

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

Eating the Fruit of Lies
Lesson 14
Hosea 10

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Hosea: Israel Exposed - God Revealed

- ▶ God's promise for a great nation (Genesis 12:1-3)
- ▶ The history of the nation Israel – a failed nation
- ▶ The divided kingdom – Israel (Ephraim) & Judah
- ▶ Israel's religion: Jeroboam's 2 golden calves – Baal
- ▶ Hosea: God assesses Israel and reveals Himself
- ▶ A real life illustration and a message to the nation
- ▶ “I am God and not man” (Hosea 11:9)

A Shocking and Disasterous Marriage

Hosea 1-3

- ▶ Marry a prostitute and have children
- ▶ Gomer - Jezreel - Lo-ruhamah - Lo-ammi
- ▶ The nation Israel - the people of Israel
- ▶ Hosea 2: Reality v. Promise
- ▶ An unfinished story

The Message to Israel (4-14)

- ▶ The LORD speaks to the sons of Israel
 - The LORD'S case against Israel (4:1-6:3)
 - A lament: The evidence examined (6:4-11:7)
 - A lament: The Holy God's judgment (11:8-13:16)
 - A remarkable outcome (14)
- ▶ A revelation of the character of the Holy God

The Evidence Examined (6:4-11:7)

- ▶ Disregard for the goodness of God – unbelief (6:4-7)
- ▶ Murder (6:8-11)
- ▶ Hearts burning with wickedness (7:1-7)
- ▶ Seeking favor of nations (world) and not God (7:8-16)
- ▶ Not seek help from God (8:1-10)
- ▶ Forget God and His Word (8:11-14)
- ▶ A godless joy (9:1-2)
- ▶ A futile system (9:3-6)
- ▶ A taste of punishment (9:7-9)
- ▶ An historical pattern (9:10-14)
- ▶ A nation cast away (9:5-17)

The Evidence Examined (10:1-15)

- ▶ A nation at ease in their sin (10:1-2)
- ▶ A nation who has rejected their king (10:3-4)
- ▶ A nation who has rejected the LORD (10:5-6)
- ▶ A nation destined for the wrath of the LORD (10:7-10)
- ▶ A nation in slavery to lies (10:11-15)

At Ease in Their Sin (10:1-2)

- ▶ Translation problem: luxuriant or empty
- ▶ Materially prosperous and morally degenerate
- ▶ God-given prosperity (2:8) used to promote idolatry
- ▶ A divided heart
- ▶ They must bear their guilt
- ▶ Altars and pillars removed

They Rejected Their King (10:3-4)

- ▶ We have no King!
- ▶ We do not revere the LORD
- ▶ They speak words with worthless oaths . . .
- ▶ Judgment like poisonous weeds (Isaiah 16:5)

They have Rejected God (10:5-6)

- ▶ No help in time of trouble
- ▶ No glory
- ▶ The “thing”
- ▶ Ashamed of their wisdom

Soon to be Terminated (10:7-10)

- ▶ Samaria cut off with her king – like a chip on water
- ▶ High places of Aven destroyed
- ▶ Thorns and thistles on the altars (see also 9:6)
- ▶ Suicidal despair – no faith and no fear of death
- ▶ The lesson of Gibeah
- ▶ The chastening of the LORD – a glimmer of hope
- ▶ The peoples gathered against them
- ▶ Double guilt - Jeremiah 2:12-13
 - Forsake the LORD
 - Create broken cisterns

Enslaved by Their Lies (10:11-15)

- ▶ Threshing replaced by plowing
- ▶ A call to repent – the kindness of God (Romans 2:4)
- ▶ You have eaten the fruit of lies
- ▶ The coming tumult
 - Destruction of fortresses
 - Brutality
 - King cut off at dawn
- ▶ Due to your Great wickedness

Eating the Fruit of Lies

- ▶ Total depravity and total inability
- ▶ Stage set for revelation of the glory of the Holy God
- ▶ A revelation beyond human expectations