



# *Hasseu*

faithful to the unfaithful



# Hosea 8

# Our Three Questions

## 1. What does the text say?

- Authorial intent to the intended audience.

## 2. What does the text mean?

- The timeless theological truth.

## 3. How does this apply today?

- What we ought to do with/because of this truth.

# Hosea 8

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<sup>2</sup> To me they cry, “My God, we—Israel—know you.” <sup>3</sup> Israel has spurned the good; the enemy shall pursue him.

<sup>4</sup> They made kings, but not through me. They set up princes, but I knew it not.

# Hosea 8

With their silver and gold they made idols for their own destruction.

<sup>5</sup> I have spurned your calf, O Samaria. My anger burns against them. How long will they be incapable of innocence?

<sup>6</sup> For it is from Israel; a craftsman made it; it is not God. The calf of Samaria shall be broken to pieces.

# Hosea 8

<sup>7</sup> For they sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. The standing grain has no heads; it shall yield no flour; if it were to yield, strangers would devour it. <sup>8</sup> Israel is swallowed up; already they are among the nations as a useless vessel. <sup>9</sup> For they have gone up to Assyria, a wild donkey wandering alone; Ephraim has hired lovers.

# Hosea 8

**<sup>10</sup> Though they hire allies among the nations, I will soon gather them up. And the king and princes shall soon writhe because of the tribute. <sup>11</sup> Because Ephraim has multiplied altars for sinning, they have become to him altars for sinning. <sup>12</sup> Were I to write for him my laws by the ten thousands, they would be regarded as a strange thing.**

# Hosea 8

**<sup>13</sup> As for my sacrificial offerings, they sacrifice meat and eat it, but the LORD does not accept them. Now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins; they shall return to Egypt. <sup>14</sup> For Israel has forgotten his Maker and built palaces, and Judah has multiplied fortified cities; so I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour her strongholds.**



# Preview

- 8:1 – Warning of Destruction
- 8:2-8:14
  - Indictments → Consequence
    - Rebellion → Destruction
    - Independent Kings → Dethroned kings
    - Idolatry → Taking of idols
    - Invested Worthlessly → Famine
    - Ungodly Alliances → “Return to Egypt”
    - Forgotten God → Rejected worship
    - Built up comfort & Strength → Destroyed cities

# Preview

**What does it mean?**

**Deeper look at two verses**

- **8:1 – Putting the trumpet to your lips**
  - Where else do we see this in Scripture?
  - What about today?
- **8:12 – God’s critique regarding His word**
  - No lack of content
  - His people are unfamiliar with it
- **Application**

# Hosea 8:1

**1** Set the trumpet to your lips! One like a vulture is over the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed my covenant and rebelled against my law.

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**Exhortation (go and do this)**

Warn the people

**Content of warning**

Destruction is coming

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**2:2** “Plead with your mother, plead— for she is not my wife, and I am not her husband— that she put away her whoring from her face, and her adultery from between her breasts;

# Hosea 8

## Indictment → Consequence

**1** Set the trumpet to your lips! **One like a vulture is over the house of the LORD,** because they have transgressed my covenant and rebelled against my law. **2** To me they cry, “My God, we—Israel—know you.” **3** Israel has spurned the good; **the enemy shall pursue him.** **4** They made kings, but not through me. They set up princes, but I knew it not. With their silver and gold they made idols for their own destruction. **5** **I have spurned your calf, O Samaria. My anger burns against them.** How long will they be incapable of innocence? **6** For it is from Israel; a craftsman **made it; it is not God. The calf of Samaria shall be broken to pieces.** **7** For they sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. **The standing grain has no heads; it shall yield no flour; if it were to yield, strangers would devour it.** **8** Israel is swallowed up; already they are among the nations as a useless vessel. **9** For they have gone up to Assyria, a wild donkey wandering alone; Ephraim has hired lovers. **10** Though they hire allies among the nations, **I will soon gather them up. And the king and princes shall soon writhe because of the tribute.** **11** Because Ephraim has multiplied altars for sinning, they have become to him altars for sinning. **12** Were I to write for him my laws by the ten thousands, they would be regarded as a strange thing. **13** As for my sacrificial offerings, they sacrifice meat and eat it, but the LORD does not accept them. Now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins; they shall return to Egypt. **14** For Israel has forgotten his Maker and built palaces, and Judah has multiplied fortified cities; so I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour her strongholds.

# Hosea 8:1-14

Indictment – General Rebellion

Consequence – God’s Judgment

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of the LORD,**

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# Hosea 8:1-14

Indictment – Independent leaders

Consequence – Leaders dethroned

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# Hosea 8:1-14

Indictment – Idolatry

Consequence – Taking of idols

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My anger burns against them.**

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to pieces.**

# Hosea 8:1-14

Indictment – Invested worthlessly

Consequence – Famine / material lack

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standing grain has no heads; it shall  
yield no flour; if it were to yield  
strangers would devour it.

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Indictment – Ungodly alliances

Consequence – “Return to Egypt”

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Indictment – Forgotten God

Consequence – Rejected worship

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**13a** As for my sacrificial offerings, they sacrifice meat and eat it, but the Lord does not accept them.

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Indictment – Built comfort and strength

Consequence – Destroyed cities

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<sup>14</sup> For Israel has forgotten his maker and built palaces and Judah has multiplied fortified cities; so I will send fire upon his cities, and it shall devour her strongholds



# What do we learn?

## Core message:

God's patience does not mute His justice

## Particulars:

About what God desires and dislikes

How we are prone to miss the mark

# Application

**8:1 Set the trumpet to your lips!  
One like a vulture is over the  
house of the Lord...**

**Ezekiel 33:1-9**

**John 1:23, 3:36**

**Matthew 28:18-20**

**2 Corinthians 5:11-21**

# Application

**8:13** Were I to write my laws by the ten thousands, they would be regarded as a strange thing.

**Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

**John 10:1-6**

# Questions

Did anything jump out to you from the text? If so, what was it?

When you look at the mistakes of the people of Israel in the text, do any of them feel familiar to you? Do you see yourself making similar mistakes? What about people around you?

When you think about the notion of blowing the trumpet, in relation to proclaiming the gospel, what comes to mind for you personally? Do you feel like you know enough to feel responsible for telling others? Are there people you think you need to talk to? If so, who are they and what plans do you need to make?

If you don't think you know enough to feel responsible; what can you do to better acquaint yourself with the word?

Is there anything in God's word that still feels strange to you? Is there anything that still feels offensive or wrong to you? If so; what is it? How can you search it out to see it as good news?