

## Hosea 9:1-17 **Judgment of Yahweh because of the Sins of Israel**

1 Do not rejoice, O Israel, with joy like other peoples, For you have played the harlot against Eloheyka (your God). You have made love for hire on every threshing floor.

2 The threshing floor and the winepress Shall not feed them, And the new wine shall fail in her.

3 They shall not dwell in the Lord's land, But Ephraim shall return to Egypt, And shall eat unclean things in Assyria.

4 They shall not offer wine offerings to Yahweh (the Lord), Nor shall their sacrifices be pleasing to Him. It shall be like bread of mourners to them; All who eat it shall be defiled. For their bread shall be for their own life; It shall not come into the house of Yahweh (the Lord).

5 What will you do in the appointed day, And in the day of the feast of Yahweh (the Lord)?

6 For indeed they are gone because of destruction. Egypt shall gather them up; Memphis shall bury them. Nettles shall possess their valuables of silver; Thorns shall be in their tents.

7 The days of punishment have come; The days of recompense have come. Israel knows! The prophet is a fool, The spiritual man is insane, Because of the greatness of your iniquity and great enmity.

8 The watchman of Ephraim is with Elohey (my God); But the prophet is a fowler's snare in all his ways — Enmity in the house of Elohay (his God).

9 They are deeply corrupted, As in the days of Gibeah. He will remember their iniquity; He will punish their sins.

10 "I found Israel Like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers As the firstfruits on the fig tree in its first season. But they went to Baal Peor, And separated themselves to that shame; They became an abomination like the thing they loved.

11 As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird — No birth, no pregnancy, and no conception!

12 Though they bring up their children, Yet I will bereave them to the last man. Yes, woe to them when I depart from them!

13 Just as I saw Ephraim like Tyre, planted in a pleasant place, So Ephraim will bring out his children to the murderer."

14 Give them, Yahweh (O Lord) — What will You give? Give them a miscarrying womb And dry breasts!

15 "All their wickedness is in Gilgal, For there I hated them. Because of the evil of their deeds I will drive them from My house; I will love them no more. All their princes are rebellious.

16 Ephraim is stricken, Their root is dried up; They shall bear no fruit. Yes, were they to bear children, I would kill the darlings of their womb."

17 Elohey (My God) will cast them away, Because they did not obey Him; And they shall be wanderers among the nations.

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Facts Revealed:

### Judgment of Yehowah because of the Sins of Israel

✧ Do not rejoice, O Israel, with joy like other peoples, For (because) you have played the harlot against Eloheyka (your God). You have made love for hire on every threshing floor. [Hosea 9:1]

### God's View of Israel [Hosea 9:2-17]

- ✧ Sexual immorality and idolatry go hand in hand as both are viewed by Yahweh as harlotry, and sexual immorality is part of idolatry.
- ✧ Yahweh has called a curse on both the threshing floor and winepress.
- ✧ Israel will be driven from their own land to both Egypt and Assyria.
- ✧ When Yahweh is bringing His wrath on the land, neither their offerings nor their sacrifices will be acceptable to Him. All who eat them will be defiled.
- ✧ There is coming a day appointed by Yahweh to pour out His wrath, and at that time the feasts of Yahweh will be ended. Yahweh here announced that the day of wrath has come.
- ✧ The religious leaders have become insane fools because of the influence of the people and their great sins and enmity.
- ✧ The faithful watchmen are now with Yahweh.
- ✧ The prophets who are left have become deceivers bringing a snare and enmity into the House of God.
- ✧ Yahweh will punish their sins.
- ✧ At first, Yahweh looked on Israel with desire to bless them, but they turned to Baal Peor and became an abomination by their choice.
- ✧ Yahweh's blessings have been removed from Ephraim (Israel), her glory has flown away because Yahweh has departed from them.
- ✧ They had been planted in a pleasant place (land flowing with milk and honey), but now their children are destined for murder by foreigners.
- ✧ Yahweh hated them because of the wickedness of their doings and the rebellion of their leaders, and now He will drive them from His House to the slaughter.
- ✧ Elohey (My God) will cast them away, Because they did not obey Him; And they shall be wanderers among the nations.