

Today, we’d like to study the title of “Deeply Corrupted” in *Hosea 9:1-17*.

To Online Word’s people, we’d like to suggest 3 Questions:

Q1. In verse 1, “Do not rejoice, O Israel, with joy like *other* peoples, For you have played the harlot against your God. You have made love *for* hire on every threshing floor,” what are they doing at the “threshing floor?”

Q2. In verse 9, “They are deeply corrupted, As in the days of Gibeah. He will remember their iniquity; He will punish their sins,” how were the days of Gibeah?

Q3. In verse 17, “My God will cast them away, Because they did not obey Him; And they shall be wanderers among the nations,” what can we learn?

(Background)

After the death of Solomon in 931 BC, Israel was divided with Israel ruled by Jeroboam in North and Judah ruled by Rehoboam, Solomon’s son, in south. Before Israel was carried captivity by Assyria in 722BC, Hosea prophesized to Israel. Thereafter, in 586 BC, Judah also was conquered by Babylon.

(The time of Hosea in 2 Kings 17:9-12) ⁹Also the children of Israel secretly did against the LORD their God things that *were* not right, and they built for themselves high places in all their cities, from watchtower to fortified city. ¹⁰They set up for themselves *sacred* pillars and wooden images on every high hill and under every green tree. ¹¹There they burned incense on all the high places, like the nations whom the LORD had carried away before them; and they did wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger, ¹²for they served idols, of which the LORD had said to them, “You shall not do this thing.”

¹Do not rejoice, O Israel, with joy like *other* peoples, For you have played the harlot against your God. You have made love *for* hire on every threshing floor.

¹=Q1 other peoples (Gentiles or idol worshippers) ; played the harlot (whore; prostitute) against your God (adultery and spiritual adultery); every threshing floor (in high places, separate wheat from chaff or corn from husk – adultery & spiritual adultery place)

<p>²The threshing floor and the winepress Shall not feed them, And the new wine <u>shall fail in her</u>.</p> <p>³They shall not dwell in the LORD's land, But <u>Ephraim</u> shall return to <u>Egypt</u>, And shall eat unclean <i>things</i> in <u>Assyria</u>.</p> <p>⁴They shall <u>not offer wine offerings to the LORD</u>, <u>Nor shall their sacrifices</u> be pleasing to Him. <i>It shall be</i> like bread of mourners to them; <u>All</u> who eat it shall be <u>defiled</u>. For their bread <i>shall be</i> <u>for their own life</u>; It shall <u>not come into the house of the LORD</u>.</p> <p>⁵What will you do in the appointed day, And in the day of the feast of the LORD?</p> <p>⁶For <u>indeed</u> they are gone because of destruction. <u>Egypt shall gather them up</u>; <u>Memphis</u> shall bury them. Nettles shall possess their valuables of silver; Thorns <i>shall be</i> in their tents.</p> <p>⁷<u>The days of punishment</u> have come; <u>The days of recompense</u> have come. Israel knows! <u>The prophet is a fool</u>, <u>The spiritual man is insane</u>, Because of the greatness of your iniquity and great enmity.</p> <p>⁸The <u>watchman of Ephraim is</u> with my God; But the prophet <i>is</i> <u>a fowler's snare</u> in all his ways— <u>Enmity</u> in the house of his God.</p>	<p>2= ... shall fail in her (in Israel because of maybe drought or famine)</p> <p>3= Ephraim (a dominant tribe of Israel); Egypt... Assyria (Israel leaders changed continually between Egypt and Assyria for Israel's benefits – accepted their pagan gods)</p> <p>4= not offer wine offerings to the Lord (because of unclean things)... All ... defiled.</p> <p>5= Egypt shall gather them up (bring them as captives); Memphis (a city in Egypt)</p> <p>7= The days of punishment [visitation] ... the days of recompense (for evil – they crossed the line between God's mercy, love, or patience, AND God's judgment for his justice against evil; The prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is insane (like the last days of Judah in ¹Jeremiah 6:13-14)</p> <p>8= watchman of Ephraim is [was, KJV] ²Ezekiel 3:17; a fowler's snare (trap); Enmity (hatred, abomination, i.e., idols)</p>
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¹ Jeremiah 6:13-14 "Because from the least of them even to the greatest of them. Everyone is given to covetousness; And from the prophet even to the priest. Everyone deals falsely. ¹⁴ They have also healed the hurt of My people slightly, Saying, 'Peace, peace!' When *there is* no peace.

