

Series: Relentless Love

Title: Destruction & Restoration

Text: (Hosea 13-14)

Hosea Chapter 13 - Israel's Inevitable Destruction

I. GOD'S JUDGMENT - Verses 1-3

1. Ephraim's glory vanishes. (Hosea 13:1)
2. Contrast between humbleness and idolatry.
3. Ephraim was humble - Because puffed up
4. When he humbled himself he was exalted.
 - A. That it was God that exalted him: (Mat 23:12)
 - B. This is the promise of God: (Lk 18:10-14)
5. When he offended God he lost his position
 - A. Separated themselves from Judah and David
 - B. The next step was idolatry
 - C. Which leads to death :

(Hosea 13:2)

1. They went from sinning to sinning.
 - 1st King-Jeroboam= Calves
 - 2nd King - Ahab = Bull
 - 3rd - ???- Multiple Idols
2. Rebellion is a downward path - (Amos 8:14)
3. They created the idols they worshipped
(Deu 9:12) (Psalms 115:4-8)
4. They encouraged others to do so (Hosea 13:2)
Ridiculous sings of Devotion
5. So it is today - (2 Timothy 3:13)

(Hosea 13:3)

1. Because of her sin, judgment is announced
2. Here one moment then gone w/o a trace.
3. They are classified as:

II. GOD'S ANGER: (Hosea 13:4-8)

(Hosea 13:4)

1. The Lord reminds them He is the True God.
2. He only is their hope - (John 6:68)
3. He always has been - From Egypt
4. No saviour like our saviour

(Hosea 13:5)

1. God's knowledge of Ephraim
 - A. God knew him while he was in the wilderness
 - B. Even while he was in Egypt

(Hosea 13:6)

1. They had been filled (With the goodness of God)
2. Filled like the sheep of their pasture - (Psalms 23:1-3)
3. Physical Affluence led to Spiritual Apathy:
4. In their fullness' they forgot God - (Deut 8:10-14)
5. Affluence always leads to Pride
6. This is the Reason God allows Struggle. (Gen 3:17-19)

The Syrian conquest will be vicious like a lion or a bear attack. (Hosea 13:7-8)

1. Ephraim to be rent by Gentiles, Symbolized by wild beast
2. Ten tribes taken by the Assyrians
3. Judah was devastated by the lion-empire (Babylon)

III. ISRAEL'S DOWNFALL - (Hosea 13:9-11)

1. They turned against God.
2. This brought spiritual and national suicide.
3. They brought this upon themselves - (Hosea 13:9)
4. They had forsaken their only hope.
5. God reminds them of their past : (Hosea 13:10-11)

IV. GOD'S MERCY TO FOLLOW WRATH: (Hosea 13:12-14)

1. Ephraim deliberately continued in their sin
2. Their iniquity was bound up - (Hosea 13:12)
 - A. It was laid by in store: (2 Pet 3:6-7)(Joshua 7:20-21)
3. Their sin and iniquity will not be forgotten. (Deu 32:34)
4. Sorrow and great trouble shall come upon them: Ch 13:13
 - A. "Jacob's trouble: (Jer 30:7)
5. Yet God shall deliver them - (Deut 31:36-43)
6. After Jacob's trouble - BLISS
7. All their enemies shall be put down - (Hosea 13:14)

V. GOD'S WRATH: (Verses 15-16)

THE DESOLATION OF THE NEARING JUDGMENT -

1. These verses describe the horrors of the coming judgment by the Assyrians: (Hosea 13:15-16)
2. A common practice
 - A. Hazael: (2 Ki 8:11-13)
 - B. Menahem: (2 Ki 15:16)
3. God's judgment against such actions: (Amos 1:13)

Hosea Chapter Fourteen - Israel's Future Restoration **The Future Restoration of Israel Upon Her Repentance**

I. A Call to Revival: (Vs 14:1-3)

VERSE 1

1. The Plee - "O Israel, return"
2. The Person - "unto the LORD thy God;"
3. The Purpose - (Hosea 12:6)

VERSE 2

1. The Challenge

2. The Confession -
3. Their Concession

VERSE 3

1. Recognition of their condition -
2. Rejection of outside help -
3. Reliance upon God -

II. A Promise of God's Blessings - Glorious Redemption **(Hosea 14:4-9)**

VERSES 4-9

1. Promise of God's Healing, Restoration & Blessing b/c of their Confession & Repentance.

(Hosea 14:4-7)

- A. Restore their Position of Favor.
- B. Restore their Condition of Love
- C. Restore their Joy

VERSES 8,9

1. The forsaking of idols - (Hosea 14:8)
2. God's response -
 - A. Satisfaction of Israel
 - B. Rejoicing in God's restored mercies
 - C. Acknowledging all grace & good comes from God
3. The wise shall hear and understand - (Hosea 14:9)
(Dan 12:3)(Rev 3:22)
4. Shall walk in the ways of the Lord - (Hosea 14:9)
 - A. The future state of Israel
 - B. They shall look on Him - (Zech.12:10)
 - C. They shall question His wounds - (Zech. 13:6)