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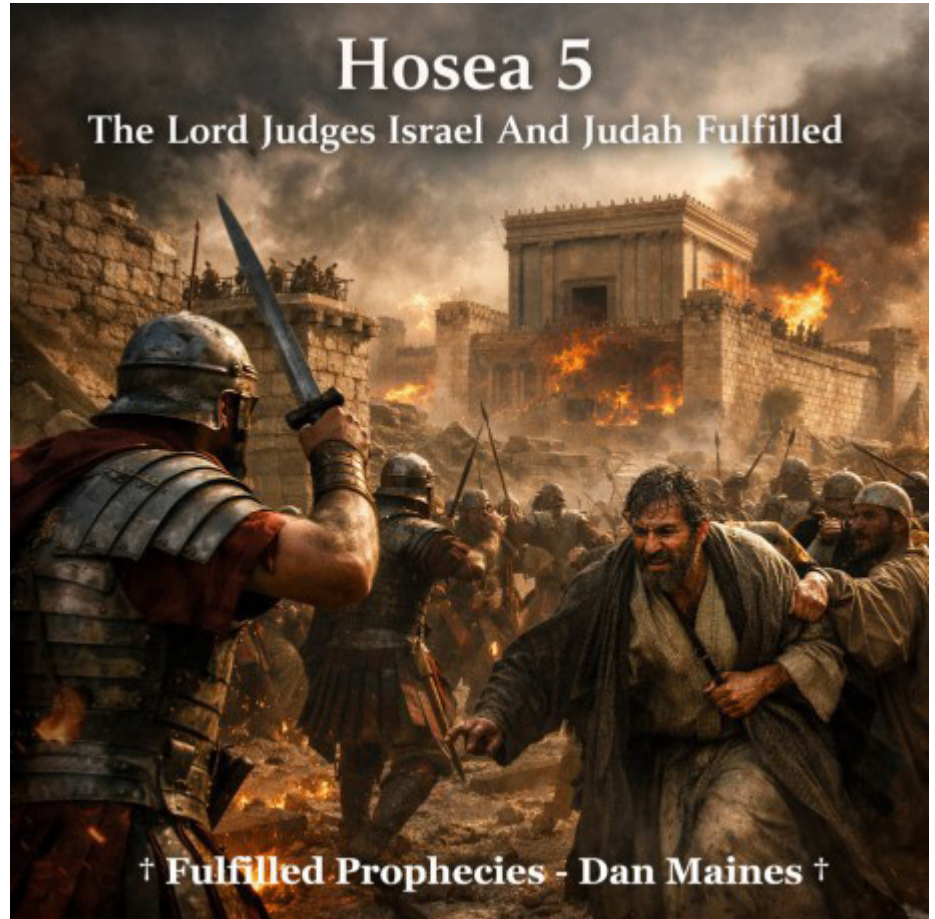
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Hosea 5 The Lord Judges Israel And Judah Fulfilled



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Introduction

† Hosea 5 continues the Lord's case against Israel, showing that judgment was not random, it was deserved and fully revealed beforehand (Hosea 4:1).

† The leaders, priests, and kings were responsible for leading the people into corruption, and because of that, judgment was

certain (Matthew 23:13).

† From the fulfilled perspective, this finds its complete end in the judgment of that generation, when the covenant system collapsed and the Lord's warnings came to pass (Matthew 24:34).

Hosea 5:1

Hear this, you priests! Pay attention, house of Israel! Listen, house of the king! For the judgment applies to you, for you have been a snare at Mizpah and a net spread out on Tabor.

† The Lord calls out the leadership first because judgment always begins with those entrusted with authority (1 Peter 4:17).

† The priests and rulers became traps instead of guides, leading the people into sin rather than righteousness (Matthew 23:15).

† This was fulfilled when those same leaders rejected Christ and led the nation into destruction (John 11:47-53).

Hosea 5:2

The revolvers have gone deep in depravity, but I will punish all of them.

† Their rebellion wasn't shallow, it was deeply rooted and deliberate (Isaiah 1:4).

† God declares that none escape His rebuke, showing that judgment is comprehensive (Luke 12:2).

† This was fulfilled when the entire corrupt system was exposed and judged in that generation (Luke 19:41-44).

Hosea 5:3

I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hidden from Me, for now,

Ephraim, you have played the prostitute; Israel has defiled itself.

† Nothing is hidden from God, their corruption was fully known (Hebrews 4:13).

† Spiritual adultery here refers to covenant unfaithfulness, not physical immorality alone (James 4:4).

† This reached its peak when Israel rejected their Messiah, proving their unfaithfulness (John 1:11).

Hosea 5:4

Their deeds will not allow them to return to their God, for a spirit of prostitution is within them, and they do not know the Lord.

† Their actions hardened them, showing how sin traps people in blindness (John 12:39-40).

† They claimed to know God but didn't truly know Him, just like the leaders in Jesus' day (John 8:19).

† This explains why that generation couldn't repent, their hearts were already set (Matthew 23:37).

Hosea 5:5

And the pride of Israel testifies against him; therefore Israel and Ephraim stumble in their guilt, Judah has also stumbled with them.

† Pride was the root of their downfall, not ignorance (Proverbs 16:18).

