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faithful to the unfaithful



Hosea

11:12-13:16

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.

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⁴ But I am the LORD your God from the land of Egypt; you know no God but me, and besides me there is no savior. ⁵ It was I who knew you in the wilderness, in the land of drought; ⁶ but when they had grazed, they became full, they were filled, and their heart was lifted up; therefore they forgot me.

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⁷ So I am to them like a lion; like a leopard I will lurk beside the way. ⁸ I will fall upon them like a bear robbed of her cubs; I will tear open their breast, and there I will devour them like a lion, as a wild beast would rip them open. ⁹ He destroys you, O Israel, for you are against me, against your helper. ¹⁰ Where now is your king, to save you in all your cities?

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Where are all your rulers— those of whom you said, “Give me a king and princes”? ¹¹ I gave you a king in my anger, and I took him away in my wrath. ¹² The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is kept in store. ¹³ The pangs of childbirth come for him, but he is an unwise son, for at the right time he does not present himself at the opening of the womb.

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Preview

- **12:3-5, 9-10, 12-13, 13:4-6 – Jacob’s history**
- **12:6 – The exhortation**
- **11:12-12:1 – Israel’s trust in nations**
- **12:2-9 – Israel’s trust in wealth**
- **12:10-13:3 – Israel’s idolatry**
- **13:7-16 – Israel’s future destruction**
- **What do we learn about God?**
- **What do we learn about ourselves?**

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Israel's trust in nations

Hosea 11:12-12:1

The “lies” and “deceit” of Israel

Chasing the wind

Covenants with Assyria and Egypt

Interpretation drama

Israel's trust in wealth

Hosea 12:2-9

Merchant with false balances

“I have found wealth for myself...”

Going back to tents

Deuteronomy 8:11-19

¹¹ “Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, ¹² lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied,

Deuteronomy 8:11-19

¹⁴ then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock,

Deuteronomy 8:11-19

¹⁶ who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end.

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Israel's idolatry

Hosea 12:10-13:3

Sacrificing bulls on “stone heaps”

Guilt through Baal, metal and silver images, kissing calves

Their presence as flighty as their love

Exodus 20:2-6

² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³ “You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Exodus 20:2-6

⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Exodus 34:11-17

11 “Observe what I command you this day. Behold, I will drive out before you the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. **12** Take care, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land to which you go, lest it become a snare in your midst.

Exodus 34:11-17

¹³ You shall tear down their altars and break their pillars and cut down their Asherim ¹⁴ (for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God), ¹⁵ lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and when they whore after their gods and sacrifice to their gods and you are invited, you eat of his sacrifice,

Exodus 34:11-17

¹⁶ and you take of their daughters for your sons, and their daughters whore after their gods and make your sons whore after their gods.

¹⁷ “You shall not make for yourself any gods of cast metal...”

Deuteronomy 4:24, 5:9, 29:20 & 32:16-21

Israel's Destruction

Hosea 13:7-16

The Lord is the source of destruction

Nobody can save them

... Nobody, but God Himself

12:6 – 13:4 – 13:14 → Gospel

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Review

Although they are the Lord's from the womb to the present;

They trust their security to the nations

They trust their comfort to their money

They give their worship to the Baals

Return to God or be destroyed

What do we learn?

God is a jealous lover!

**He desires to be trusted with our safety,
our comfort, and our worship**

People tend to ...

Trust their national strength and allies

Credit themselves for their prosperity

Worship what is popular

Application

See God according to His word

Take stock of your own life:

What makes me feel safe?

Is my trust in my finances?

What do I worship?

Return to the Lord

Questions

Was there anything from the text that jumped out at you? If so, what was it and why did it stand out for you?

The text retold the history of Israel which leads to what the people owe to the Lord. Are there times in your history where you saw the Lord move and you really recognized your debt to Him? If so, what was that?

Israel went wrong in three major ways in the text. They trusted their diplomacy for their safety, their money for their comfort, and worshipped other gods.

Do you find it difficult to trust God for your safety or security? Maybe you don't feel safe unless ...

Do you trust God for your comfort? Is there a relationship between your prayer life and your bank account?

Do you worship God alone? When you think about what stirs up your passions; is it God or something else? What is your life oriented around?

Does the wrath of God bother you when you read it in texts like these? What about it is bothersome, if so?