

Book of Hosea

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PROPHECY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

OT Prophecy is > from **the Lord**, the source “**the Lord** said”, **Gen 12:1-3** and “**I will**”, **Gen 3:15**

OT Prophecy is > **Foreordained, the Lord** “Declaring the End from the beginning”, **Isa 46:10**

OT Prophecy is > according to **the Lord’s Plan**, “**I have planned it**”, **Isa 46:10**

OT Prophecy is > according to **the Lord’s Purpose**. “**My purpose** will be established”, **Isa 46:10**

OT Prophecy is > according to **the Lord’s good pleasure** “all **My good pleasure**” or **His will**, **Isa 46:10**

OT Prophecy is > **sure**, **Hosea 5:9**, “**I will** bring it to pass”, “**I will** do it”, **Isa 46:11**

OT Prophecy is > **Foretold**, and **revealed** > ahead of time,

the Lord “Declares the end from the beginning”, **Isa 46:10**

the Lord Declares “from ancient times things which have not been done”, **Isa 46:10**

OT Prophecy is > **Revealed** first, by **the Lord**, to **His Prophets**. “Surely **the Lord GOD** does nothing Unless **He reveals His** secret counsel To **His** servants **the prophets**” **Amos 3:7**

OT Prophecy is > sometimes **NOT Revealed** in the **OT**, it is **HIDDEN**, But later **revealed** in the **NT** “...**I WILL** UTTER THINGS **HIDDEN** SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD”, **Matt 13:35**

OT Prophecy is > Heard by **the Prophets** and written and Proclaimed by **them**.

OT Prophecy is > **Fulfilled** in the near future.

Like Abraham, **Given**, **Gen 17:15-17**, **Fulfilled**, **21:2-3**, Fulfilled a year later

Like Joseph, **Given**, **Gen 37:5-10**, **Fulfilled**, Fulfilled about 13 years later

OT Prophecy is > **Fulfilled** further in the future,

Like Daniel > (Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream), **Given**, **Dan 2:36-45**,

Fulfilled in 4 Kingdoms > Babylon, Medes-Persians, Greece, and Romans, **605BC** to **476AD**

Like (70 year Exile), **Fulfilled** **Dan 9:1-2**, referring to Jeremiah’s Prophecy, **Given**, **Jer 25:11-12, 29:10**

Like Hosea, **Israel’s** Captivity by **Assyrians**. **Given**, **Hosea 5:9**, **Fulfilled**, **2 Kings 17:5**

OT Prophecy is > **Fulfilled** further in the future, in the New Testament, all in **the Lord’s** Timing.

Now all this took place to **Fulfill** what was spoken by **the Lord** through **the (OT) prophet**, **Matt 1:22**

OT Prophecies Fulfilled in Matthew > **Matt 2:5, 2:15, 2:17, 2:23, 3:3, 4:14, 5:17, 8:17, 12:17, 12:39, 13:35, 21:4, 22:40, 26:56, 27:9**, (Fulfilled about 700 years later)

OT Prophecy is > **Fulfilled** in the far, far, future, But is **Not Yet Fulfilled**, But **sure** to be **Fulfilled**, **Isa 46:11**

Like **Hosea 3:4-5**, Like **Daniel 7** (4 Beasts), **Dan 7:16-18, 23**

OT Prophets > “**the Lord** has **sent me** (Jeremiah) to **you** to speak these words in **your** hearing”, **Jer 26:15**

OT Prophets > are to be **listened** to >

31 “But he (Abraham) said to him, ‘If **they** do not **listen** to **Moses** (Prophet) and **the Prophets**, **they** will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.’” **Luke 16:31**

OT Prophecy is > first **revealed** > often **interpreted** > then **written** and **proclaimed** > then **fulfilled**, all in **the Lord’s** Timing.

OT Prophecy > is often **interpreted** in the **near context**, of a **Vision** or a **Dream**.

Read **Dan 7:16-18, 23, Dan 8:19-22, Dan 9:22-27, Dan 10:14**.

Daniel understood the Message and the Vision, **Dan 10:1**

Look for “**What the Text Says**” > **Listen** to “**What the Lord said**” to **His prophets**, **He sent**,

Look for “**What the prophets said**”, heard, understood, wrote down, and preached to **Israel**.

First “**What the prophets said**” to **Israel** and Second “**What the prophets said**” to Us **Gentiles**.