† Both Israel and Judah are included, showing this judgment would be widespread (Matthew 21:43).

† This was fulfilled when both the northern identity and southern system were judged through Rome (Luke 21:20-22).

Hosea 5:6

They will go with their flocks and herds to seek the Lord, but they will not find Him; He has withdrawn from them.

† Religious activity without truth cannot reach God (Isaiah 1:11-15).

† God withdrawing means covenant rejection, not absence everywhere (Amos 8:11-12).

† This was fulfilled when temple worship became empty and judgment fell (Matthew 23:38).

Hosea 5:7

They have dealt treacherously against the Lord, for they have given birth to illegitimate children. Now the new moon will devour them with their land.

† Their unfaithfulness produced corruption in the next generation (Matthew 23:32).

† The mention of new moon shows their religious calendar would not save them (Colossians 2:16-17).

† This was fulfilled when their system was destroyed despite continued rituals (Hebrews 8:13).

Hosea 5:8

Blow the horn in Gibeah, the trumpet in Ramah. Sound an alarm at Beth-aven: Behind you, Benjamin!

† This is a call to alarm, judgment is approaching fast (Joel 2:1).

† The locations show judgment moving through the land step by step (Luke 21:24).

† This was fulfilled in the Roman invasion, when destruction spread across Judea (Josephus, Wars of the Jews).

Hosea 5:9

Ephraim will become a desolation on the day of rebuke; among the tribes of Israel I make known what is certain.

† God always warned before judgment, nothing came without notice (Amos 3:7).

† Desolation was certain, not conditional at this point (Luke 13:34-35).

† This was fulfilled in AD 70 when Jerusalem was left desolate (Matthew 24:2).

Hosea 5:10

The leaders of Judah have become like those who move a boundary; on them I will pour out My wrath like water.

† Removing landmarks means corrupting truth and boundaries (Deuteronomy 19:14).

† Leadership had distorted God's law for their own gain (Mark 7:9).

† This was fulfilled when leaders twisted the law to reject Christ (Matthew 26:59-60).

Hosea 5:11

Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment, because he was determined to follow man's command.

† They followed human tradition instead of God's word (Mark 7:7).

† Judgment came because they chose man over God (Acts 5:29).

† This was fulfilled when traditions blinded them to the Messiah (John 5:39-40).

Hosea 5:12

Therefore I am like a moth to Ephraim, and like rottenness to the house of Judah.

† God describes gradual judgment, decay from within (Luke 12:1).

† This wasn't sudden at first, it was a slow corruption leading to collapse (Matthew 23:27).

† This was fulfilled as their system deteriorated before its final destruction (Hebrews 10:25-27).

Hosea 5:13

When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah his wound, then Ephraim went to Assyria and sent word to King Jareb. But he is unable to heal you, and he will not cure you of your wound.

† They trusted foreign powers instead of God (Isaiah 31:1).

† External solutions cannot fix spiritual problems (Jeremiah 2:13).

† This was fulfilled when reliance on Rome led to their destruction (John 19:15).

Hosea 5:14

For I will be like a lion to Ephraim, and like a young lion to the house of Judah. I, yes I, will tear them to pieces and leave; I will carry them away, and there will be no one to rescue them.

† God Himself is the one bringing judgment, not just using nations (Isaiah 10:5-6).

† The image of a lion shows power and inevitability (Revelation 6:16).

† This was fulfilled when no one could escape the Roman siege (Luke 21:23).

Hosea 5:15

I will go away and return to My place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face; in their distress they will eagerly seek Me.

† God withdraws until repentance, showing His justice and patience (Isaiah 55:6).

† Affliction leads to realization, but for that generation, it came too late (Luke 23:28-30).

† This was fulfilled in the final distress of Jerusalem when they recognized their condition (Luke 19:42).

Historical References

† Josephus describes the siege of Jerusalem, showing famine, internal corruption, and destruction exactly as Hosea warned (Wars of the Jews, Book 5-6).

† Tacitus confirms the devastation and collapse of the Jewish system under Roman power (Histories 5.13).

† Eusebius records that believers fled before the destruction, showing that the warnings were understood and fulfilled (Ecclesiastical History 3.5).

How It Applies To Us Today

† We see that religious leadership carries serious responsibility, and corruption leads to destruction.

† External religion without truth is empty, God isn't reached through rituals alone.

† Pride blinds people to truth, and that hasn't changed.

† God always warns before judgment, and His word never fails.

† We must follow God's word, not human traditions, or we'll fall into the same trap.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Who is Hosea 5 primarily addressing?

A: The priests, rulers, and people of Israel and Judah, especially leadership, Hosea 5:1.

Q: What does the harlotry represent?

A: Covenant unfaithfulness, rejecting God and His truth, Hosea 5:3, James 4:4.

Q: Why couldn't they return to God?

A: Their actions hardened them, and they were spiritually blind, Hosea 5:4, John 12:39-40.

Q: What does God withdrawing mean?

A: Covenant rejection and loss of His favor, not His absence everywhere, Hosea 5:6, Matthew 23:38.

Q: When was this fulfilled?

A: In the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70, Matthew 24:2, Luke 21:20-22.

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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