

Hosea 13:1-16 **Judgment against Ephraim (Israel)**

Relentless Judgment on Israel

1 When Ephraim spoke, trembling, He exalted himself in Israel; But when he offended through Baal worship, he died.

2 Now they sin more and more, And have made for themselves molded images, Idols of their silver, according to their skill; All of it is the work of craftsmen. They say of them, "Let the men who sacrifice kiss the calves!"

3 Therefore they shall be like the morning cloud And like the early dew that passes away, Like chaff blown off from a threshing floor And like smoke from a chimney.

4 "Yet I am Yahweh Eloheyka (the Lord your God) Ever since the land of Egypt, And you shall know no Elohiym (God) but Me; For there is no savior besides Me.

5 I knew you in the wilderness, In the land of great drought.

6 When they had pasture, they were filled; They were filled and their heart was exalted; Therefore they forgot Me.

7 "So I will be to them like a lion; Like a leopard by the road I will lurk;

8 I will meet them like a bear deprived of her cubs; I will tear open their rib cage, And there I will devour them like a lion. The wild beast shall tear them.

9 "O Israel, you are destroyed, But your help is from Me.

10 I will be your King; Where is any other, That he may save you in all your cities? And your judges to whom you said, 'Give me a king and princes'?

11 I gave you a king in My anger, And took him away in My wrath.

12 "The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; His sin is stored up.

13 The sorrows of a woman in childbirth shall come upon him. He is an unwise son, For he should not stay long where children are born.

14 "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will be your plagues! O Grave, I will be your destruction! Pity is hidden from My eyes."

15 Though he is fruitful among his brethren, An east wind shall come; The wind of Yahweh (the Lord) shall come up from the wilderness. Then his spring shall become dry, And his fountain shall be dried up. He shall plunder the treasury of every desirable prize.

16 Samaria is held guilty, For she has rebelled against Eloheyha (her God). They shall fall by the sword, Their infants shall be dashed in pieces, And their women with child ripped open.

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Facts Revealed:

✧ When Ephraim spoke, trembling, He exalted himself in Israel; But when he offended through Baal worship, he died.

Now they sin more and more, And have made for themselves molded images, Idols of their

- silver, according to their skill; All of it is the work of craftsmen. They say of them, "Let the men who sacrifice kiss the calves!" [\[Hosea 13:1-2\]](#)
- ✧ Faithfully following God exalts a nation, but Turning to idolatry brings a nation to ruin.
 - ✧ Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people. [\[Proverbs 14:34\]](#)
- ✧ Therefore they shall be like the morning cloud And like the early dew that passes away, Like chaff blown off from a threshing floor And like smoke from a chimney. [\[Hosea 13:3\]](#)
- ✧ The nation is temporary and will disappear quickly like the morning dew.
- ✧ "Yet I am Yahweh Eloheyka (the Lord your God) Ever since the land of Egypt, And you shall know no Elohiym (God) but Me; For there is no savior besides Me. [\[Hosea 13:4\]](#)
- ✧ There is no savior except Yahweh the God of Israel. [\[Isaiah 43:11, Deuteronomy 4:35, 1 Kings 8:60, Isaiah 43:10-11, 44:6, 8, 45:5-7, 45:14, 18, 21-22, 46:9\]](#)
- ✧ I knew you in the wilderness, In the land of great drought. [\[Hosea 13:5\]](#)
- ✧ Yahweh knew Israel when He was a husband to her taking her through all the trials and preserving them. [\[Jeremiah 31:32\]](#)
- ✧ When they had pasture, they were filled; They were filled and their heart was exalted; Therefore they forgot Me. [\[Hosea 13:6\]](#)
- ✧ When Israel was secure in the Promised Land, they grew fat and had no further use for Yehowah, so they turned to idolatry and forsook their faithful God. [\[Deuteronomy 32:15-18\]](#)
 - ✧ How like the people of today, they have seen God's loving care in the past but when they became wealthy they turned from Him.
- ✧ "So I will be to them like a lion; Like a leopard by the road I will lurk; I will meet them like a bear deprived of her cubs; I will tear open their rib cage, And there I will devour them like a lion. The wild beast shall tear them. [\[Hosea 13:7-8\]](#)
- ✧ Rejection of Yahweh and His righteousness brings the Wrath of God and the destruction of the nation.
- ✧ "O Israel, you are destroyed, But your help is from Me. I will be your King; Where is any other, That he may save you in all your cities? And your judges to whom you said, 'Give me a king and princes'? I gave you a king in My anger, And took him away in My wrath. [\[Hosea 13:9-11\]](#)
- ✧ Yahweh is the only hope for Israel, but their rebellion is bringing their destruction.
 - ✧ Yahweh reminded them of their history of requesting a king and princes, in response Yahweh gave them King Saul who sinned and was removed from the throne.
 - ✧ Yahweh's intention is one day to regain acknowledgement that He is the King of Israel as He takes the throne and reigns over the entire world from Jerusalem in the Kingdom Age.
 - ✧ There is no other king or god that can save Israel.
- ✧ "The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; His sin is stored up. The sorrows of a woman in childbirth shall come upon him. He is an unwise son, For he should not stay long where children are born. [\[Hosea 13:12-13\]](#)
- ✧ The time for judgment to fall upon Ephraim (Israel) has come and agony shall overcome him because he is unwise and cannot discern the truth.
 - ✧ There comes a time when our sins have such a grip on us that we are unable to repent. [\[Hebrews 6:4-6, 10:26-31\]](#)
- ✧ "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will be your plagues! O Grave, I will be your destruction! Pity is hidden from My eyes." [\[Hosea 13:14\]](#)
- ✧ Yahweh has appointed a time when He will redeem His people from death and the grave. [\[Psalms 130:7-8, Titus 2:11-14\]](#)
- ✧ Though he is fruitful among his brethren, An east wind shall come; The wind of Yahweh (the Lord) shall come up from the wilderness. Then his spring shall become dry, And his fountain

shall be dried up. He shall plunder the treasury of every desirable prize.

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✧ In the mean time, punishment and destruction will come against the sin laden people.