

Hosea 9

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Punishment for Israel's Sin

- ¹ Rejoice not, O Israel, for joy, as other people: for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God, thou hast loved a reward upon every cornfloor.
 - ² The floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her.
 - ³ They shall not dwell in the LORD'S land; but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean things in Assyria.
 - ⁴ They shall not offer wine offerings to the LORD, neither shall they be pleasing unto him: their sacrifices shall be unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat thereof shall be polluted: for their bread for their soul shall not come into the house of the LORD.
 - ⁵ What will ye do in the solemn day, and in the day of the feast of the LORD?
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- ⁶ For, lo, they are gone because of destruction: Egypt shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury them: the pleasant places for their silver, nettles shall possess them: thorns shall be in their tabernacles.
 - ⁷ The days of visitation are come, the days of recompence are come; Israel shall know it: the prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred.
 - ⁸ The watchman of Ephraim was with my God: but the prophet is a snare of a fowler in all his ways, and hatred in the house of his God.
 - ⁹ They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of Gibeah: therefore he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins.

10 I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the firstripe in the fig tree at her first time: but they went to Baal-peor, and separated themselves unto that shame; and their abominations were according as they loved.

11 As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception.

12 Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them, that there shall not be a man left: yea, woe also to them when I depart from them!

13 Ephraim, as I saw Tyrus, is planted in a pleasant place: but Ephraim shall bring forth his children to the murderer.

14 Give them, O LORD: what wilt thou give? give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.

15 All their wickedness is in Gilgal: for there I hated them: for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of mine house, I will love them no more: all their princes are revolvers.

16 Ephraim is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit: yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay even the beloved fruit of their womb.

17 My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

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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).

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 — עוֹן (Avon)

Iniquity, guilt, punishment

The Hebrew **avon** (עוֹן) 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.

Lord — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (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.

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.

Prophet — נָבִיא (Navi)

Prophet, spokesman

The Hebrew **navi** (נָבִיא) means prophet—one who speaks God's word to the people. Prophets received divine revelation and declared God's message, often calling Israel to repentance and foretelling future events.

Sacrifice — זֶבַח (Zevach)

Sacrifice, offering

The Hebrew **zevach** (זֶבַח) denotes a sacrifice or offering—an animal slaughtered for worship. Old Testament sacrifices foreshadowed Christ, 'the Lamb of God' (John 1:29).

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.

Spirit — רוּחַ (Ruach)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Hebrew **ruach** (רוּחַ) means spirit, wind, or breath—invisible but powerful. It describes both the Holy Spirit and the human spirit. God's Spirit gives life and empowers His people.

CROSS REFERENCES

Hosea 9:1 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 10:5; Jeremiah 44:17. **References God:** Hosea 4:12

Hosea 9:2 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 2:9

Hosea 9:3

References Lord: Hosea 8:13; Deuteronomy 28:63; Ezekiel 4:13. **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 25:23; Deuteronomy 4:26; 1 Kings 9:7; 2 Kings 17:6; Jeremiah 2:7; 16:18. **References Egypt:** Hosea 7:11

Hosea 9:4 **Sacrifice:** Hosea 3:4; Jeremiah 6:20. **References Lord:** Deuteronomy 26:14. **Sin:** Hosea 8:13. **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 24:17

Hosea 9:5 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 2:11; Isaiah 10:3; Jeremiah 5:31; Joel 1:13

Hosea 9:6

Parallel theme: Hosea 10:8; Isaiah 5:6; 7:23. **References Egypt:** Hosea 7:16; 8:13; 9:3

Hosea 9:7 **Parallel theme:** 2 Kings 9:11; Isaiah 10:3; Jeremiah 10:15; Micah 7:4; Mark 3:21. **Spirit:** Ezekiel 13:3. **Prophecy:** Lamentations 2:14

Hosea 9:8 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 5:1; Isaiah 62:6; Ezekiel 3:17; Micah 7:4

Hosea 9:9 **Sin:** Hosea 8:13; 10:9. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 31:6

Hosea 9:10 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 2:15; 4:14; Jeremiah 11:13; Ezekiel 20:8; Micah 7:1

Hosea 9:11 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 9:14; Deuteronomy 28:18. **Glory:** Hosea 4:7; 10:5

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Hosea 9:13 **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 27:3

Hosea 9:14 **Parallel theme:** Luke 23:29

Hosea 9:15 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 4:15; 12:11; 1 Samuel 7:16; Amos 5:5; Micah 6:5; Zephaniah 3:3. **Love:** Isaiah 1:23

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Hosea 9:17 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 4:10; 7:13; Isaiah 48:18; Amos 9:9; Zechariah 1:4; Acts 3:23. **References God:** Micah 7:7

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