

What they say (vv. 3-4)

What they feel (vv. 5-6)

What will happen to them politically and religiously (vv. 7-8)

What will happen to them as a nation (vv. 9-10)

ESV **Hosea 10:11** Ephraim was a **trained calf** that loved to thresh, and I spared her fair neck...

What is Hosea referencing here?

What was the eventual conduct of "Israel"?

ESV **Hosea 10:11** ...but I will put Ephraim to the yoke; Judah must plow; Jacob must harrow for himself.

ESV **Hosea 10:12** Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.

<sup>13</sup> You have plowed iniquity; you have reaped injustice; you have eaten the fruit of lies. Because you have trusted in your own way and in the multitude of your warriors, <sup>14</sup> therefore the tumult of war shall arise among your people, and all your fortresses shall be destroyed, as Shalman destroyed Beth-arbel on the day of battle; mothers were dashed in pieces with their children.

"Because you have trusted in your own way and in the multitude of your warriors..."

"...therefore the tumult of war shall arise among your people..."

Why is Hosea referencing this?

"Thus it shall be done to you, O Bethel, because of your great evil. At dawn the king of Israel shall be utterly cut off." (v. 15)

- Cause and effect...time (past, present, and future)
- Cause and effect...location (Peor, Gilgal, Samaria, Gibeah)
- Cause and effect...generation (children)

(9:10-17) The "fruit" of **loving** something more than God (v. 10) and not **listening** to him (v. 17)

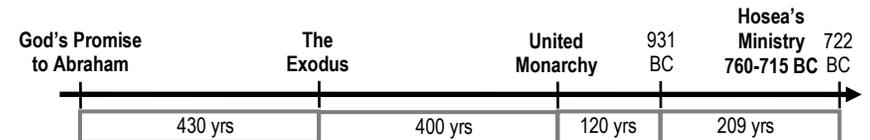
(10:1-15) The "fruit" of **fearing** something more than God (vv. 2-3) and **trusting** in your own way (v. 13)

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**Hosea—Faithless People Faithful God**  
No. 15 | God's Contention with Israel—  
Cause and Effect, pt. 8  
**Hosea 9:10-10:15**

## Review

The Book of Hosea: (1) It is the first book of the minor prophets in the Old Testament (starting on page 751 in the ESV Pew Bible); (2) It recounts the "word of the LORD" to Hosea, a man who served as a prophet in deed and in word; (3) His prophetic ministry was most immediately to the northern kingdom of Israel (Samaria), then to the southern kingdom of Judah (Jerusalem); (4) He began his prophetic ministry likely shortly before Jeroboam II died (753 BC) and concluded shortly after Hezekiah began to reign (729 BC).



The Book of Hosea is about the *faithlessness* of God's people and his *faithfulness* to them, illustrated most poignantly through marital (in)fidelity.

## God's Contention with Israel—Cause and Effect, pt. 8

9:10-10:15

ESV **Hosea 4:1** Hear the word of the LORD, O children of Israel, for the LORD has a **controversy** with the inhabitants of the land.

What is the "**controversy**" (contention) God has with Israel?

ESV **Hosea 1:2** "...the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD."

ESV **Hosea 3:1** "...the children of Israel...turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins."

ESV **Hosea 4:** <sup>1</sup> There **is no** faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land; <sup>2</sup> there **is** swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.

How does God's contention with Israel (4:1-3) relate to 8:1-10:15?

This section, while continuing to make use of several themes, especially emphasizes **sowing and reaping** (8:7; 10:12, 13)—or, cause and effect.

God's contention with Israel (4:1-3)

**Against the priests and people**—the religious life of Israel (4:4-5:7)

**Against the princes and people**—the political life of Israel (5:8-7:16)

**Reveals cause and effect**—the *present* economy of Israel (8:1-9:9)

**Reveals cause and effect**—the *historical* economy of Israel (9:10-10:15)

**God tells Israel to listen up because he has a contention against them, which reveals the reality of cause and effect.**

Historically...

- **They aren't much different than their ancestors, and they will bear the effect *generationally*** (9:10-17)

ESV **Hosea 9:10** Like grapes in the wilderness, I found Israel. Like the first fruit on the fig tree in its first season, I saw your fathers.

What is Hosea referencing here?

What was the eventual conduct of "Israel"—"your fathers"?

ESV **Hosea 9:10** ... But they came to Baal-peor and consecrated themselves to the thing of shame, and became detestable like the thing they loved.

What is Hosea referencing here?

ESV **Numbers 25:1** While Israel lived in Shittim, the people began to whore with the daughters of Moab. <sup>2</sup> These invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. <sup>3</sup> So Israel yoked himself to Baal of Peor. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. <sup>4</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "Take all the chiefs of the people and hang<sup>1</sup> them in the sun before the LORD, that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel." <sup>5</sup> And Moses said to the judges of Israel, "Each of you kill those of his men who have yoked themselves to Baal of Peor." (See also, Numbers 23:28; 31:16; Deuteronomy 4:3; Joshua 22:17; Psalm 106:28)

"they...consecrated themselves to the thing of shame..."

"...and became detestable like the thing they loved."

**Why is Hosea referencing this?**

ESV **Hosea 9:11** Ephraim's glory shall fly away like a bird - no birth, no pregnancy, no conception! <sup>12</sup> Even if they bring up children, I will bereave them till none is left. Woe to them when I depart from them! <sup>13</sup> Ephraim, as I have seen, was like a young palm planted in a meadow; but Ephraim must lead his children out to slaughter. <sup>14</sup> Give them, O LORD - what will you give? Give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts. <sup>15</sup> Every evil of theirs is in Gilgal; there I began to hate them. Because of the wickedness of their deeds I will drive them out of my house. I will love them no more; all their princes are rebels. <sup>16</sup> Ephraim is stricken; their root is dried up; they shall bear no fruit. Even though they give birth, I will put their beloved children to death. <sup>17</sup> My God will reject them because they have not listened to him; they shall be wanderers among the nations.

"Ephraim's glory shall fly away like a bird..."

What is Ephraim's "glory"?

"...no birth, no pregnancy, no conception!"

"Even if they bring up children... ...I will bereave them till none is left."

"Woe to them when I... ..depart from them!"

"Ephraim, as I have seen, was like a young palm planted in a meadow..."

"...but Ephraim must lead his children out to slaughter."

"Give them, O LORD—what will you give? Give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts."

Ephraim's name = doubly fruitful (See Genesis 41:52)

Joseph's blessing = (See Genesis 49:25)

"Every evil of theirs is in Gilgal; there I began to hate them. Because of the wickedness of their deeds I will drive them out of my house. I will love them no more; all their princes are rebels."

"Ephraim is stricken; their root is dried up; they shall bear no fruit..."

"... Even though they give birth, I will put their beloved children to death."

"My God will reject them because they have not listened to him..."

"...they shall be wanderers among the nations."

- **They aren't much different than their ancestors, and they will bear the effect *religiously and politically*** (10:1-15)

ESV **Hosea 10:1** Israel is a **luxuriant vine** that yields its fruit.

What is Hosea referencing here?

What was the eventual conduct of "Israel"?

ESV **Hosea 10:1** ... The more his fruit increased, the more altars he built; as his country improved, he improved his pillars.

ESV **Hosea 10:2** Their heart is false; now they must bear their guilt. The LORD<sup>1</sup> will break down their altars and destroy their pillars.

"Their heart is false..."

"...now they must bear their guilt."

Why is Hosea referencing this?