

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.
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- 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.

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- 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.
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- 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.
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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 — כְּבוֹד (Kavod)

Glory, weight, honor

The Hebrew **kavod** (כְּבוֹד) 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 — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) 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 — יְהוָה / 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** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Love — אַהֲבָה / חֶסֶד (Ahavah / Chesed)

Love / Loyal-love

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

Righteous — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

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

Sin — חַטָּאת (Chatta'ah)

Sin, missing the mark

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

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) 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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