

Hosea 8

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Israel Reaps the Whirlwind

- ¹ Set the trumpet to thy mouth. He shall come as an eagle against the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law.
 - ² Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee.
 - ³ Israel hath cast off the thing that is good: the enemy shall pursue him.
 - ⁴ They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off.
 - ⁵ Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast thee off; mine anger is kindled against them: how long will it be ere they attain to innocency?
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- ⁶ For from Israel was it also: the workman made it; therefore it is not God: but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces.
 - ⁷ For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up.
 - ⁸ Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure.
 - ⁹ For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim hath hired lovers.

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- 10** Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes.
- 11** Because Ephraim hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin.
- 12** I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing.
- 13** They sacrifice flesh for the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat it; but the LORD accepteth them not; now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins: they shall return to Egypt.
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- 14** For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.
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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.

Covenant — בְּרִית (Berit)

Covenant, treaty

The Hebrew **berit** (בְּרִית) denotes a covenant—a binding agreement, often ratified by blood sacrifice. God's covenants (Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic) structure redemptive history, culminating in the New Covenant.

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Iniquity — עָוֹן (Avon)

Iniquity, guilt, punishment

The Hebrew **avon** (עָוֹן) encompasses iniquity, guilt, and its punishment—the twisted nature of sin. 'The LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all' (Isaiah 53:6), Christ bearing our guilt and penalty.

Law — תּוֹרָה (Torah)

Law, instruction

The Hebrew **Torah** (תּוֹרָה) means law or instruction—God's revealed will for His people. The Law includes moral, civil, and ceremonial commandments, revealing God's character and humanity's need for a Savior.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

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

CROSS REFERENCES

Hosea 8:1 **Covenant:** Hosea 6:7. **References Lord:** Deuteronomy 28:49. **Parallel theme:** Hosea 5:8; Jeremiah 4:13; Habakkuk 1:8

Hosea 8:2 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 7:21. **References God:** Titus 1:16

Hosea 8:3 **Parallel theme:** Lamentations 3:66

Hosea 8:4 **Kingdom:** 1 Kings 16:31. **Creation:** Hosea 13:2. **Parallel theme:** Hosea 2:8

Hosea 8:5 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 10:5; Proverbs 1:22; Jeremiah 13:27

Hosea 8:7 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 7:9; Job 4:8; Proverbs 22:8; Nahum 1:3; Galatians 6:7

Hosea 8:8 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 22:28; 51:34; Romans 9:22

Hosea 8:9 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 5:13; 7:11; 2 Kings 15:19; Jeremiah 2:24

Hosea 8:10

Parallel theme: Hosea 10:10; Ezekiel 16:37. **Kingdom:** Isaiah 10:8; Ezekiel 26:7

Hosea 8:11 **Sin:** Hosea 12:11

Hosea 8:13 **References Egypt:** Hosea 9:6; 11:5. **Sin:** Hosea 9:9; Jeremiah 14:10. **Sacrifice:** Isaiah 1:11; Amos 5:22. **References Lord:** Hosea 5:6; Deuteronomy 28:68; Amos 8:7

Hosea 8:14 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 13:6; Deuteronomy 32:18; Isaiah 17:10; Jeremiah 17:27; Amos 2:5

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