

HOSEA – LESSON FOUR

I. GOD EXPOSES ISRAEL'S SPIRIT OF WHOREDOM AND HYPOCRISY (5:1-6:11)

- A. God confronts Israel with her idolatry and the various attitudes that have corrupted her and will corrupt Judah (5:1-6).
- B. God calls for sounding the alarm for impending judgment upon Israel (5:7-14).
- C. God's judgment upon His people will move people to earnestly seek Him – but not with genuine repentance (5:15-6:5).
- D. God expresses His desires for how his people should live and gives detailed examples of Israel falling short – Judah is also warned of the ungodliness to uproot from her through judgment (6:6-11).

QUESTIONS:

1. How extensive was the problem of Idolatry in Israel?
2. In what sense could some in Israel be guilty of revolt and slaughter?
3. Besides defiling herself, what other fact must Ephraim face in her idolatry?
4. What spirit was keeping Israel from turning to God?
5. Who will stumble with Ephraim?
6. What historical significance is there in Israel going to seek Jehovah with their flocks and herds?
What irony do you see in 5:6?
7. In what sense is Israel bearing strange children?
8. What is significant in sounding the alarm in Gibeah and Ramah?
9. What is different in meaning between “Bethaven” and “Bethel”?

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10. What do 5:9-10 say about the importance of treating our fellow man equably?
11. By what three things does God describe himself in his judgment upon Israel?
12. To whom does Israel turn in time of crises?
13. Does God ever leave us so we cannot find Him?
14. Is 6:1-3 a genuine attempt to come to God or is it lacking in genuine repentance?
15. How is Israel like a morning cloud?
16. What does God desire above sacrifice and burnt offerings?
17. What horrible things does God see in Israel?
18. What is awaiting Judah's future?