

Hosea 10:1-15 **Yahweh's view of the Sins of Israel**

Israel's Sin – Coming Captivity

1 Israel empties his vine; He brings forth fruit for himself. According to the multitude of his fruit He has increased the altars; According to the bounty of his land They have embellished his sacred pillars.

2 Their heart is divided; Now they are held guilty. He will break down their altars; He will ruin their sacred pillars.

3 For now they say, "We have no king, Because we did not fear Yahweh (the Lord). And as for a king, what would he do for us?"

4 They have spoken words, Swearing falsely in making a covenant. Thus judgment springs up like hemlock in the furrows of the field.

5 The inhabitants of Samaria fear Because of the calf of Beth Aven. For its people mourn for it, And its priests shriek for it — Because its glory has departed from it.

6 The idol also shall be carried to Assyria As a present for King Jareb. Ephraim shall receive shame, And Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel.

7 As for Samaria, her king is cut off Like a twig on the water.

8 Also the high places of Aven, the sin of Israel, Shall be destroyed. The thorn and thistle shall grow on their altars; They shall say to the mountains, "Cover us!" And to the hills, "Fall on us!"

9 "O Israel, you have sinned from the days of Gibeah; There they stood. The battle in Gibeah against the children of iniquity Did not overtake them.

10 When it is My desire, I will chasten them. Peoples shall be gathered against them When I bind them for their two transgressions.

11 Ephraim is a trained heifer That loves to thresh grain; But I harnessed her fair neck, I will make Ephraim pull a plow. Judah shall plow; Jacob shall break his clods."

12 Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek Yahweh (the Lord), Till He comes and rains righteousness on you.

13 You have plowed wickedness; You have reaped iniquity. You have eaten the fruit of lies, Because you trusted in your own way, In the multitude of your mighty men.

14 Therefore tumult shall arise among your people, And all your fortresses shall be plundered As Shalman plundered Beth Arbel in the day of battle — A mother dashed in pieces upon her children.

15 Thus it shall be done to you, O Bethel, Because of your great wickedness. At dawn the king of Israel Shall be cut off utterly.

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Facts Revealed:

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✧ Yahweh looks at the double minded heart of Israel.

✧ As Yahweh has caused Israel to prosper, Israel has embellished himself and built and embellished pagan altars and pillars.

- ✧ Israel acknowledged they have no king because they did not fear Yahweh, and questions what a king could do for them.
- ✧ They have been arrogant with their words and sworn falsely making a covenant.
- ✧ They are trapped by the golden calf at Beth Aven worshipped by the people and their priests causing their glory to depart from them.
- ✧ The idol will be carried to Assyria as a present to King Jareb.
- ✧ Ephraim (Israel) will be ashamed of their own counsel.
- ✧ The king of Israel will be cut off like a twig.
- ✧ Their pagan high places and altars will be destroyed.
- ✧ In desperation they will call on the mountains and hills to fall on them to cover and hide them from the wrath of God. [[Hosea 10:8](#), see also the similar fear of sinners [Revelation 6:12-17](#)]
- ✧ They have sinned from the battle of Gibeah when the tribe of Benjamin was nearly annihilated because of the wickedness of the homosexuals in Gibeah. [[Judges 19:1 through 20:48](#)]
- ✧ When Yahweh decides to punish them He will bring other nations against them and they will be carried into captivity.
- ✧ Their only hope is for them to repent and return to Yahweh by doing righteousness and He will pour righteousness upon them.
- ✧ They have already tasted the results of their wickedness because they trusted in themselves and their military might.
- ✧ Without repentance, their military powers will be destroyed and their king will be utterly cut off, the people slaughtered, and their fortresses plundered.