

# The Judgements of God

## Hosea 8-10

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### Chapter 8

- We continue the themes of “hesed” love, faithfulness, and knowledge of God
- Israel no longer reflects God’s character; they are faithless, unloving, and have disregarded the importance of knowing God
- They are therefore receiving the judgement of God

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### Chapter 8: 1-3

- Sound the trumpet – another incident of war approaching
- An Eagle – symbolic of Assyria
- Circa 732 B.C. – Israel was destroyed in 722 B.C.

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## Chapter 8: 1-3

- The people have broken the covenant with God
- Though they still pretend to acknowledge God, they do not know God.
- No relationship with God
- Therefore: they receive the promises of breaking covenant – See Deut 28:49-52

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## Chapter 8: 4-6

- God has not been consulted nor sought after for leadership of the nation
- Idols have been set up
- Particularly the calf idols at Dan and Bethel
- See 1 Kings 12:25-30; 2 Kings 10:29

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## Chapter 8: 7-9

- Israel has sown the wind and now are reaping the whirlwind
- They have sought after vanity and now God's judgments are coming against them
- No enjoyment of crops

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## Chapter 8: 7-9

- Reaping the whirlwind:
- No enjoyment of crops – Deut 28:38-42
- Become useless and discarded – Jer 1:8
- Depended upon man's strength rather than God's strength for protection – Deut 28:13-14

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## Chapter 8:11-14

- Their idolatry has increased
- Rejected the words of God to follow their own way
- Worship is empty and useless

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## Chapter 8:11-14

- Judgement of God:
- A return to Egypt – a reversal of God's covenant blessings – Deut 28:68
- Their cities will be destroyed by fire

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## Chapter 9

- The themes of Israel's prostitution is continued and intensified.
- The key word is "unfaithful"
- Their wickedness will now be visited upon them
- The judgment of God is now at hand

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## Chapter 9: 1-4

V.1 – Israel is unfaithful – just like Gomer

They have broken the covenant which results in:

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- Their crops and vines will fail them
- They will be removed from the land
- Their worship is not acceptable to God

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## Chapter 9: 5-7a

- They will no longer be able to celebrate their appointed festivals – see Lev 23
- They will be destroyed and removed from their land
- Their sin and wickedness has caused God to be against them

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## Chapter 9: 7b-9

- They have rejected the words of God
- Moreso, they are against those who are proclaiming the words of God
- As a result:
- They have sunk deep into depravity
- Gibeah – see Judges 19 & 20

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## Chapter 9: 10-13

- Grapes – an unusual and delightful surprise
- Early figs – ripened in June.  
Regular figs ripened in August
- Baal Peor – immorality and idolatry
  - Numbers 25:3-18

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## Chapter 9: 10-13

- Woe to them – Revelation language.
- God will turn away from them
  - They have become objects of His wrath instead of His love

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## Chapter 9:14-17

- Wickedness in Gilgal – center of false worship
  - Was once a center of teaching about God
- God will cast them away - exile

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## Chapter 10

- Israel was once a fruitful place of God's faithfulness and love
- Now, there is no faithfulness and love in Israel
- They will come to realize their great sin and desire to hide from God

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## Chapter 10:1-2

- Their prosperity led them away from God
- They attributed their prosperity to false gods rather than to the One and True God
- Their heart deceived them away from God

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## Chapter 10:3-4

- They did not seek God for their leadership
- The kings they had were useless for protecting and leading them, now it is too late.
- They are people of falsehood and deceit which leads to lawsuits of all kinds against one another

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## Chapter 10:5-6

- Their false idols will let them down and will be carried off
- Their beloved calf idol of Beth-Aven (Bethel) will be carried away to Assyria
- They will mourn its loss
- They will realize their sin and be ashamed

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## Chapter 10:7-10

- Their own king will be like debris upon the water that floats away with the current
  - Helpless to do anything against Assyria
- Thorn and Thistle – See Gen 3:8

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## Chapter 10:7-10

- They will desire the mountains to fall on them – like Revelation
- Gibeah – Judges 19 & 20 again

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## Chapter 10:11-15

- Key Verse: Verse 12
  - God's appeal for them to come back to Him!
- But.... They do not. They remain self deceived and dependent upon human strength and wisdom
  - Proverbs 3:5-6

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## Chapter 10:11-15

- The days of battle are coming
- Israel will be completely destroyed

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## Conclusion/Summary

- The breaking of the covenant combined with ignoring and even rejecting God has led them to be objects of God's wrath
- Their nation will be completely destroyed because of their refusal to acknowledge God and His truth – no repentance

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