

**2. Grey Hairs (Indicating Aging and Loss of Strength) Are on Him
(He is Unaware!)**

C. His P_____ Witnesses against Him—7:10a

- 1. It Speaks to His face—7:10a**
- 2. He Still He Does Not Return to the Lord—7:10b**
- 3. Nor Does He Seek the Lord—7:10c**

Application:

TEXT: Hosea 7:4-10
TITLE: "Ephraim, Mixed but Unbaked"

Chapter 6 Review:

- 1. Hosea Calls for a Return to the LORD—6:1-2**
- 2. Hosea Encourages the Knowledge of the Lord—6:3**
- 3. The LORD Expresses Frustration to Ephraim and Judah—6:4-6**
- 4. The LORD Describes Atrocities in Israel and Judah—6:7-7:3**

- A. They Transgressed the Covenant—6:7a**
 - B. They Dealt Treacherously with the LORD—6:7b**
 - C. Gilead Was Known for Evil—6:8a-b**
 - D. Priests Commit Vile Actions—6:9a-c**
 - E. The Lord Saw Horrific Things in Israel—6:10a-b**
 - F. Judah Faces a Harvest of Judgment—6:11a**
 - G. Iniquity is Uncovered in Israel/Ephraim—6:11b-7:1a-b**
 - H. Evil is Exposed in Samaria—7:1c-f**
 - I. They Forget that the LORD Knows Their Evil—7:2a-d**
 - J. They Cause the Leaders to Rejoice with Evil—7:3a-b**
- 1. King with wickedness—7:3a**
 - 2. Princes with lies—7:3b**

→ QUOTE: "It is a sad commentary on the state of affairs in Israel that the evil of the people (i.e., their idolatry and breaking of the Decalogue) is what makes their king and his princes/officials happy" (Michael B. Shepherd, A Commentary on the Book of the Twelve, p. 74).

5. The LORD Compares Israel to a

B_____ O_____—7:4-7

A. He Calls Them A_____—7:4a

B. He Compares Them to an O _____—7:4b-d

1. Heated by a Baker—7:4b
2. Where Fire Not Stirred while Kneading Dough—7:c
3. Awaiting Dough to be Leavened—7:d

[C. K _____ and His Officials Get Drunk—7:5a-c

1. It is a Festive Occasion—7:5a
(Birthday, Coronation, etc.)
2. Princes Become Sick (and Make King Sick?) with Wine—7:5b,
3. The King Welcomes Scoffers—7:5c]

D. He Compares Them to an Oven Again—7:6a-c

1. The Princes' Hearts Are Like an Oven—7:6a
2. They Plot and Grow Angry All Night—7:6b
3. They Burst into Flames in the Morning—7:6c

E. They B _____ and Consume Like an Oven—7:7a

1. They Are Hot Like an Oven—7:7a

2. They Devour Their Judges (Like Burning Wood)—7:7b

3. They Destroy Their Kings—7:7c

→ NOTE: Zechariah ◊ Shallum ◊ Menahem (died).
Pekahiah ◊ Pekah ◊ Hoshea

→ See: 2 Kings 15:8, 10; 15:13, 14; 15:23, 25; 15:30

→ TIME FRAME: From 753 to 722 B.C.

4. N _____ Call upon the LORD—7:7d

→ APPLICATION: In desperate political times, we need urgent spiritual prayer!

6. The LORD Reveals Ephraim's P _____—7:8-10

A. He is Like a C _____—7:8a-b

1. He Has Mixed Himself among the Nations—7:8a
2. He is an Unturned Cake—7:8b

B. His S _____ is Gone—7:9a-d

1. Aliens (Strangers) Have Devoured His Strength
(He is Unaware!)

→ NOTE: Deuteronomy 28:15, 43-44