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Lesson 4
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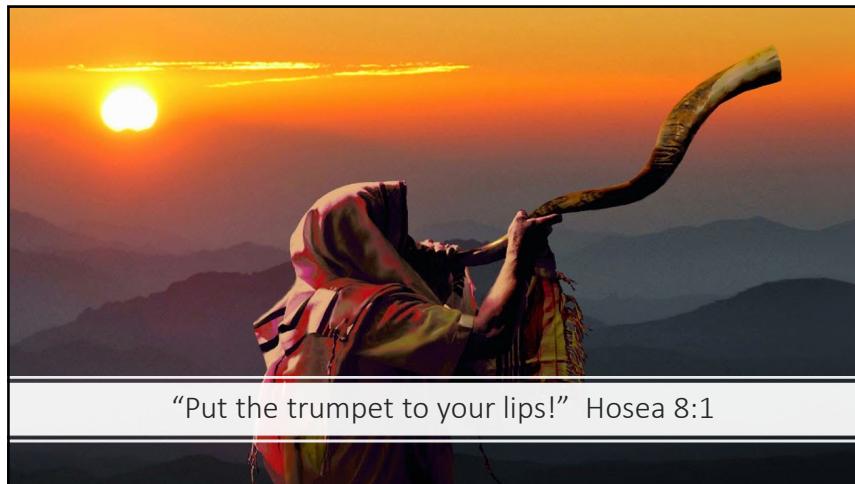
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4 pictures in Hosea 7:8-16:



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"Put the trumpet to your lips!" Hosea 8:1

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"The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar, for the end of the earth, *as the eagle swoops down*, a nation whose language you shall not understand, a nation of fierce countenance who will have no respect for the old, nor show favor to the young." Deut. 28:49-50

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“Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments...The LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. *All these blessings will come upon you...if you obey the LORD your God....*The LORD will open for you His good storehouse...and to bless all the work of your hand....” Deut. 28:1-2,12

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Deut 28:64 “Moreover, *the LORD will scatter you* among the peoples, from one end of the earth to the other....”

Deut 28:68 “The LORD will *bring you back to Egypt* in ships....”

Hosea 8:13, 9:3 “will *return to Egypt...*”

Hosea 9:17 “they *will be wanderers* among the nations.”

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“Those who fashion *a graven image are all of them futile*....he cuts cedars for himself, and takes a cypress or an oak....He plants a fir and the rain makes it grow. Then it becomes something for a man to burn, so he takes one of them and warms himself...makes a fire to bake bread. He also makes a god and worships it....*Half of it he burns in the fire*; over this half he eats meats as he roasts a roast....*But the rest of it he makes into a god*....He falls down before it and worships; he also *prays...'Deliver me, for you are my god.'*”

Isaiah 44:9-17

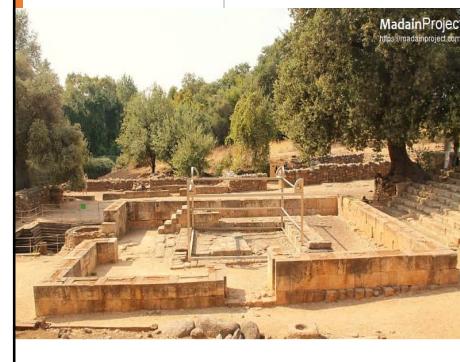
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Jeroboam's “counterfeit” center of worship at Dan



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 - v.7 “sow the wind; reap the whirlwind”
 - v.14 “forgotten their Maker...built palaces”
I Kings 22:39; Amos 3:15; 6:4

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5. Look to your enemies for strength.
Hosea 8:9-10
6. Think of the scriptures as irrelevant.
Hosea 8:12
7. Keep pretending to be religious to look good. Hosea 8:11,13

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"They will return to Egypt" Hosea 8:13:

- 7:16 "This will be their derision in the land of Egypt"
- 9:3 "They will not remain in the LORD's land, but Ephraim will return to Egypt..."
- 9:6 "Egypt will gather them up, Memphis will bury them."

Some Jews remaining in the land after the exile fled to Egypt. Jeremiah chs 39-44; Isaiah 52:4

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"The word that came to Jeremiah for all the **Jews** *living in the land of Egypt*, those who were living in Migdol, Tahpanhes, **Memphis**, and the land of Pathros....You yourselves have seen all the calamity that I have brought on Jerusalem and all the cities of Judah...*because of their wickedness*...by continuing to burn sacrifices and to serve other gods....Yet *I sent you all My servants the prophets, again and again....but they did not listen* or incline their ears to turn from their wickedness....Therefore My wrath and My anger were poured out...." Jeremiah 44:1-6

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Reminders of the Exodus:

- 8:1 "**eagle**" representing the enemy's approach
Ex 19:4 "You yourselves saw what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you *on eagle's wings*, and brought you to Myself."
- 8:5 "**calf**" idolatry set up in the N Kingdom
Ex 32:4 "**a molten calf**, and said, '**This is your god**, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt."
- 8:12 "**I wrote** for him...**My law**"
Ex 31:18 "two tablets of the covenant **law...written by the finger of God**."

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- 9:6 "**treasures of silver**"
Ex 12:35-36 "requested from the Egyptians...**silver...gold**, and clothing....thus they plundered the Egyptians."
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Lev 23:42 “booths” = **SUKKOT**

Hosea 9:6 “tents” = **OHEL** = used to refer to **The Tabernacle**, the Tent of Meeting; the place where they “met” with God.

Hosea 9:6 “...thorns will be in your OHEL.”

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Hosea 9:8

- **(KJV):** “The watchman of Ephraim was with my God, but the prophet is a snare of a fowler in all his ways, and hatred [is] in the house of his God.”
- **(NIV):** “The prophet, along with my God, is the watchman over Ephraim, yet snares await him on all his paths, and hostility in the house of his God.”
- **(NLT):** “The prophet is a watchman over Israel for my God, yet traps are laid for him wherever he goes. He faces hostility even in the house of God.”

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“His eyes are a flame of fire and upon His head are many crowns & ...He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood; and His name is called the Word of God....And **from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations**, and He will rule them with a rod of iron & **He treads the winepress of the fierce wrath of God**. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, “KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”

Revelation 19:12-16

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