

HOSEA 13 vs 1

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This chapter is the LORD'S final indictment on the **House of Israel** before Hosea dismisses them from the land first promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – who were not perfect before the LORD, but who were faithful to their LORD. **Ephraim** was the younger, ½ Egyptian son of Joseph – and became the recipient of those sacred birthright promises first given to Abraham. **Ephraim** in the last days... would become **the great commonwealth at the center of the earth**, and in doing so, he was to be a great blessing to the world. Instead he has been **overrun by Herodians and become a great curse to the nations**; as militant and violent as those in the days of Noah.



¹ Whenever **Ephraim** spoke there was trembling, he exalted himself in **Israel** / even till recently, everyone was in awe; but when he worshiped **Baal**, for this he was guilty and died / Baal refers here to every idolatry; not merely Assyrian idolatry; when Ephraim forsook God, to worship wicked images; doing that, the state was doomed and became good for nothing. Deserting God is the death of anyone – Matthew Henry.



² And now **they** sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding / and not being genius, but only doing right in their own eyes... the modern **House of Israel**... (remember, we're **not** talking about the **House of Judah**, the Jewish people – they have their own prophets who will address their faithlessness) but modern Israel, that dilapidated commonwealth of nations... has become as worthless as ancient Israel in the days of the judges.

and have made idols according to their own understanding / Paul to the Romans wrote: for even though they knew God --- they gave the world the King James Bible, so there was a time, they knew God, but they did **not** honor God **nor** thank Him; but they became futile in their speculations...in their genius universities such as Oxford and Cambridge and others, that were secretly overrun with Herodians... and their foolish heart was darkened – it is the fool's heart that says, there is no God -- **Psalms 14**, professing to be wise, they became morons... and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God, for an image in the form of corruptible man, and birds, and mammals, and crawling creatures -- **Romans 1**. which interestingly... are the last 4 phyla on the evolutionary chart. How did Paul know that?

They gave the modern world that racist view of Charlie Darwin who wrote: **Origin of the Species** with the inconvenient lengthy title that they like to hide from history: **By Means of natural selection, Or, the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life**.

So let's hear Hosea again, in order that we clearly identify these once greatly blessed folks; who, in their season of latter-day genius, turned traitors and abandoned the LORD...

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And now **they** sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding / all worthless, powerless idols they slavishly bow down and serve: idols in music, in the arts and entertainment; in physical, biological and medical sciences; in business and finance; and of course, their very own idols of their military might... all manufactured according to their newly discovered, 21st century wisdom – that tends to obscure or embellish truth – as needed,



all of it the work of the craftsmen it is said of them / all manmade hooey; no refined craftsmanship; now global peddlers of cheap stuff; hopefully Brexit will awaken enough to what is happening:



They offer human sacrifice and kiss the calf-idols / so they are very far from the LORD, a very messed up people.

³ **They** will be like the morning cloud and the early dew that soon evaporates; and like the chaff driven by a whirlwind from the threshing floor, or like smoke from the chimney.

⁴ Yet I am the LORD Your God since the land of Egypt, **I am the LORD Your God.** You will know **no** god but Me; You will know... **no** Savior but Me.

Everywhere **Ephraim** went, they approached the cruel and brutal with some of the most heinous practices; The Lord reminds them; Moses who violated God's ways, could not enter the promised land; yet he led them as close as he could... reminding them to do what God said: because He sits in the big chair.

⁵ **I knew you in the wilderness: the land of great drought** / the LORD their God took care of them; He led them and fed them; even their shoes didn't wear out for 40 years.

⁶ **According to their pasture, so they were filled, and when they were filled, their heart was exalted; so, they forgot Me** / God is not an absent Father, He shepherds his flock; and takes great care of His own. What a predictable process... that ends with complaint by those who presume they are entitled; who make God their butler; in French, bouteillier... the one in charge of the bottles – wines and liquors; but God is our Father, not our Butler... in heaven.

⁷ **So I will be like a Lion to them, like a leopard I will lie in wait by the roadside, I will watch them** / when the time comes, He will roar and get their attention:

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⁸ I will meet them like a bear that is robbed of her cubs, and I will tear open their hearts, there I will destroy them like a lioness: and as a wild beast would tear them.

⁹ O **Israel**, you have destroyed yourself; **but in Me is your help**.

¹⁰ Where now is your king who will save you in all your cities? and your judges whom you requested, Give us a king and princes?

¹¹ I gave you a king in My anger / many kings, mostly useless, and took them away in My wrath.

¹² The iniquity of **Ephraim** is bound up; his sin is stored up for him.

¹³ The pains of childbirth come upon him: he is **not** a wise son; for he should not delay at the opening of the womb / Ephraim needs to grow up; otherwise he will be a stillborn statistic.

¹⁴ I will ransom **them** from the power of the hell; I will redeem them from Death: O Death, I will plague you. O grave, I will destroy you: to reconsider is hid from My view.

¹⁵ Though **he** flourishes among his brothers; an east wind will come, the wind of the LORD driving from the wilderness, till his fountains are dry, and his springs are parched: it will plunder his treasury of all that is precious / notice they no longer had water, they were dear death; after 3 days without water we start to die; without the Word of God we are good as dead.

¹⁶ **Samaria** is guilty; for she rebelled against her God. **By the sword**, they will fall: their little ones will be shattered, and their pregnant women will be ripped up / the capital is guilty; for walking away from God, they will not be spared any of the horrific atrocities.

The Lord tells Zechariah: He will come and replace the **3 Shepherds who will be destroyed**.

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