

# Hosea 9:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her.

## Analysis

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Failed expectations: 'The floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail her.' The גֶּרֶן (goren, threshing floor) and יֵקֶב (yeqev, winepress/wine vat) will not sustain (רָעָה, ra'ah, feed/shepherd) them; תִּירוֹשׁ (tirosh, new wine) will fail/deceive (כָּחַשׁ, kachash—deny, disappoint). Agricultural blessing, presumed automatic, will fail. Baal worship aimed at ensuring fertility; result: barrenness. This demonstrates that false worship doesn't deliver promised blessing. Only covenant faithfulness ensures provision (Deuteronomy 28:1-14). Christ provides true bread and wine—Himself—satisfying eternally (John 6:35, 15:1-5).

## Historical Context

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Israel attributed agricultural blessing to Baal (2:5,8), believing fertility god controlled harvests. Hosea exposes this lie: YHWH, not Baal, provides grain/wine/oil, and withdrawing blessing demonstrates His sovereignty over creation. Archaeological evidence suggests periodic droughts and crop failures in 8th century Levant, which Hosea interprets as divine judgment. The threat fulfills covenant curses (Leviticus 26:19-20, Deuteronomy 28:18,38-42): disobedience produces crop failure. Exile completed this: removed from land, they accessed no harvest. This demonstrates that covenant blessing is conditional on covenant faithfulness—presuming on God's provision while violating His covenant ensures provision withdrawn.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. How do people today presume on God's material blessings while living in spiritual unfaithfulness?
2. What does crop failure as judgment teach about God's sovereignty over all natural processes?

## Interlinear Text

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<b>The floor</b>	<b>and the winepress</b>		<b>shall not feed</b>	<b>them and the new wine</b>	<b>shall fail</b>
H1637	H3342	H3808	H7462	H8492	H3584
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Hosea 2:9** (Parallel theme): Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness.