

Hosea 10

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Judgment for Israel's Idolatry

- 1** Israel is an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself: according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images.
- 2** Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty: he shall break down their altars, he shall spoil their images.
- 3** For now they shall say, We have no king, because we feared not the LORD; what then should a king do to us?
- 4** They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant: thus judgment springeth up as hemlock in the furrows of the field.
- 5** The inhabitants of Samaria shall fear because of the calves of Beth-aven: for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and the priests thereof that rejoiced on it, for the glory thereof, because it is departed from it.
- **6** It shall be also carried unto Assyria for a present to king Jareb: Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel.
- 7** As for Samaria, her king is cut off as the foam upon the water.
- 8** The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.
- 9** O Israel, thou hast sinned from the days of Gibeah: there they stood: the battle in Gibeah against the children of iniquity did not overtake them.

10 It is in my desire that I should chastise them; and the people shall be gathered against them, when they shall bind themselves in their two furrows.

11 And Ephraim is as an heifer that is taught, and loveth to tread out the corn; but I passed over upon her fair neck: I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall plow, and Jacob shall break his clods.

12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

13 Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men.

14 Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people, and all thy fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shalman spoiled Beth-arbel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces upon her children.

15 So shall Beth-el do unto you because of your great wickedness: in a morning shall the king of Israel utterly be cut off.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Altar — **מִזְבֵּחַ** (Mizbeach)

Altar, place of sacrifice

The Hebrew **mizbeach** (מִזְבֵּחַ) means altar—from the root 'to slaughter.' Altars were places where sacrifices were offered to God, pointing forward to Christ's ultimate sacrifice.

Glory — **כָּבוֹד** (Kavod)

Glory, weight, honor

The Hebrew **kavod** (כָּבוֹד) literally means 'weight' or 'heaviness,' metaphorically denoting glory, honor, or majesty. God's glory (Shekinah) filled the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34) and temple (1 Kings 8:11).

Judgment — משפט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (משפט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

Lord — יהוה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יהוה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אדונָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Love — אהבה / חסד (Ahavah / Chesed)

Love / Loyal-love

Hebrew uses **ahavah** (אהבה) for love generally, but the covenant term **chesed** (חסד) describes God's steadfast, loyal love—faithful covenant commitment beyond mere emotion.

Righteous — צדיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צדיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root **tzedek** (צדקה), meaning righteousness or justice.

Sin — חטא (Chatta'ah)

Sin, missing the mark

The Hebrew **chatta'ah** (חטא) means sin—missing the mark of God's standard. It encompasses rebellion, transgression, and falling short of divine holiness.

Word — דבר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דבר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

CROSS REFERENCES

Hosea 10:1 **Creation:** Hosea 8:11; Jeremiah 2:28. **Sacrifice:** Hosea 12:11. **Parallel theme:**

Leviticus 26:1; 1 Kings 14:23; Philippians 2:21

Hosea 10:2 **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 18:21; Micah 5:13; Zephaniah 1:5; James 1:8; 4:4

Hosea 10:3

Kingdom: Hosea 3:4; 10:7; 10:15; 13:11; Micah 4:9; John 19:15. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 49:10

Hosea 10:4 **Judgment:** Amos 5:7; 6:12. **Parallel theme:** Hosea 4:2

Hosea 10:5 **Glory:** Hosea 9:11. **Parallel theme:** Hosea 4:15; 5:8; 13:2; 2 Kings 10:29; 17:16; 23:5; 2 Chronicles 11:15; Zephaniah 1:4; Acts 19:27

Hosea 10:6 **Kingdom:** Hosea 5:13; Daniel 11:8. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 30:3; Jeremiah 7:24

Hosea 10:7 **Kingdom:** Hosea 10:3

Hosea 10:8

Parallel theme: Hosea 9:6; Isaiah 2:19; 32:13; 34:13; Luke 23:30; Revelation 6:16. **Sin:** Deuteronomy 9:21; 1 Kings 13:34; 14:16; Amos 8:14

Hosea 10:9 **Sin:** Hosea 9:9

Hosea 10:10 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 4:9; Deuteronomy 28:63; Isaiah 1:24; Jeremiah 15:6; 16:16; 21:4; Ezekiel 5:13; 16:37; 23:46; Matthew 22:7

Hosea 10:11 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 4:16; Deuteronomy 25:4; Jeremiah 50:11

Hosea 10:12 **Righteousness:** Proverbs 11:18; Isaiah 45:8; James 3:18. **References Lord:** Hosea 6:3; Psalms 105:4; Isaiah 55:6. **Parallel theme:** Ecclesiastes 11:6; Isaiah 44:3; Luke 13:24. **Grace:** Amos 5:15

Hosea 10:13

Sin: Job 4:8; Proverbs 22:8. **Parallel theme:** Hosea 8:7; Psalms 33:16; Proverbs 1:31. **Faith:** Hosea 11:12; Psalms 52:7; 62:10

Hosea 10:14 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 13:16

Hosea 10:15 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 10:5. **Kingdom:** Hosea 10:7

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