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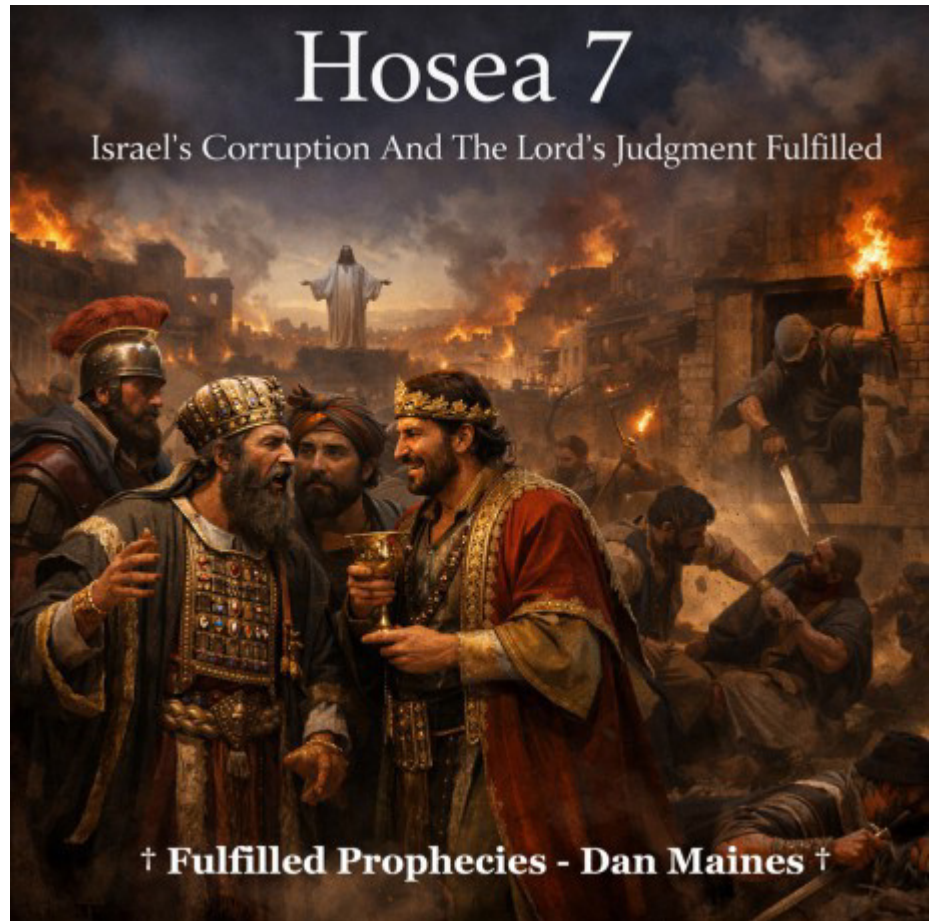
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Hosea 7 Israel's Corruption And The Lord's Judgment Fulfilled



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Introduction

† Hosea 7 exposes the deep corruption of Israel, not just outward sin but inward deception, political compromise, and spiritual adultery.

† The Lord reveals that their wickedness was constant, hidden in plain sight, and fully known by Him even when they thought

otherwise.

† From the fulfilled perspective, this chapter points directly to the condition of first century Israel leading up to the judgment that came in their generation, just as Jesus declared in Matthew 23:36.

Hosea 7:1

When I would heal Israel, Then the wrongdoing of Ephraim is uncovered, And the evil deeds of Samaria, For they deal falsely; The thief enters in, Bandits raid outside,

† God desired to heal them, but every time He reached out, their sin became more evident.

† Their corruption was both internal and external, showing a complete breakdown of righteousness.

† This matches Jesus exposing Israel's hypocrisy in Matthew 23:27-28, where outward appearance hid inward corruption.

Hosea 7:2

And they do not consider in their hearts That I remember all their wickedness. Now their deeds are all around them; They are before My face.

† They lived as if God did not see, but everything was before Him.

† Their sins surrounded them, meaning judgment was unavoidable.

† Hebrews 4:13 confirms this truth, that all things are open before Him.

