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The Book of HOSEA

Chapters 7 – 10

“THE LESSONS OF SOWING & REAPING”

> Chapter 7 - “Israel’s Rebellion Against God”

(v1-2) Iniquity & Wickedness

(v3) Corrupt Government

(v4,5) Immorality & Drunkenness

(v5-9) Scoffers yesterday - Scoffers today - 2 Peter 3:1-9 - *Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*

(v10) Apostate Pride of Israel – Apostate pride in the last days false church - Rev. 3:14-22

> Bible commentator Barnes writes, “So, when God, made Man, present and visible, willed to “heal Israel,” then that iniquity of the Jews and wickedness of the Scribes and Pharisees was discovered, whereof this iniquity of Ephraim and wickedness of Samaria was a type. For an evil spirit goaded them to mock, persecute, blaspheme the Teacher of repentance (our Lord Jesus) who, together with the word of preaching, did works, such as none other man did. For Christ pleased them not, a Teacher of repentance, persuading to poverty, a Pattern of humility, a Guide to meekness, a Monitor to mourn for sins, a Proclaimer of righteousness, a Requirer of mercy, a Praiser of purity of heart, a Rewarder of peace, a Consoler of those who suffered persecution for righteousness' sake. Why did they reject, hate, persecute, Him who taught thus? Because they loved all contrary thereto, and wished for a Messiah, who should exalt them in this world, and disturb the peace of nations, until he should by war subdue to their empire all the rest of the

world, build for them on earth a Jerusalem of gold and gems, and fulfill their covetousness in all things of this sort.”

(v11) Seeking the World’s help not God -

(v14-16) Rebellion

> Chapter 8 - “Israel Has Forgotten Her Maker”

(v1) Israel is rejecting the Word of God like the church today is rejecting the Word of God! Today’s Pastors are to follow the absolute dictates found in

2 Timothy 4:1-5 - *I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season.*

Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

(v2-6) False leaders & Idolatry (R.F. Horton quote)

(v7-10) Sowing & Reaping – Galatians 6:7-10 - *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

(v11-13) Altars of sin!

(v14) Israel has forgotten its maker and Judah must not trust in its fortified cities, God is our one and only shield and Savior!

> Chapter 9 - “Israel Has Played The Harlot”

(v1-6) Harlotry & Judgment

(v7-9) False Prophets & Teachers – Today - 1 Timothy 4:1-3 - *Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.*

2 Peter 2:1-3 - *But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in*

destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

(v10) Baal-Peor - was the god of the Moabites in whose worship young maidens prostituted themselves.

(v11-17) Judgment (In v15 we read “God hated them, because of their evil deeds”, Knight the Bible commentator says, “The Old Testament never uses the foolish language of some modern evangelists, who declare that God hates sin but loves the sinner. Sin does not exist apart from men sinning. That is why God in His purity and holy love, must hate the sinner himself.” In Colossians 3:5-7 -

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.)

> Chapter 10 - “Israel, It Is Time To Seek The LORD”

(v1,2) Israel’s guilty heart

(v3,4) No fear of the LORD

(v5-11) Mourning over their idols & Judgment

(v12) Sow righteousness, reap mercy - SEEK THE LORD!

(v13-15) Israel trusted in themselves, whereas we are told in Psalm 31 to TRUST IN THE LORD, let’s finish by reading Psalm 31 written by King David.