

Hosea 5

No Repentance

1. Hosea 5:1-3 – The LORD’s Rebuke

- a. Hosea 4:1 - 4:1 “*no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God*” – Summary of ch. 4-7
- b. 1 - “*judgment is toward you*” – the LORD must intervene when priests and kings fail.
- c. Mizpah & Tabor – High places (watchtowers) now used to “snare” men in idolatry
 - i. Mizpah - Israel rededicated to God under Samuel, Ebenezer stone – 1 Sam 7:12
- d. 2 - Priests/kings are revolvers, their sacrifices slaughter (unholy), and they are proficient.
- e. “*I have been a rebuker*” – Rebuke is supposed to produce repentance -Lk 17:3, Rev 3:19
- f. 3 – God sees their idolatry, nothing is done in secret - Ecc 12:14, Jer 16:17, Heb 4:13

2. Hosea 5:4-7 – Failing to Turn to God

- a. “*they will not... for the spirit of whoredoms*” – All idolatry and fornication is rebellion.
- b. “*frame their doings to turn...*” – He rebuked in v2, and they will not repent or turn.
- c. 5 - “*the pride of Israel*” – in not hearing rebuke is a testimony to them. Prov 16:18
- d. The fall of Israel (north)... and Judah (south) prophesied in this verse.
- e. 6 - “*go with their flocks to seek...*” to worship, but the LORD is not there. Isa 1:12-17
- f. 7 - “*dealt treacherously with me*” - by breaking covenant -Hos 6:7, Jer 3:20
- g. “*begotten strange children*” - in marriage, and not teaching them to know the Lord
- h. “*a month devour them*” – Prophecy: their fall will be a swift destruction

3. Hosea 5:8-11 – Vision of Wrath

- a. “*Gibeah*” a reminder of the warning of great evil there in Judges 19:29-30, 20:1
- b. Ramah was built by a king of Israel to keep people from going south - 1 Ki 15:17
- c. 9 - “*have I made known....*” – what prophets do, in this case declaring desolation
- d. 10 - “*remove the bound*” – Borders and covenants – Deu 19:14, 32:8, Prov 22:28, 23:10
- e. “*pour out my wrath... like water*” – after removing a dam which is a bound for water
- f. 11 - “*commandment*” Jeroboam’s idolatrous religion –1Ki 12:31, Mi 6:16, Ho 10:5, 13:2

4. Hosea 5:12-15 – The Lord Afflicts

- a. 12 - “*moth*” - Ephraim will be eaten up; “*rottenness*” – a blight, disease, breaking down
- b. 13 - “*sickness*” – This was a literal punishment in Lev 26:25-28 (God brings disease)
- c. “*when... then went to the Assyrian*” – Instead of help, they chose the rod – Isa 10:5-6
- d. Hosea prophesied the last 45 years of Israel - 2 Kings 15:8-13, 18-20, 27-30
- e. 14 - “*as a lion*” – His armies coming to tear apart then he hides Hos 13:8, (cf Isa 5:29)
- f. 15 - “*till they acknowledge their offence*” – i.e. repent, or he will be absent – Pro 1:22+
- g. This also speaks to the LORD Jesus staying away until Israel repents – Acts 3:19-20

5. Hosea 6:1-3 – The Lord Heals

- a. “*Come, let us return*” - Prophecy of Israel’s repentance and return after judgment
- b. “*for he hath torn...*” - They acknowledge God is right “song of Moses” - Deu 32:39
- c. “*he will heal*” - God promised to heal Israel if they obeyed the covenant - Exo 15:22-26
- d. 2 - “*after two days he will revive us*” – Bring us back from the dead. Eze 37:11-17
- e. 3 - “*Then shall we know*” – unlike Hos 4:6, more like Heb 8:11
- f. “*his going forth is prepared as the morning*” – Acts 2:22-24, 3:21
- g. “*he shall come unto us...as the latter rain*” – James 5:7-8