Hosea 7:3-7

With their wickedness they make the king glad, And the officials

with their lies. They are all adulterers, Like an oven heated by the baker Who ceases to stir up the fire From the kneading of the dough until it is leavened. On the day of our king, the officials became sick with the heat of wine; He stretched out his hand with scoffers, For their hearts are like an oven As they approach their plotting; Their anger smolders all night, In the morning it burns like a flaming fire. All of them are hot like an oven, And they consume their rulers; All their kings have fallen. None of them calls on Me.

† Their leaders were fueled by sin, not righteousness.

† The oven imagery shows sin constantly burning beneath the surface, ready to erupt.

† None called on God, showing total spiritual abandonment.

† This reflects the leadership of Israel in Jesus' day who rejected Him and led the nation into destruction, Luke 19:41-44.

Hosea 7:8-10

Ephraim mixes himself with the nations; Ephraim has become a cake not turned. Strangers devour his strength, Yet he does not know it; Gray hairs also are sprinkled on him, Yet he does not know it. Though the pride of Israel testifies against him, Yet they have not returned to the Lord their God, Nor have they sought Him, despite all this.

† Israel compromised with the nations, losing its identity.

† The unturned cake shows they were half baked, spiritually unstable and unfit.

† Their decline was obvious, but they were blind to it.

† This same blindness is seen in John 9:39-41 where they claimed to see but were blind.

Hosea 7:11-12

So Ephraim has become like a dove, naive and without sense; They call to Egypt, they go to Assyria. When they go, I will spread My net over them; I will bring them down like the birds of the sky. I will discipline them in accordance with the proclamation to their assembly.

† Instead of trusting God, they ran to foreign powers.

† Their actions were foolish and unstable, like a bird with no direction.

† God would trap them in judgment, just as Jesus said they would not escape in Matthew 23:33.

Hosea 7:13-16

Woe to them! For they have strayed from Me; Destruction is theirs, for they have rebelled against Me! I would redeem them, but they speak lies against Me. And they do not cry to Me from their heart When they wail on their beds; For the sake of grain and new wine they gather together, They turn away from Me. Although I trained and strengthened their arms, Yet they devise evil against Me. They turn, but not upward; They are like a deceitful bow; Their leaders will fall by the sword Because of the insolence of their tongue. This will be their ridicule in the land of Egypt.

† God wanted to redeem them, but they rejected Him.

† Their repentance was fake, driven by need, not truth.

† They turned, but not to God, showing empty religion.

† This is exactly what Jesus condemned in Matthew 15:8, where they honored God with their lips but not their heart.

Historical References

† Josephus records the corruption, violence, and internal chaos among Jewish leaders before Jerusalem's fall, Wars of the Jews Book 5.

† Tacitus describes the moral decay and division within Judea leading up to the destruction, Histories 5.12.

† Eusebius confirms that these judgments came upon that generation just as Christ warned, Ecclesiastical History Book 3.

How It Applies To Us Today

† God still sees everything, nothing is hidden from Him.

† False repentance is worthless, God looks at the heart, not outward actions.

† Mixing truth with compromise leads to spiritual blindness.

† Trusting in worldly systems instead of God leads to destruction.

† We're called to be sincere, not divided, not half baked, but fully committed to truth.

Q & A Appendix

Q What does the oven represent in Hosea 7?

A It represents sin constantly burning within them, ready to erupt, showing ongoing corruption, Hosea 7:4-6.

Q What does it mean that God remembers their wickedness?

A It means nothing escapes His sight and judgment is based on full knowledge, Hosea 7:2; Hebrews 4:13.

Q What is the unturned cake?

A It shows spiritual inconsistency and compromise, being neither fully devoted nor fully rejected, Hosea 7:8.

Q Why is Israel called a silly dove?

A Because they lacked understanding and ran to foreign nations instead of trusting God, Hosea 7:11.

Q What does false repentance look like?

A It is crying out for relief without true turning of the heart, Hosea 7:14; Matthew 15:8.

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

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† Hosea 7

† Josephus, Wars of the Jews Book 5; Tacitus, Histories 5.12; Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History Book 3

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