

Hosea 10

No King – No Glory

1. 10:1-3 – An Empty Vine

- a. 1 - *“an empty vine”* – 2 ways it is empty: 1) bears no fruit, 2) its fruit is gone.
 - i. They used their wealth to build more altars and images (for idolatry)
 - ii. Israel was a fruitful vine in a fruitful hill - Hos 9:10, Isa 5:1, 6-7
 - iii. Jesus is the true vine: no fruit = cut off – John 15:1-6
 - iv. ESV/NIV/NLT – Israel is a “luxurious” vine “loaded with fruit”
- b. 2 - *“heart is divided”* – They love the blessing, but not the Blessed.
 - i. *“now ... be found faulty”* – The time of purging/judgment/cutting off.
- c. 3 - *“For now shall they say... because...”* The judgment for punishment/repentance
 - i. *We have no king* – God will remove him - Hos 3:4, 10:7, 15
 - ii. Something also said by rebellious Israel in John 19:15
 - iii. The LORD is a power higher than a king (supreme authority) - Rom 13:1
 - iv. A king is supposed to hold them to the truth – Rom 13:4, 1 Sam 8:6-7, 11-20

2. 10:4-7 – Their Glory Departed

- a. 4 - *“swear falsely in making a covenant”* – Deu 29:10-18
 - i. Judgment like hemlock (poisonous weed) – Amos 6:12
- b. 5 - *“mourn... the glory... it is departed”* – Ichabod born when the ark was taken.
 - i. Golden ark = the glory of God dwelled. Golden calves = glory in their shame.
- c. 6 - *“carried unto Assyria for a present”* – Godly sarcasm. (For foam see Jude 13)
- d. 7 - *“her king is cut off”* – Samaria was the capital city of the north - Hos 8:5-6

3. 10:8-10 – The Sin of Israel

- a. 8 - *“the sin of Israel... destroyed”* – The goal of judgment/destruction from the LORD
 - i. *“shall say to the mountains...”* – See it also in Luke 23:29-30, Rev 6:15-17
- b. 9 - *“from the days of Gibeah”* – when Benjamin was cut off - Judges 19, 20:12-13, 21:6
 - i. *“did not overtake them”* - Israel lost for two days, the third day they won Hos 6:2
 - ii. Now Israel are the children of iniquity, they will be cut off – Hos 9:9
- c. 10 - *“It is my desire ... chastise them”* – Just as it was his desire against Gibeah.

4. 10:10-13 – Plowing and Reaping

- a. 11 - Farming was the primary human occupation until the American age.
 - i. Heifers used for a) treading corn (hard work), b) plowing (harder work)
 - ii. Treading corn did not require muzzles or yokes – Deu 25:4
 - iii. Ephraim loved to be unmuzzled treading/eating corn (Jer 50:11), but...
 - iv. *“I will make Ephraim to ride”* – She will be made to ride under the yoke
- b. 12 - The principle of sowing and reaping (throughout the Bible)
 - i. *“break up your fallow ground”* = repent – Hos 5:15, Jer 4:3, Acts 3:19-21
 - ii. Jesus spoke of taken on and off yokes – Matt 11:28-30
- c. 13 - *“ye [Israel] have plowed wickedness”* Bible interpreting figures for you - Deu 22:9
 - i. Because you trusted in men’s might – Kings, rulers, priests, etc. Psalm 52, 33:16

5. 10:14-15 – The King Cut Off

- a. 14 - “*Shalman*” an Assyrian conqueror/king – 2 Kings 17:3
 - i. “*the mother was dashed in pieces*” – a result of the tumult of Shalman
- b. 15 - “*so shall Bethel do unto you*” – Their riches cause them to be spoiled – 2Ki 17:20
 - i. “*the king of Israel ... be cut off*” – Hoshea was taken and bound – 2 Ki 17:4