² Ezekiel 3:17 "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me:

⁹They are deeply corrupted,
As in the days of Gibeah.
He will remember their iniquity;
He will punish their sins.

¹⁰"I found Israel
Like grapes in the wilderness;
I saw your fathers
As the firstfruits on the fig tree in its first
season.
But they went to Baal Peor,
And separated themselves to that shame;
They became an abomination like the thing
they loved.

¹¹As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like
a bird—

No birth, no pregnancy, and no conception!

¹²Though they bring up their children,
Yet I will bereave them to the last man.

Yes, woe to them when I depart from them!

¹³Just as I saw Ephraim like Tyre, planted in a
pleasant place,

So Ephraim will bring out his children to the
murderer."

¹⁴Give them, O LORD—

What will You give?

Give them a miscarrying womb

And dry breasts!

9= Q2 in the days of Gibeah (like verse 1; Go back to Judges 19. You have this horrible story of a Levite in Ephraim land visited his father-in-law's home in Bethlehem to bring back his concubine who played the harlot against him. During journeying back to Ephraim, the couple had stopped to stay overnight in Gibeah (North East bound) in the territory of the Benjamites. Then, some wicked Benjamites men gathered around the house and demanded that the Levite came out, so they could have sex with him. Instead, the Levite gave them his concubine. They raped and abused her all night and then left her dead at the door of the house. The Levite divided her into 12 pieces, limb by limb, sent her throughout all the territory of Israel, saying in ³Judges 19:30b, Then The wicked men and their allied Benjamites were ultimately destroyed for its evil in ⁴Judges 20:48

10= Baal Peor (Baal at Peor, Baal Peor was Baal of Peor, a mountain in Moab. Balaam, a prophet, was hired by king Balak of Moab to curse the Isarelites, But despite several Balaam's denials, it caused that the Israelites commit harlotry with the women of Moab and Baal worship at Peor. ⁵Numbers 25:1-3)

13= his children to the murderer (Assyrians' brutality - Truly war does demonstrate the total depravity of man, and the need of redemption by God. God is so loving, God is so good, God is so kind. God wanted to do His work among them, ISIS.)

14= (Hosea the prophet's prophetic prayer)

³ Judges 19:30b "No such deed has been done or seen from the day that the children of Israel came up from the land of Egypt until this day. Consider it, confer, and speak up!"

⁴ Judges 20:48, "And the men of Israel turned back against the children of Benjamin, and struck them down with the edge of the sword—from every city, men and beasts, all who were found. They also set fire to all the cities they came to."

⁵ Numbers 25:1-3 Now Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and the people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab. **2** They invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. **3** So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel.

<p>¹⁵“All their wickedness <i>is</i> in <u>Gilgal</u>, For there <u>I hated them</u>. Because of <u>the evil of their deeds</u> I will drive them from My house; I will love them no more. All <u>their princes are</u> rebellious. ¹⁶Ephraim is stricken, Their root is dried up; They shall bear no fruit. Yes, were they to bear children, I would kill the darlings of their womb.” ¹⁷My God will cast them away, Because <u>they did not obey Him</u>; And they shall be wanderers among the nations.</p>	<p>15= Gugal (former the place of Sacrifice to Him, ⁶1 Sam 10:8; now adulterous and spiritual adulterous place) ; their princes (their leaders)</p> <p>17= Q3 they did not obey Him [hearken unto him KJV] (hear – know; convict; will -> work to abandon the evil act and to act in His way);⁷ Rev 2:29; 2 Chr 7:14</p>
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⁶ 1 Sam 10:8 You shall go down before me to Gilgal; and surely I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and make sacrifices of peace offerings. Seven days you shall wait, till I come to you and show you what you should do.”

⁷ Rev 2:29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.; 2 Chr 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.