
HOSEA 8:5-14

Psalm 115:3-9 review

3 *But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.*

4 *Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.*

5 *They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:*

6 *They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:*

7 *They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.*

8 *They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them.*

9 ¶ *O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.*

Hosea 8:5 **Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast thee off; mine anger is kindled against them: how long will it be ere they attain to innocency?** How long are people going to act like this, worshipping false idols and turning away from God? When will they behave and act innocent again like little children?

6 **For from Israel was it also: the workman made it; therefore it is not God: but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces.** God says you have made these golden calves and I am going to break them into pieces. Today archeologists find pieces of golden calves, never a whole one. The people back then got rid of them thru God's influence. Definition of an idol by Carl Jones: something that receives the worship that belongs to God instead. It could be your wife, kids, house, car, bank account...it doesn't have to be a stone image. Anything that takes the affection from you that belongs to God is an idol.

7 **For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up.** You reap what you sow.. This is where the old saying comes from. This verse says most of their crop will fail if they don't turn to and worship God. America today is getting hit from all sides. We see it in the news everyday. This will continue and get worse until we return to God and His ways.

8 ¶ **Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure.** There will be a time when Israel is swallowed up and taken in by other countries, but it won't be nice. This has happened. All the countries around Israel have persecuted them. The crusades were financed by Jewish blood.

9 **For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim hath hired lovers.** God says they will be just like the wild ass in a herd that breaks out, goes out on his own, and does things his own way. They don't listen to God but rather act like heathens. They sought the help/protection of the Assyrians.

10 **Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes.** They will be in some distress after seeking help from the idol-worshipping gentiles. They will turn on you and become your enemy.



11 Because Ephraim hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin. God turns this now, saying Ephraim is the leading tribe, leading others to sin. They were worshipping false idols. We could fall into sin easily so we must be aware all the time.

12 I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing. God says, Listen, I've given you my Word, you know exactly how to worship Me, but you've taken My written Word to you and act like you don't know what it means. We may never understand all of the Bible, but we must study and pray God gives us the understanding that He intends for us, and we'll get the golden nuggets God gave us in the bible. We'll get the clear picture if we put a little effort into the study of God's word. Your understanding of God's word will be in direct proportion of the effort you put into studying it.

13 They sacrifice flesh for the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat it; but the LORD accepteth them not; now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins: they shall return to Egypt. They go through the motions of sacrifice, but not the real internal from-the-heart action. What's in their heart is against God. The people are just doing it for religious ceremony. Their hearts are not in it. They will return to Egypt, and this is a metaphor for the World. Anyone who does sacrifices without meaning it in their heart will be of the world and not of God. God knows what's in your heart. If you turn your back on Israel, God will slap you down.

14 For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof. These two cities were watching what was happening to the northern 10 tribes, so they built great imposing fortified cities, and they all were invaded and destroyed except Jerusalem.