection?
6. What will God use as His judgment?
7. What will it do?

Apply-

What has struck me in this passage is that we are so much like Israel. We don’t think God will judge us or turn His back on us.

Lord help us to not be so complacent!!

Prayer

Praise

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