

## Hosea 9 - In the catalog of sin, the costs are high !

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v 1 - 5

### I. Dearth

v 1 - 2 There will be a dearth of spiritual joy for Israel due to their spiritual adultery.  
 hx: cycle - offer crop sacrifices to idols and then thank idols for good crops.

God's Jx : *the new wine shall fail*

spir : We should not *Rejoice* over carnal blessings, Psalm 4:7

v 3 They will lose their place in *the Lord's land*, Lev 25:23 (Isa 8:8)

It is a great privilege to have a place in God's land.

It's a great folly to sin against God in his land.

truth: One cannot expect to dwell in God's land who will not be subject to God's laws.

hx: two initial destinations : *Egypt or Assyria*

spir: Egypt ~ fleshy pursuits      Assyria ~ ungodly spiritual pursuits

v 4 - 5 In their land of departure they shall neither be able to give honour to nor receive favour from the Lord.

hx: Sacrifices could only be offered in *the place which the Lord shall choose* (20x).  
 e.g. Deu 12: 5, 11, 14, 18, 26

spir: The church is the true place of fellowship, worship, joy and praise; these cannot be experienced in the world.

doctr: *polluted bread...shall not come into the house of the Lord.*

Men's writings: traditions, dogma's, councils, decrees, perversions...

will not be allowed in the Millennium. Only God's words will enter in !!!

v 6 - 10

### II. Destruction

v 6 Many died and were *buried in Egypt*.

hx: Their 'place of safety' became their place of *destruction*.

spir: The sins of the flesh : alcohol, drugs, sex, anger, weapons, violence... KILL !

v 7 *visitation* (15x) = death, Num 16:29 & Heb 9:27

a sad **truth** : *the prophet is a fool, and the spiritual man is mad*

why? : *for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred* = Hos 8:12

v 8 At the start they knew God: *but* now they are so far from God that the leadership (both prophets and priests) hates God !

v 9 *deeply corrupted...as in Gibeah* Judges 19:16 & 22

v 10 doctr: *Israel = the fig tree* key to Olivet Discourse - Mt 24:32; Mk 13:28; Lk 21:29

*Baal - Peor* [master or possessor - of the opening]

hx: A Moabite idol see: Numbers 25

spir: Any 'opening' that allows us to depart from *God's word*, Deu 4:3

### III. Deprivation

v 11 - 17

a. of their Family - v 11-14, 16

The families of Israel will experience a severe loss of children thru various means: infertility, spontaneous abortions, miscarriages, accidents, and fatal diseases as *God departs from them*. These *woes* were prophesied in Deu 28:15, 20-22, 27 & 35  
When the presence of God departs, so does His hand of protection.

v 13 *as Tyrus* see: Eze 28:12

b. of true Fellowship - v 15

The *princes* of Israel descended into *wickedness* as *revolters* against God.  
Gods reply: *I will drive them out of mine house, I will love them no more.*  
spiritual truth : God's love is found in God's presence; i.e. His word and His church.  
God's love, like a river, has banks (i.e. boundaries).  
The boundaries (or banks) are **truth**.  
Folks outside of the truth do not experience God's love.

c. of the Fatherland - v 17

God will *cast them away...wanderers... because they did not hearken.*

#### **Time-honored Lesson = Ecclesiastes 12:13**

Notable Quotation : "Sin will take you farther than you want to go,  
keep you longer than you want to stay,  
and cost you more than you want to pay."

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