

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What caused the stubbornness of Israel? Compare some of the things of Hosea with present day events.
2. God rejected Israel because of their sinfulness. Was this evidence of a lack of mercy? Explain.
3. Were God's requirements for revival and renewal different in Israel's times as compared to today?

### SUMMARY:

Israel had sinned so grievously that it was referred to as spiritual adultery and idolatry. As a result God had rejected them saying even if they would seek Him they would not find Him. Yet, in His mercy, He promised that if the people would repent and return to Him, He would heal them. God's mercy is just as abundant today, but men must forsake sin now, as in past ages, to experience His forgiveness.

### NOTES:

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[SoF:7] We believe that sinners may have salvation by repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.

[SoF:8] We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #13

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Second Quarter

### HOSEA PLEADS FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Hosea 4:1 through 6:11*

**LESSON SETTING:** Israel in a state of disobedience and sin.

**TIME:** Approximately 780 B.C.

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- I. ISRAEL'S STUBBORNNESS AND IDOLATRY.** Hosea 4:1-19
  - A. Spiritually Destitute (vs. 1-2) Amos 8:11; 2 Chronicles 15:3
  - B. Spiritually Ignorant (vs. 6) Romans 10:3; Ephesians 4:18
  - C. Spiritual Adultery (vs. 12, 13, 17) Psalm 106:35-39
- II. ISRAEL'S REJECTION BY JEHOVAH.** Hosea 5:1-15
  - A. Wicked Rejected (vs. 6) Luke 13:25-27; Hebrews 12:17
  - B. Sin Separates (vs. 15) Psalm 66:18; Isaiah 59:2
- III. JEHOVAH'S INVITATION TO RENEWAL.** [SoF:7, 8] Hosea 6:1-11
  - A. Repent and Return (vs. 1) Psalm 34:18; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Joel 2:12-13; 2 Corinthians 7:10
  - B. Revival (vs. 2) Deuteronomy 10:12; Isaiah 57:15; Mark 12:33

**GOLDEN TEXT: COME, AND LET US RETURN UNTO THE LORD:  
FOR HE HATH TORN, AND HE WILL HEAL US; HE HATH SMITTEN,  
AND HE WILL BIND US UP.** Hosea 6:1

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Amos 8:1-14; 9:1-10

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Amos 5:1-27; Matthew 23:13-39

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Kings and Prophets of Israel

**TOPIC:** AMOS FORETELLS ISRAEL'S FALL

**INTRODUCTION:**

So many things, as recorded in our last lesson from Hosea and now in Amos, are so similar to present day events. The prophet of God reprovved the oppression of the poor, and just as surely as God condemned it then, so likewise does He condemn it today. The reference to the basket of summer fruit possibly is intended to point out that Israel was ripe for judgment. Amos and Hosea were active together for a period of a few years and both carried the same message that God would turn away from His people. Amos says there would be a hunger and thirst of not hearing the Word of God.

Amos made further prophecies of the sure captivity of Israel which did follow approximately 30 years later.

Our recent lessons make it plain that there is no escape from the consequences of persistent sin. We today can be just as sure that God's wrath and condemnation will come down upon us and our nation unless men and women turn from their hate and strife and immorality and repent and turn to God.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** God's righteous judgment demands that rebellion receive its just punishment.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *HE THAT BEING OFTEN REPROVED HARDENETH HIS NECK, SHALL SUDDENLY BE DESTROYED, AND THAT WITHOUT REMEDY.*  
Proverbs 29:1

The message that God hates sin and rejects those who insist on persisting in it is one that runs consistently throughout the Bible. A counter-message is the assurance that if men turn to God and repent for their sins, He will heal them and restore them. This is truly a blessed assurance for us today. On the other hand, the words of our Golden Text are just as sure a warning to men today. Israel was warned over and over again that God was going to bring judgment upon them, but they turned deaf ears on the warnings.

Men of God today yet plead with people to turn to God. They bring warnings of God's wrath and judgment; but how often, like Israel, men continue in evil ways and even laugh to scorn the messages and warnings. How terrible will be that day when suddenly they shall be destroyed. Then it will be too late to find forgiveness. Then shall men desire to turn to Him, but shall not be able to find Him. How do you stand before God?

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF June 25 – July 1**

- M. The Emptiness of Formality. Amos 4:1-13
- T. Jehovah's Concern for Israel. Amos 5:1-15
- W. Jehovah's Exhortation to Israel. Amos 5:16-27
- T. The Limitations of an Intercessor. Amos 7:1-9
- F. \*Jehovah's Case Against Israel. Amos 8:1-14
- S. \*Amos Foretells the Dispersion. Amos 9:1-10
- S. Amos Foresees the Lord's Return. Amos 9:11-15

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