Read Paragraph > Hosea 8: 1-7

Working Outline > Hosea 8: 1-7

- XXIII. **The Lord** Announces **Judgement** of **Ephraim**, for **Breaking Covenant** and **the Law, 8: 1-7** ¶
- A. Put the trumpet to **your** lips! **8:1**
 - 1. Like (*simile*) an eagle, *the enemy* comes against the house of **the Lord**, **8:1**, Dt 28:49-50
 - B. **Because** (Reason) **they** (N. Israel) have **transgressed My** covenant , **8:1, 6:7, Jer 11:10** (Sin)
 - 1. And **rebelled** against **My law**. **8:1, 4:6** (Sin)
 - C. **They** (N. Israel) cry out to **Me**, “**My God, we of Israel know You!**” **8:2**
 - D. **Israel** has **rejected** the good; **8:3** (Sin)
 - 1. The enemy will pursue **him**. **8:3**
 - E. **They** (N. Israel) have set up **kings**, but not by **Me**; **8:4** (Sin)
 - F. **They** have appointed **princes**, but **I (the Lord)** did not know it. **8:4** (Sin)
 - G. With **their** silver and gold **they** have made **idols** for **themselves**, **8:4, 13:1-2** (Sin)
 - 1. That **they** might be cut off. **8:4**
 - H. **He (the Lord)** has **rejected your calf**¹, O **Samaria**, saying, **8:5** (Judgement)
 - 1. “**My** anger burns against **them!**” **8:5**
 - I. How long will **they** (N. Israel) be incapable of innocence? **8:5**
 - J. **For** from **Israel** is even this! A craftsman made **it** (the calf), so it is not **God**; **8:6** (Sin)
 - K. Surely **the calf** of **Samaria** (N. Israel) will be broken to pieces. **8:6**
 - 1. **For they** (N. Israel) sow the wind (in futility), **8:7**
 - 2. And **they reap** the whirlwind (in futility). **8:7**
 - L. The **standing grain** has no heads; **It yields** no **grain**. **8:7**
 - 1. Should **it** yield, strangers would swallow **it** up. **8:7**

Questions of the Text: Hosea 8: 1-7

The Lord Announces **Judgement** of **Ephraim**, for Breaking **Covenant** and **the Law**

Q1: In **8:1**, an **eagle** (*simile*) comes against the house of **the Lord** (**Num 12:7**) or **Israel** (**8:2**).

Read **Deut 28:47-50**, Also **Lam 4:19, Hab 1:8**, refer to enemies, **like** eagles.

Q2: Who is this **nation** who swoops down? **A:** **Assyria** (722BC) for **N. Israel** also **Babylon** for **Judah**

Q3: What are the **2 reasons** given in **8:1**, for **the Lord** announcing with a **trumpet**, this Future attack?

A3: **Because** (Reason) **they** (N. Israel) have **transgressed My** covenant , **6:7, Jer 11:10**
And **rebelled** against **My law**. **8:1, 4:6** Also “The enemy” (Assyria) will pursue **him** (N. Israel), **8:3**

In **8:4**, **Israel** made **idols** of **silver** and **gold**, compare **Hos 13:1-2**.

Israel is then said as having a **calf**, that **the Lord** rejected, **8:5**.

It says craftsman made **the calf** And **it** will be broken to pieces, in **8:6**.

Q4: What does “**they sow** the wind, And **they reap** the whirlwind, **8:7**, mean here ?

Q: How does one “**sow** the wind” or “**reap** the whirlwind”?

A4: You can’t do either one, it is in vain, having no practical effect or useful result. It is futile.

This goes along with the **standing grain** that has no heads; **It yields** no **grain**. **8:7**

When you “**sow** the wind” or “**reap** the whirlwind” no crop or no heads are on the **standing grain** or **it** the **standing grain** yields no **grain**.

