

LESSON 4 - Hosea 7




“I have also spoken by the prophets,
And have multiplied visions;
I have given symbols through the
witness of the prophets.”

Hosea 12:10

Teaching Notes

Date: _____

 One thing that impacted my heart the most from this teaching was:

Day 1 *Begin your study with time in prayer. Ask God to show you His truth.*

Step 1 God's Word- Read the passage given below from your Bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it below.

Hosea 7:1-3

Step 2 Comprehend the Word- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Connect It To You - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Call to Action- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Theme: _____

Digging Deeper

“They are all adulterers” ...the Lord says the king and royal princes were *entertained* by the wickedness of the people. They did not direct the people in the ways of the Lord, their own morality was hot, like an oven, inflamed with lustful passions. The corruption of the land included fraud, robbery, lies, wicked deeds, adultery and drunkenness.

Look at our own country and state; do we not see the same attitude of some of our leaders? Some of them seem to be entertained by the sin of the population and these leaders make provision for them to continue in their wickedness through the laws they enact, giving no voice or regard to those who seek to uphold godly moral standards.

1. What was God willing to do for Israel? (v1)
2. What was it Israel forgot and did not consider? (v2b)
3. Have you been living like God doesn't see, hear or know?
 - a. Are we successful at hiding anything from God?
 - b. Why or why not? If you can, provide scripture to support your reasoning.
4. Read the following passages:
Like Israel, we too can sometimes forget the Lord does what?
 - a. Hebrews 4:13 “And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things [are] naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we [must give] account.”

 - b. Psa 33:13-15 “The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men. 14 From the place of His dwelling He looks On all the inhabitants of the earth; 15 He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works. “

 - c. Psa 94:11 “The LORD knows the thoughts of man, That they [are] futile.”

 - d. Psa 44:21 “God would surely have known it, for he knows the secrets of every heart.”

If you are facing difficult temptations, remind yourself that God is watching. Stand firm in your commitment to follow Him in all your ways, know full well He loves you and wants to help you through every difficulty you face. When you are tempted to turn from Him, recite a Bible verse, pray or do whatever it takes to continue walking in obedience and faithfulness.

Day 2 Pray for our church, Pastors and their wives.

Step 1 God's Word- Read the passage given below from your Bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it below.

Hosea 7:4-7

Step 2 Comprehend the Word- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Connect It To You - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Call to Action- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

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Digging Deeper

The people of Israel, were so inflamed with desire and passion after idols, they were like an oven ready to bake bread. "None among them calls upon Me: They did in fact continue to sacrifice to the LORD" (Hosea 5:6) but it was all in hypocrisy and empty ceremony, they were not truly calling upon the LORD, they were just going through the motions of religious ceremony.

Verse 7 is talking about a 20 year period when four Israelite kings were assassinated (2 King 15).

1. The people's passion for disobedience was like what? (v4)
2. What was going on during the time of the judges? (Judges 11:8a, 17:6)
3. What wisdom did King Solomon give in Proverbs 29:2 regarding leadership?
4. What does Proverbs 20:1 tell us about the person who is led astray by wine and strong drink?
5. What things came to mind about our own nation and city when you read this passage?

Take time to pray about these things right now and in your small group, share one thing from your list so the whole group can be praying as well throughout the week.

Day 3 Pray for our Nation, State and City Officials.

Step 1 God's Word- Read the passage given below from your Bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it below.

Hosea 7:8-12

Step 2 Comprehend the Word- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Connect It To You - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Call to Action- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

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Digging Deeper

Verse 9 is a reference to the intermarriage of the people of Israel to foreign people. Israel was influenced by the evil practices of those cultures instead of Israel influencing the foreigners. Even today, we can be so easily swayed if we are not strong and grounded in the Word of God. We begin picking up the attitudes of unbelievers and imitating their actions. *“When you work, live or play with unbelievers, beware of the influence they may have on you. Instead of drifting into bad habits, you need to be a positive influence to them and point them toward God.”*⁵ The pull of the world can be powerful, but God is greater still. Don’t let the world pull you down, pull someone up by sharing the love of Christ.

1. What effect did the Aliens (foreigners) have on Ephraim because they mixed (bonded) themselves to the ungodly? (v9).

2. Take time to examine your life, or just your day; what things might you be doing that are influenced by unbelievers and not the Lord?

3. Read John 17:13-19, [esp. 15] What did Jesus pray for?
 1. What does it mean to “be in the world but not of the world”?

4. Explain what Paul means in 2Cr 6:14 in relation to our personal walk and reaching the lost.

Day 4 Pray for Missionaries

Step 1 God's Word- Read the passage given below from your Bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it below.

Hosea 7:13- 16

Step 2 Comprehend the Word- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Connect It To You - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Call to Action- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

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Digging Deeper

A treacherous or 'faulty' bow is unreliable, never hitting the intended mark. Having faulty bows would make the soldier vulnerable in battle. We can liken this to our lives too. Those who live their life without God's direction are like a faulty bow. Without His Spirit in us, to guide and direct, our thoughts can be filled with things of the world; not that we are perfect if we are walking in the Lord, but with His filling every day, with our focus on Him we are more prone to keep our hearts and thoughts set on His ways and not on the things of the world.

1. What was the reason for God's punishment of Israel based on? (v13)
2. What did God do for Israel and us?
3. Read Galatians 3:13 and Revelation 5:9. Journal your thoughts/prayer.
4. When Israel did 'cry out' to God what was missing? (v14)
5. **Personal insight:** What else did you learn from today's passage that was not mentioned?

Day 5 Pray for your Bible teacher and small group**Read Hosea 7**

We are approaching today's lesson using the S.O.A.P method. "S.O.A.P. stands for Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer. It's a great way to delve more deeply into your Bible reading, and record your thoughts, emotions and observations when studying Scripture. S.O.A.P. is meant to be a journal you create with your regular Bible reading, but it can also be an effective tool to help you connect with particular passages."

Scripture: What verse from the entire chapter stood out for you today?

Observation: What did you notice today that you had not seen before?

Application: What do you have to do or change to apply what you learned today?

Prayer: Write a prayer of repentance, praise, thanksgiving...whatever the Spirit is leading you to do.