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## Thru the Scriptures 2006-08



### Hosea 8-14

July 31st-August 6th, 2008

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Ti 3:16-17)

## The Book of Hosea-

The latter half of this book of prophecy displays for us more of our Lord's broken-hearted promises of destruction to His people. On the heels of, and in the midst of, such promises of devastation, we find God's strong love enduring for His wayward, and soon-to-be chastened, Israel. Even in the midst of such open harlotry and defiance against Him, His love endured. He would discipline, but He would restore! As we peer into the heart-rending response of our Lord to nation-wide betrayal, let us remember and rejoice in the fact that our Lord loves with an everlasting love and keeps His promises for sure! May we delight in His promises as we wrestle with His words of anguish to His wayward people Israel! May we be moved by His grace and helped by His Spirit to cling to our Head and walk faithfully with Him into the love promised to His faithful ones for all time!

Can you see in this beautiful story all the elements of the eternal triangle? There is the Lover, our loving God. There is the beloved, the bride, the human heart, which is tragically prone to stray from God's love. And there is the seducer, the deceptive attractiveness of the world that tries to separate us from God's love. This is your story and my story, isn't it? So many times we try to satisfy ourselves with the lying idols of self-importance or wealth or pleasure. Ours is a blindness like Gomer's that cannot distinguish between lust and love.

—Ray C. Stedman, *Adventuring Through the Bible*.

### Helpful Study Links:

Additional Commentary: (Great Resource!)

<http://preceptaustin.org/hosea.htm>

### Helpful Bible Survey Resource:

*Explore The Book* by J. Sidlow Baxter

### Commentary:

The commentary used throughout this booklet is

**With the Word Bible Commentary**

by Warren W. Wiersbe.

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# Daily Bible Study

Thursday, July 31st, 2008

## *Passage for today: Hosea 8*

### Questions to Ponder

1. In this chapter, we find that Israel had done some things “without God.” Why are these such foolish things to do? What are the things that we do today that might be equivalent to what they did?
2. What did God say that He would do to the things that they attempted to do on their own? Why do you suppose He would do such things?
3. In verses 7-10, we find that Israel ran to men instead of God for help. God told them essentially that those they ran to would actually be their demise later. What might we learn from this?

### With the word Bible Commentary

#### Hosea 8

The trumpet was blown in Israel to warn of impending battle (Num. 10:9). In this case, Assyria was coming, and there would be no escape. Israel claimed to know God (v. 2) and yet disobeyed Him (Titus 1:16). They made kings and rulers without seeking God’s will, and they made idols in defiance of the Lord. The famous calf of Samaria would be destroyed (1 Kings 12:28–30) when the eagle swooped down (v. 1) and the whirlwind came (v. 7). What seems a lovely soft wind today can become a storm tomorrow (Acts 27:13–15).

Israel had become like a piece of junk pottery on the trash heap (v. 8). They trusted the gentile nations to protect them but left God out of their plans (vv. 9–10). Israel multiplied altars (v. 11; 10:1) and Judah multiplied fortifications (v. 14), but neither could deliver from judgment. Israel would be taken by Assyria and Judah by Babylon, and God’s judgment would fall on a sinful people.

When God blows the trumpet, we had better wake up and listen!

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# Daily Bible Study

Friday, August 1st, 2008

*Passage for today: Hosea 9*

## Questions to Ponder

1. In what ways would the Lord make Israel fruitless? Why did He intend to do so? How might we apply this to our own lives today?
2. What losses would the people experience because of their harlotry? What might we learn from their losses? What do these losses show us about God?
3. The last sentence of verse ten is sobering and telling. What might we learn from it today concerning the danger of serving gods other than the Lord?

## With the word Bible Commentary

### Hosea 9-10

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There would also be no more fruitfulness in the home (9:10–17). Why allow them to bear children who would only worship idols and then be murdered by the Assyrian invaders? The fruitful womb was always a blessing to the Jewish people (Pss. 127:3–5; 128:3–4), but now the miscarrying womb would be a blessing.

What was wrong with Israel? They tried to serve two masters (10:1–2), they lied to God (10:4), they worshiped idols (10:5–6), and their hearts were hard and needed plowing up (10:12). They sowed the wrong seed in the wrong kind of soil and yet expected to reap the right harvest!

