

# The Depravity of Israel

## Hosea 5 – 6:3

Dr. Michael D. Wedman

1

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The People

- The whole nation of Israel is now being addressed.
- Priest
- People
- Royal family

2

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Problem

- They are not seeking God anymore
  - See Jeremiah 22:1-9
- The rulers are not ruling with the justice, wisdom, and righteousness of God
- Both rulers and people have “gone deep into depravity”

3

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## The Problem

- They have become a snare and a net
  - Words used for hunters, not shepherds
- All Israel have become hunters – they are destroying one another for the sake of personal gain.
- See Ps. 119:110; 140:5

4

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## The Problem

- Tabor and Mizpah
  - Places of assembly for religious purposes
  - Tabor – north
  - Mizpah - south

5

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## The Depravity of Israel – 3-7

- God knows what they are doing – it is not hidden from Him
- They do not know God, but He knows them!
- No hide and seek with God

6

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Depravity of Israel – 3-7

- Turned to prostitution – physically and spiritually

NOTE!

Israel is successful on the outside but on the inside they are falling apart

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

7

### The Depravity of Israel – 3-7

- Their deeds do not permit them to turn to God
- Turned away from God to false spirits
- Rejected God as the only one and true God

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

8

### The Depravity of Israel – 3-7

- There is no one to call them to repentance
- There is no one who believes that repentance is needed
- They do not recognize sin as sin
- Truth has become what they decide it is

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

9

### The Depravity of Israel – 3-7

- They are arrogant before God
- They do not consider God as the utmost of importance
- As a result, they stumble along in sin – they are no longer on the path of God

10

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Depravity of Israel – 3-7

- They are pretending to worship God
- Go out with a display or show of worship
- This is not a real worship of God, it is all a show of religion

11

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Depravity of Israel – 3-7

- Question: How do we know that it was false worship?

12

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Depravity of Israel – 3-7

- Answer: Their actions between times of worship

13

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Depravity of Israel - 8-12

- Blow the Horn
  - Perhaps a trumpet call to war
  - Syro-Ephraimite war?
  - 2 Kings 16:5-10
- Gibeon, Ramah, Beth-Aven – towns on the border of North and South Israel

14

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Depravity of Israel – 8-12

- God promises destruction
- A day of reckoning from God for breaking the Covenant
- The leaders practice deceit

15

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## The Depravity of Israel- 13-15

- Israel made a covenant with Assyria
- They sought salvation/help from man rather than God
- King Menahem – 745-737 – 2 Kings 15:19-20
- King Hoshea – 732 – 2 Kings 17:1-6

16

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## The Depravity of Israel- 13-15

- God promises exile based upon the Sinai Covenant
- God is clearly against them as He shows Himself as a lion against Israel

17

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## The Depth of God's Grace – 6:1-3

- God offers to bring them back
- It is up to Israel to ask and seek after God

NOTE!

Third day – Paul references this in 1 Cor 15:4

18

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Conclusion/Summary

- God is against the Israelites because they have broken and ignored the Covenant
- The promises of God for breaking the covenant are going to happen
- Yet, God wants people to seek and know Him once again
- He is always extended grace

---

---

---

---

---

---

---