

Hosea 7:1-16 **Arrogant Rebellion against Yahweh – Turning to nations not to God**

Israel Has Rebelled Against God

1 "When I would have healed Israel, Then the iniquity of Ephraim was uncovered, And the wickedness of Samaria. For they have committed fraud; A thief comes in; A band of robbers takes spoil outside.

2 They do not consider in their hearts That I remember all their wickedness; Now their own deeds have surrounded them; They are before My face.

3 They make a king glad with their wickedness, And princes with their lies.

4 "They are all adulterers. Like an oven heated by a baker — He ceases stirring the fire after kneading the dough, Until it is leavened.

5 In the day of our king Princes have made him sick, inflamed with wine; He stretched out his hand with scoffers.

6 They prepare their heart like an oven, While they lie in wait; Their baker sleeps all night; In the morning it burns like a flaming fire.

7 They are all hot, like an oven, And have devoured their judges; All their kings have fallen. None among them calls upon Me.

8 "Ephraim has mixed himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake unturned.

9 Aliens have devoured his strength, But he does not know it; Yes, gray hairs are here and there on him, Yet he does not know it.

10 And the pride of Israel testifies to his face, But they do not return to Yahweh Eloheyhm (the Lord their God), Nor seek Him for all this.

Futile Reliance on the Nations

11 "Ephraim also is like a silly dove, without sense — They call to Egypt, They go to Assyria.

12 Wherever they go, I will spread My net on them; I will bring them down like birds of the air; I will chastise them According to what their congregation has heard.

13 "Woe to them, for they have fled from Me! Destruction to them, Because they have transgressed against Me! Though I redeemed them, Yet they have spoken lies against Me.

14 They did not cry out to Me with their heart When they wailed upon their beds.

"They assemble together for grain and new wine, They rebel against Me;

15 Though I disciplined and strengthened their arms, Yet they devise evil against Me;

16 They return, but not to 'Aal (the Highest, Most High, God); They are like a treacherous bow.

Their princes shall fall by the sword For the cursings of their tongue. This shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.

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Facts Revealed:

Israel Has Rebelled Against God

✧ **Ephraim** is the name used to relate to the Northern Kingdom of Israel frequently in prophesy.

- ✧ From the very beginning of Israel Yahweh has sought to heal them if they follow His voice, commandments, and Statutes. [Exodus 15:26]
- ✧ Sin and rebellion has been the hindrance between God and His people. [Deuteronomy 31:16-18, Isaiah 59:2, Ezekiel 39:23-24]
- ✧ The people do not even consider the fact that Yahweh is witness to all their sins and iniquities. [Hosea 7:2]
- ✧ The extent of their wickedness is described here. [Hosea 7:3-7]
- ✧ The people are not even aware that their pride and arrogance in the face of God are the cause of their troubles. They do not repent and turn to Yahweh nor seek Him for all the troubles they experience. [Hosea 7:8-10]
 - ✧ Sounds like the world today as they put away all knowledge of God from the generations that have grown up and are becoming leaders since 1950 to this day.

Futile Reliance on the Nations

- ✧ When trouble comes, the people of Israel turn to foreign nations to come to their help.
 - ✧ Even today with Israel again in the land of Israel, they still look to foreign nations to help them against their enemies.
- ✧ Yahweh still says, " Wherever they go, I will spread My net on them; I will bring them down like birds of the air; I will chastise them According to what their congregation has heard." [Hosea 7:11]
- ✧ Yahweh pronounced Woe to them because they transgressed against Yahweh seeking their own gain, turned away from Him looking for help from other nations, and spoken lies about Him, even though Yahweh has done all to redeem them. [Hosea 7:12-14]
- ✧ They ignored the discipline of Yahweh, and spent their strength devising evil against Him. [Hosea 7:15]
- ✧ Because they do not return to God, Yahweh counts them as an unreliable bow and their leaders will fall by the sword for the cursings of their tongue. This they will experience in the land of Egypt. [Hosea 7:16]