

Hosea 10:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

As for Samaria, her king is cut off as the foam upon the water.

Analysis

As for Samaria, her king is cut off as the foam upon the water. Israel's king becomes powerless, insignificant like foam on water - temporary, insubstantial, swept away. This describes coming exile when monarchy ends. The metaphor emphasizes complete powerlessness - foam cannot resist current. Human authority apart from divine sanction proves futile. Only Christ is eternal King whose kingdom cannot be shaken (Hebrews 12:28). All earthly kingdoms prove temporary; His endures forever (Daniel 2:44).

Historical Context

Hoshea, Israel's last king, was captured by Assyria (2 Kings 17:4), ending monarchy. Like foam, he disappeared - powerless to resist. The northern kingdom never restored kingship, fulfilling this prophecy. Centuries later, Judah also lost monarchy (Babylonian exile, 586 BC). Only Christ, David's greater Son, establishes permanent kingdom. His reign began at resurrection/ascension, continues now, will consummate at return. Believers already participate in His kingdom (Colossians 1:13).

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. What authorities or leaders do I trust that might prove as insubstantial as foam on water?
2. How does recognition that all earthly kingdoms are temporary drive me to invest in Christ's eternal kingdom?

Interlinear Text

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is cut off As for Samaria her king as the foam upon the water
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Additional Cross-References

Hosea 10:3 (Kingdom): For now they shall say, We have no king, because we feared not the LORD; what then should a king do to us?

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