

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

No Savior but God
Lesson 16
Hosea 13

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Hosea - History of the Nation Israel

- ▶ Marry a prostitute – Gomer
- ▶ Children of prostitution – Jezreel, Lo-ruhama, Lo-ammi
- ▶ No marriage and no children
- ▶ Dualing realities – Gomer v. the LORD (Hosea 2)
- ▶ Gomer restored – an unfinished story
- ▶ The span of Israel's history (12:9; 13:4 → 3:4-5; 9:17)
- ▶ The Promise of God (Genesis 12:1-3, 7; Obadiah 10-16)

Hosea Speaks to the People

- ▶ A message to Ephraim (Israel)
- ▶ A warning to Judah
- ▶ The hostility of the people to the LORD God
- ▶ The Divine purpose for Israel
 - A nation of priests
 - An eternal kingdom – the Davidic Monarchy
- ▶ “I am God and not man, the Holy One” (11:9)
- ▶ The “missing link” in revelation

The Message of Hosea (4-14)

- ▶ The case against Israel (4:1-6:3)
- ▶ The LORD examines the evidence (6:4-11:7)
- ▶ The LORD'S verdict (11:8-13:16)
- ▶ The final word (14)

No Savior but God (13)

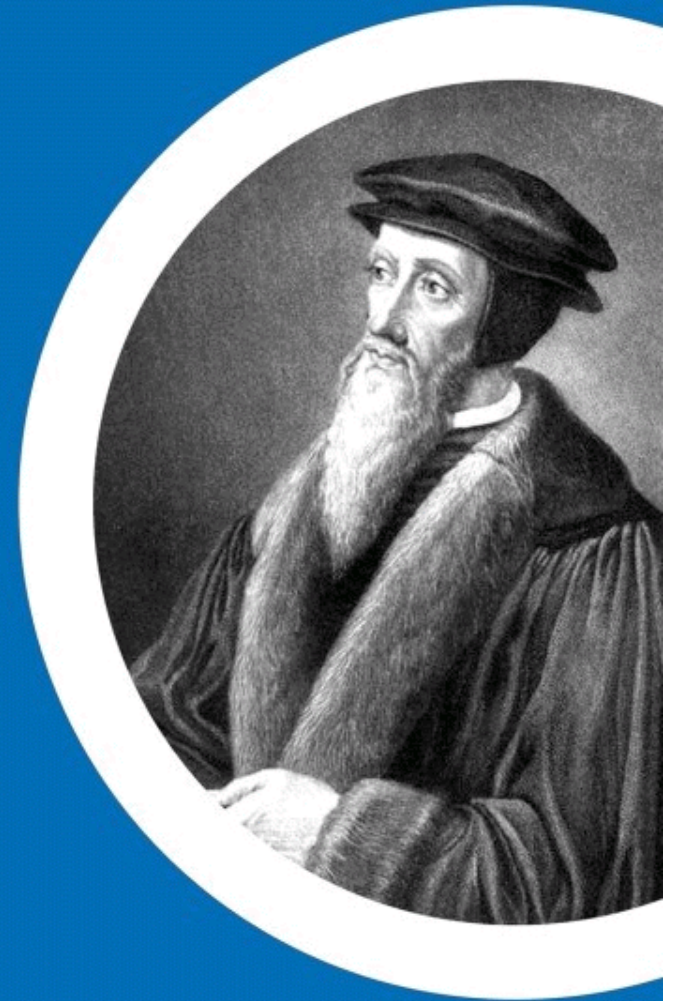
- ▶ A review of the history of Ephraim (13:1-3)
- ▶ The blessing of God despised (13:4-6)
- ▶ The wrath of the Holy God (13:7-8)
- ▶ The self-destruction of Ephraim (13:9-13)
- ▶ The “mighty gulf” (13:14-16)

The History of Ephraim (13:1-3)

- ▶ An exalted position in Israel
- ▶ The birthright from Jacob (Gen 48:22)
- ▶ Shiloh, in Ephraim – first site of the Tabernacle
- ▶ Shiloh & Ephraim abandoned (Psalm 78:58-68; Jeremiah 7:12-15; 26:6, 9)
- ▶ First king of Israel – Jeroboam of Ephraim (1 Kings 11-12)
- ▶ Ephraim became guilty through Baal and died
 - Sin of Jeroboam I (1 Kings 13:25-33)
 - Baal worship introduced by Ahab and Jezebel
 - Sin of Jeroboam restored by Jehu
- ▶ “Idols skillfully made” (according to their own understanding)

But what is treated of here is the worship of God, with respect to which all the prudence, all the reason, all the wisdom of men, and, in short, all their senses, ought to be suspended: for if, in this case, they of themselves adopt any thing, be it ever so little, they inevitably vitiate the worship of God.

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The Blessing of God Despised (13:4-6)

- ▶ I have been the LORD your God since the land of Egypt
- ▶ No other God and no other Savior
- ▶ They became satisfied and proud and forgot Me
- ▶ Hosea 7:14 – Psalm 62:5

The Wrath of the Holy God (13:7-8)

- ▶ I will be like a lion, a leopard and a bear robbed of her cubs
- ▶ He is the “Holy One” (11:9) – I will not come in wrath
- ▶ The chastening of the LORD (10:10; Hebrews 12:5-11)

The Self-destruction of Israel (13:9-13)

- ▶ Self-destruction is to be “against Me” – your Helper
- ▶ Failure of human power – kings
- ▶ The agony of accumulated sin (13:12-13)
 - God remembers – sin is stored up
 - An arrested delivery

The “Mighty Gulf” (13:14-16)

- ▶ The wonderful proposal
- ▶ Deliverance from death and Sheol
- ▶ Ezekiel 37:1-10 – resurrection
- ▶ Ezekiel 37:15-23 – union of Judah and Ephraim
- ▶ Compassion (repentance) will be hidden from *My* sight
- ▶ The deception of prosperity (13:15)
- ▶ Samaria is guilty of rebellion against God

No Savior but God

- ▶ The need for a wonderful solution
- ▶ God has committed Himself to save
- ▶ Man has committed himself to oppose
- ▶ Hosea 14 – the final solution