

## Hosea 9

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### Judgment of Israel's Sin

1 Do not rejoice, O Israel, with joy like other peoples,  
For you have played the harlot against your God.  
You have made love for hire on every threshing floor.

2 The threshing floor and the winepress  
Shall not feed them,  
And the new wine shall fail in her.

3 They shall not dwell in the LORD's land,  
But Ephraim shall return to Egypt,  
And shall eat unclean things in Assyria.

4 They shall not offer wine offerings to the LORD,  
Nor shall their sacrifices be pleasing to Him.  
It shall be like bread of mourners to them;  
All who eat it shall be defiled.

For their bread shall be for their own life;  
It shall not come into the house of the LORD.

5 What will you do in the appointed day,  
And in the day of the feast of the LORD?

6 For indeed they are gone because of destruction.  
Egypt shall gather them up;  
Memphis shall bury them.

Nettles shall possess their valuables of silver;  
Thorns shall be in their tents.

7 The days of punishment have come;  
The days of recompense have come.  
Israel knows!

The prophet is a fool,  
The spiritual man is insane,  
Because of the greatness of your iniquity and great  
enmity.

8 The watchman of Ephraim is with my God;  
But the prophet is a fowler's[a] snare in all his ways—  
Enmity in the house of his God.

9 They are deeply corrupted,  
As in the days of Gibeah.  
He will remember their iniquity;  
He will punish their sins.

10 “ I found Israel  
Like grapes in the wilderness;  
I saw your fathers  
As the firstfruits on the fig tree in its first season.  
But they went to Baal Peor,  
And separated themselves to that shame;  
They became an abomination like the thing they loved.

11 As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a  
bird—

No birth, no pregnancy, and no conception!

12 Though they bring up their children,  
Yet I will bereave them to the last man.

Yes, woe to them when I depart from them!

13 Just as I saw Ephraim like Tyre, planted in a  
pleasant place,

So Ephraim will bring out his children to the murderer.”

14 Give them, O LORD—

What will You give?

Give them a miscarrying womb

And dry breasts!

15 “ All their wickedness is in Gilgal,  
For there I hated them.  
Because of the evil of their deeds  
I will drive them from My house;  
I will love them no more.  
All their princes are rebellious.

16 Ephraim is stricken,  
Their root is dried up;  
They shall bear no fruit.  
Yes, were they to bear children,  
I would kill the darlings of their womb.”

17 My God will cast them away,  
Because they did not obey Him;  
And they shall be wanderers among the nations.