

# Hosea 9

*No Place – No Joy*

## 1. 9:1-3 – Not in the Land

- a. 1 - Their joy is a result of loving the reward of their idolatry, not God.
- b. 2 - Their joy will be short, because of the judgment of God.
- c. 3 - *“not dwell in the LORD’s land”* – No longer receiving the promised land.
  - i. *“return to Egypt”* – as their fathers wanted in the wilderness
  - ii. *“unclean things in Assyria”* - their joy for the unclean leads to the unclean land

## 2. 9:4-6 – No Temples

- a. 4 - *“not offer ... neither pleasing”* – If offered outside the land it’s wicked - Pro 21:27
  - i. *“bread of mourners”* - to mourn their loss, not for joy in the land.
  - ii. *“polluted... for...”* - not sanctified since the bread doesn’t come in the right place
- b. 5 - *“what will ye do in the solemn day...?”* - No land, no temple, no holyday - Lev 23:10
- c. 6 - *“they are gone because of destruction”* - Nettles and thorns in their places of worship
- d. Feasts were celebrations in the land - Deu 16:1-17, 2 Chr 6:6, 7:15-16, Zec 14:16-18
- e. The mourning of those in Babylon outside the land without joy – Psalm 137:1-6
- f. Hosea 4 declared they had no knowledge, and here we have a foolish ignorant religion.

## 3. 9:7-9 – The Day of Recompence

- a. 7 - *“days of visitation”* – visit their sins, remembering their iniquities (9:9) – Isa 10:3
  - i. When its time for the judge to visit (stands at the door) – Mic 7:4-9, 12-13
  - ii. Recompence = day of the Lord’s wrath Isa 34:8, 35:3-5, Lk 21:22, Heb 10:28-31
  - iii. Peter speaks of awaiting judgment – 1 Pet 2:12, Acts 3:21
- b. *“Israel shall know it... the prophet is a fool”* when destruction comes - Eze 13:1-10+
- c. *“spiritual man is mad”* – They think him mad - Jer 29:25-27, Mk 3:21
- d. 8 - *“watchman of Ephraim”* – True prophets (Samuel, Elijah, Amos, Micah, Hosea, etc.)
  - i. *“prophet is a snare”* – the false prophets - Jer 6:13-17, 23:13-14, Matt 23:31,34
- e. 9 - *“deeply corrupted... as in the days of Gibeah”* - where they fought against Jdg 20:13

## 4. 9:10-14 – Woe to the Pregnant

- a. 10 - *“in the wilderness”* – grapes, firstripe fig – The sweet fruit of His religious nation
  - i. *“went to Baal-peor”* - Num 25:1-3, whoredom/fornication – 1 Cor 10:8
- b. 11 - *“their glory”* - Ichabod (departed) Mt 21:19, referring here to children – Prov 17:6
  - i. *“birth, womb, conception”* – loss of children at birth, unborn, in conception
- c. 12 - *“I will bereave them”* – Their children (grown up) will be taken away. Mtt 24:39-40
  - i. Jesus: *“Woe unto them that are with child”* – it is a troubled time Matt 24:19-21
  - ii. This is God in explaining their judgment – “consider the children” Luke 23:29
- d. 13 - *“children to the murderer”* – Here, not God, whose protection they don’t want.
  - i. Enemies will break God’s law in protecting the pregnant - Amos 1:13
- e. 14 - *“Give them...”* the curse of not keeping God’s commands - Deu 28:18 vs 3John 4

**5. 9:15-17 – No More Love**

- a. 15 - “*wickedness in Gilgal*” -Once memorial of entering the land, now center of idolatry
  - i. “*I hated them*” – God’s hate in the OT Prov 6:16, and NT Jn 3:36, Rev 2:6, 15
  - ii. “*love them no more...*” “by driving them out of his house (the land)
  - iii. “*all their princes are revolters*” – fallen, defectors, traitors, betrayers.
- b. 16 - “*root is dried up*” – (Unlike the roots in Rom 11:16-17)
  - i. “*bear no fruit*” – No increase of the land, nation, promise, or body – Deu 28:18
  - ii. “*slay even ...*” = their children, through the enemy, see Eze 24:18-27
- c. 17 - “*cast them away*” – out of his house, due to their wickedness.
  - i. “*wanderers among the nations*” – without a land, nation, home, peace, joy.
  - ii. Only when they return to the land, will their mourning be turned to joy.