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# Daily Bible Study

Saturday, August 2nd, 2008

*Passage for today:* **Hosea 10**

## Questions to Ponder

1. This chapter alludes much to farming—sowing and reaping. What had the people sown into their lives and into their nation? What was due to spring up for them? Lessons for us?
2. Verses 12-15 display for us farming from a spiritual viewpoint. What does good farming look like? What does poor farming look like? What results were due Israel because of their poor farming? How does this apply to our lives today?

## With the word Bible Commentary

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# Daily Bible Study

Sunday, August 3rd, 2008

*Passage for today:* **Hosea 11**

## Questions to Ponder

1. As the Lord reminds the people of their past here, what about them and what about Himself do we find highlighted? What lessons is the Lord seeking to drive home?
2. How does what we see in this chapter accurately display of how the Lord works in each of our lives?

## With the word Bible Commentary

### Hebrews 11-12

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***Ingratitude*** (11:1–4). Israel took for granted their covenant relationship with the Lord, forgetting that He chose them (Deut. 7:6–11). In love He delivered a child from Egypt, carried him, fed him, and taught him to walk and work; and that child abandoned Him for idols. What ingratitude!

***Hardness of heart*** (11:5–11). They followed their own plans and gave no thought to the will of God. When God rebuked them, they did not repent. The soil of their hearts was hard (10:12), but God’s heart was tender toward them. He could not destroy them as He did the cities of the plain (Gen. 14:2, 8). No, one day He will call for them with a lion’s roar, and they will come with trembling hearts.

***Deceitfulness*** (11:12–12:6). Both Israel and Judah (the southern kingdom) are included in this message. The prophet reviews the history of Jacob their founder and sees his deceit in his descendants. Jacob tried to trip up Esau at birth (Gen. 25:26); he fought with God (Gen. 32:22–32); but he returned to Bethel and found God’s blessing again (Gen. 35). The time had come for Israel and Judah to return to God and repent of their sins (12:6).

***Boasting*** (12:7–14). “I have become rich!” was their boast, but it was an empty boast and just a lot of wind (12:1). Why? Because they made their money deceitfully by cheating the poor, and such wealth can never last. Read and ponder Revelation 3:14–22.

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# Daily Bible Study

Monday, August 4th, 2008

*Passage for today:* **Hosea 12**

## Questions to Ponder

1. God continues His recounting of His work with Israel. What things does He show us in this chapter? Where did Israel stray from the Lord?
2. What does this kind of response look like to the Lord in today's world?

## With the word Bible Commentary

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# Daily Bible Study

Tuesday, August 5th, 2008

*Passage for today: Hosea 13*

## Questions to Ponder

1. How does God show Israel her coming desolation in this chapter? At the same moment He is foretelling desolation, God shows the great promises of what will be. What are these promises?
2. Why does God show both of these to them—the desolation and the promise? What does this teach us about God?

## With the word Bible Commentary

### Hosea 13-14

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God had saved them from Egypt and in the wilderness, and He could have saved them from Assyria; but they trusted their wealth, their kings, and their foreign policy. Now the east wind would dry them up (13:15), and the “twice fruitful” Ephraim would be fruitful no more.

But we can always heed God’s loving call to repentance. If we return to Him, He will receive us (14:2–3), restore us (14:4), and revive us (14:5–9). The desert will become a fruitful garden where the roots go deep. Instead of ugliness, there will be beauty; instead of a stench, there will be fragrance. What a difference it makes when we obey Him!

God does not want our material sacrifices so much as the “sacrifices of our lips” (14:2; Heb. 13:15). He wants to hear words from our hearts that are honest and sincere, and He wants to see faith that depends on His mercy alone. Will you be a stumbling sinner (14:1, 9) or a forgiven sinner?

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# Daily Bible Study

Wednesday, August 6th, 2008

*Passage for today:* **Hosea 14**

## Questions to Ponder

1. What does God show Israel that they need to do in order to return to the Lord? Is this true today?
2. How does God picture the relationship that He really desires with His people in this chapter?

## With the word Bible Commentary

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  - C. Reconciliation – Hosea’s and prefiguring God’s (3)
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    - b. God’s Rejection (5)
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    - b. Israel will reap what they have sown (10)
  - D. Israel’s Restoration in the last days
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    - d. God’s Future Promises (14)