¹ **Ephraim**, gave Assyria, molded calf tribute (**Hos 8:4-5, 10:5-6**), so not destroy **them**, (**2 Kings 15:19-20**), but did in 722 BC

Read Paragraph > Hosea 8: 8-10

Working Outline > Hosea 8: 8-10

XXIV. **Israel** has gone up among **the nations** and hired **them** as **allies**, **8: 8-10** ¶

- A. **Israel** is swallowed up; **They** are now among the nations, **8:8** (Judgement)
 - 1. **Like** (simile) **a vessel** in which no one delights. **8:8**
- B. For **they** have gone up to **Assyria**, **8:9**
 - 1. **Like** (simile) **a wild donkey** all alone; **8:9**
- C. **Ephraim** (N. Israel) has hired lovers. **8:9** (Sin)
 - 1. Even though **they** hire allies among **the nations**, **8:10**
- D. Now **I** (**the Lord**) **will** gather **them** up; And **they** will begin to diminish, **8:10** (Judgement)
 - a. **Because** (Reason) of the burden of **the king of princes**. , **8:10** (Judgement)

Questions of the Text: Hosea 8: 8-10

Israel has gone up among **the nations** and hired **them** as **allies**

Israel's search for help from **the nations** has been in vain.

“**they** hired allies among **the nations**”, As a result > **they** become “**like a vessel**” which no one delights, “**like a wild donkey**” all alone, and **like** someone who “has hired lovers”. **8:9**

So No one wants **them**, **they** are all alone, **they** are like **one** who hires a prostitute, temporary fulfillment.

Therefore, “**they** (N. Israel) will begin to diminish” **8:10**

“**Because** (Reason) of the burden of **the king of princes**”. **8:10**

“The burden” is probably the hiring fees **Israel** paid to **Assyria** for **their** protection. **8:10**

Read Paragraph > Hosea 8: 11-14

Working Outline > Hosea 8: 11-14

- XXV. **Israel** has altars for **sin** and **sacrifice**, and has forgotten his Maker, 8: 11-14 ¶
- A. Since **Ephraim** (N. Israel) has multiplied altars for **sin**, 8:11 (Sin)
 - 1. They have become altars of **sinning** for **him** (N. Israel). 8:11
 - B. **Though I (the Lord)** wrote for **him** (N. Israel) ten thousand (myriads) precepts of **My law**, 8:11
 - 1. They (My precepts, Law) are regarded as a strange thing (alien). 8:12 (Sin)
 - C. As for **My (the Lord's) sacrificial gifts**, **They** (N. Israel) sacrifice the flesh and eat it, 8:13 (Sin)
 - 1. But **the Lord** has taken no delight in **them** (sacrifices). 8:13
 - D. Now **He (the Lord)** will remember their iniquity, 8:13
 - 1. And **punish them** for **their sins**; 8:13 (Judgement)
 - E. **They** (Israel) will return to **Egypt**. 8:13
 - 1. **For** (Reason) **Israel** (N. Israel) has forgotten his Maker and built palaces; 8:14 (Sin)
 - 2. And **Judah** (S. Israel) has multiplied fortified cities, 8:14
 - 3. But **I will (the Lord)** send a **fire** on **its** cities 8:14 (Judgement)
 - a. that **it** (fire) may consume **its** palatial (grand) dwellings. 8:14

Questions of the Text: Hosea 8: 11-14

Israel has altars for **sin** and **sacrifice**, and has forgotten his Maker

(N. Israel) has “multiplied altars for **sin**”, they “regarded as a strange thing (alien)” **the Lord's** “precepts” “**They** (N. Israel) sacrifice the flesh and eat it”. 8:13 The **sacrifices** are nothing more than flesh, which **they** slay and eat, and not sacrifices in which **the Lord** takes delight.

Now **He (the Lord)** will remember their iniquity, 8:13 And **punish them** for **their sins**; 8:13
It is said, “**Israel** will return to **Egypt**”, in **Hos 8:13**, **Hos 9:3**, and **Deut 28:68**. Some did after 70AD
But **Hosea 11:5** says, “they will **not** return to **Egypt**, but **Assyria** will be **their** King”.

What we know for sure is, that the **curses** of **Deut 28**, like **Deut 28:64-67**,
will be put on **Israel** for **their** great **sin**.

Because He (the Lord) will remember their iniquity, 8:13

And **punish them** for **their sins**; 8:13

Deuteronomy 28:64 (**Curses** for **Israel's** disobedience, as said by **Moses**, in 1406BC)

“Moreover, **the Lord** will scatter **you** (**Israel, the Nation**) among all peoples,
from one end of **the earth** to the other end of **the earth**;
and there **you** shall serve other gods, wood and stone,
which **you** or **your fathers** have not known.

This **Curse** happen to both **N. Israel** and **S. Judah**, the entire **Nation of Israel**