

**God Speaks to a People at Ease**  
***Studies in Jonah, Amos, Hosea***

**Your Calf is Rejected**  
**Lesson 12**  
**Hosea 8**

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# Hosea

- ▶ Read – 25-30 minutes
- ▶ Study Booklet – Wednesday evening discussion
- ▶ John 5:39 – His Person and Work (Way)
- ▶ Hosea 14:9 – The ways of God are right
- ▶ God's plan (Covenant) for exaltation of Christ in creation
  - Revelation of God in Christ through the Holy Spirit
  - Sin – the Cross – justification by faith
- ▶ A central role for the nation Israel

# Hosea's Message

- ▶ The character of God and the character of man
  - Promise of God (Gen 3:15) v. Depravity of man (Gen 3)
  - A marriage made in heaven – Hosea, Gomer and 3 children
- ▶ God's purpose
  - National salvation – the Nation Israel (Judah + Ephraim)
  - Personal salvation – Jews and Gentiles

# Hosea – 2 Messages

- ▶ God speaks to Hosea (1-3)
  - Hosea's marriage to Gomer and their 3 children
  - Hosea told speak to his brothers and sisters in Israel
    - Wrath for treachery against God
    - Restoration by the love, truth and righteousness of God
  - Gomer restored – an unfinished story (3:4-5)
- ▶ God speaks to the sons of Israel – individuals (4-14)
  - A case (legal) is made against Israel (4:1-6:3)
  - Lament #1 – The evidence is presented (6:4-11:7)
  - Lament #2 – The Holy One considers the evidence (11:8-13:16)
  - The Divine purpose (14)

# Lesson 12: Your Calf is Rejected

- ▶ A warning trumpet (SHOFAR) blast (8:1-2)
- ▶ The transgression of Israel (8:3-14)

# Shofar



# A Warning Shofar Blast (8:1-2)

- ▶ The LORD arrives on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19:13, 18-20)
- ▶ “I am bringing disaster on this people” (Jer. 6:16-19)
- ▶ Like an eagle (vulture) – unclean animal (Eze. 7:20-22)
- ▶ Against the House of the LORD – God’s presence
- ▶ Transgressed My Covenant – Divine Blessing
- ▶ Rebelled against My Law – Mosaic Law
- ▶ Despised the blessing of God (Isaiah 1:1-4)
- ▶ A false cry for help
- ▶ Six proofs (8:3-14)

# Israel has rejected the good (8:3)

- ▶ The character of God's creation (Gen 1:31)
- ▶ The character of God's ways with His people (Ps 84:11)
- ▶ The character of God (Psalm 34:8)
- ▶ The promise of the Everlasting Covenant (Jer. 32:40)
- ▶ The promise of the Good Shepherd (Psalm 23:6)
- ▶ The enemy will pursue – Isaiah 57:21 – no peace



# Set up kings, but not by Me (8:4a)

- ▶ An alternate monarchy
- ▶ Wisdom of man preferred to wisdom of God
- ▶ Despised the promise of Christ

# Made idols for themselves (8:4b-7)

- ▶ Silver and gold (2:8)
- ▶ A rejected calf
  - Jeremiah 10:5 – “a scarecrow in a cucumber field”
  - Anger burns against Israel
  - Incapable of innocence
  - Calf broken to pieces – see also 10:5-6
- ▶ Sow the wind and reap the whirlwind – evil end
- ▶ Grain plants without grain – no gain
- ▶ Hosea 12:1 – Israel pursues the east wind continually

# Israel is swallowed up (8:8-10)

- ▶ Israel's role – a light to the nations (Gen 12:2-3)
- ▶ A vessel in whom none delight
- ▶ A wild donkey going alone to Assyria for help
- ▶ Hired lovers – Ezekiel 16:33-34
- ▶ They will diminish because of burden imposed by Assyria
- ▶ Be holy – Leviticus 20:26; 1 Peter 1:14-16

# Corrupted worship (8:11-13)

- ▶ Multiplied altars for sin offerings and increased sin
- ▶ Rejected the precepts of God – strange things
- ▶ Sacrificial gifts for personal delight (a good meal)
- ▶ No delight to God
- ▶ He remembers their sin
- ▶ They will return to Egypt – bondage of sin

# Built palaces and fortified cities (8:14)

- ▶ Forgot his Maker – Sovereign Possessor of heaven and earth
- ▶ Built palaces (Jer 22:13-17; Hag 1:4-11) – comfort
- ▶ Built fortified cities – security
- ▶ No gain – fire on cities and palatial dwellings

# YOUR CALF IS REJECTED

- ▶ Despised the blessing
- ▶ Rejected the good
- ▶ Christ: You are “either with *Me* or against *Me*.” (Luke 11:23)
- ▶ “Put the shofar to your lips!”