

Class 3:

Refusal of Israel to Repent of Her Adultery (Hosea 6-7)



God as Ultimate Physician: Hosea 6:1-3

- ❖ He will cure us
- ❖ He will heal us
- ❖ He will restore us to life
- ❖ He will resurrect us



Hosea 6:1

Return in Hosea

“She shall pursue her lovers but not overtake them, and she shall seek them but shall not find them. Then she shall say, ‘**I will go and return to my first husband**, for it was better for me then than now.’”

- Hosea 2:7

“Come, **let us return to the LORD**; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.”

- Hosea 6:1

“But **you must return to your God**; maintain love and justice, and wait for your God always.”

- Hosea 12:6 (NIV)

“**Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God**, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. Take with you words and **return to the LORD**; say to him, “Take away all iniquity; accept what is good, and we will pay with bulls the vows of our lips.”

- Hosea 14:1-2

HEAL: Comparative Analysis of the 8th Century B.C. Prophets

Prophet	Verse
Amos	Word related to “heal” not found in Book of Amos.
Hosea	“Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. ” (Hosea 6:1, NIV) “ whenever I would heal Israel, the sins of Ephraim are exposed and the crimes of Samaria revealed. They practice deceit, thieves break into houses, bandits rob in the streets” (Hosea 7:1, NIV)
Micah	“ For my people's wound is too deep to heal. It has reached into Judah, even to the gates of Jerusalem” (Micah 1:9, NLT)
Isaiah	“Moreover, the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day when the LORD binds up the brokenness of his people, and heals the wounds inflicted by his blow. ” (Isaiah 30:26)

Healing in the Book of Hosea

“When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah his wound, then Ephraim went to Assyria, and sent to the great king. But he [King Jareb or Sargon II] is **not able to cure you or heal your wound**”

- Hosea 5:13

“Come, let us return to the LORD; for He has torn us, that **He may heal us**; He has struck us down, and He will bind us up”

- Hosea 6:1

“**when I would heal Israel**, the iniquity of Ephraim is revealed, and the evil deeds of Samaria, for they deal falsely; the thief breaks in, and the bandits raid outside”

- Hosea 7:1

“Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms, but **they did not know that I healed them**”

- Hosea 11:3

“**I will heal their apostasy**, I will love them freely, For My anger has turned away from them”

- Hosea 14:4

The Certainty of The Resurrection

“Come, let us return to the LORD; for **he has torn us, that he may heal us**; he has struck us down, and **he will bind us up**.

After two days he will revive us; **on the third day he will raise us up**, that we may live before him.”

- Hosea 6:1-2

Hosea 6:2: Renewal of Covenant

“Particularly the **two divine promises of a national resurrection** (Isaiah 26:19; Ezekiel 37:1-14) would seem to speak of the New and lasting Covenant to be concluded in messianic times....The New Testament shows that the Saviour’s death and resurrection were seen as the accomplishment of the New Covenant.”

J. Wijngaards, “Death and Resurrection in Covenantal Context (Hos. VI 2),” *Vetus Testamentum* 17 (2) April 1967, p. 238.

The New Testament refers 18 times to the Lord Jesus Christ rising “on the third day.”

Hosea 6:4

“What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?

What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away.”

- Hosea 6:4



Cut to the Core

“Therefore **I cut you in pieces with my prophets, I killed you with the words of my mouth** - then my judgments go forth like the sun.”

- Hosea 6:5 (NIV)

“For the **word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword**, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

- Hebrews 4:12

HOSEA

Weightier Matters of the Law



"For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings."

-Hosea 6:6

Hosea 6:6: The Hebrew Idiom



“Similarly, when God says, ‘I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice’ **in typical Hebrew idiom, he is saying, ‘I desire steadfast love *more than sacrifice.***’ The second line bears this out: ‘the knowledge of God *more than burnt offerings.*’ And so in making this contrast, he is not rejecting sacrifice completely but stressing inward attitude more than outward act.”

David Allan Hubbard, *With Bands of Love: Lessons From the Book of Hosea* (Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1968), p. 94.

Hosea 6:6:

What Could be Better Than Sacrifice?

“And Samuel said, ‘Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, **to obey is better than sacrifice**, and **to listen than the fat of rams.**’”

- 1 Samuel 15:22

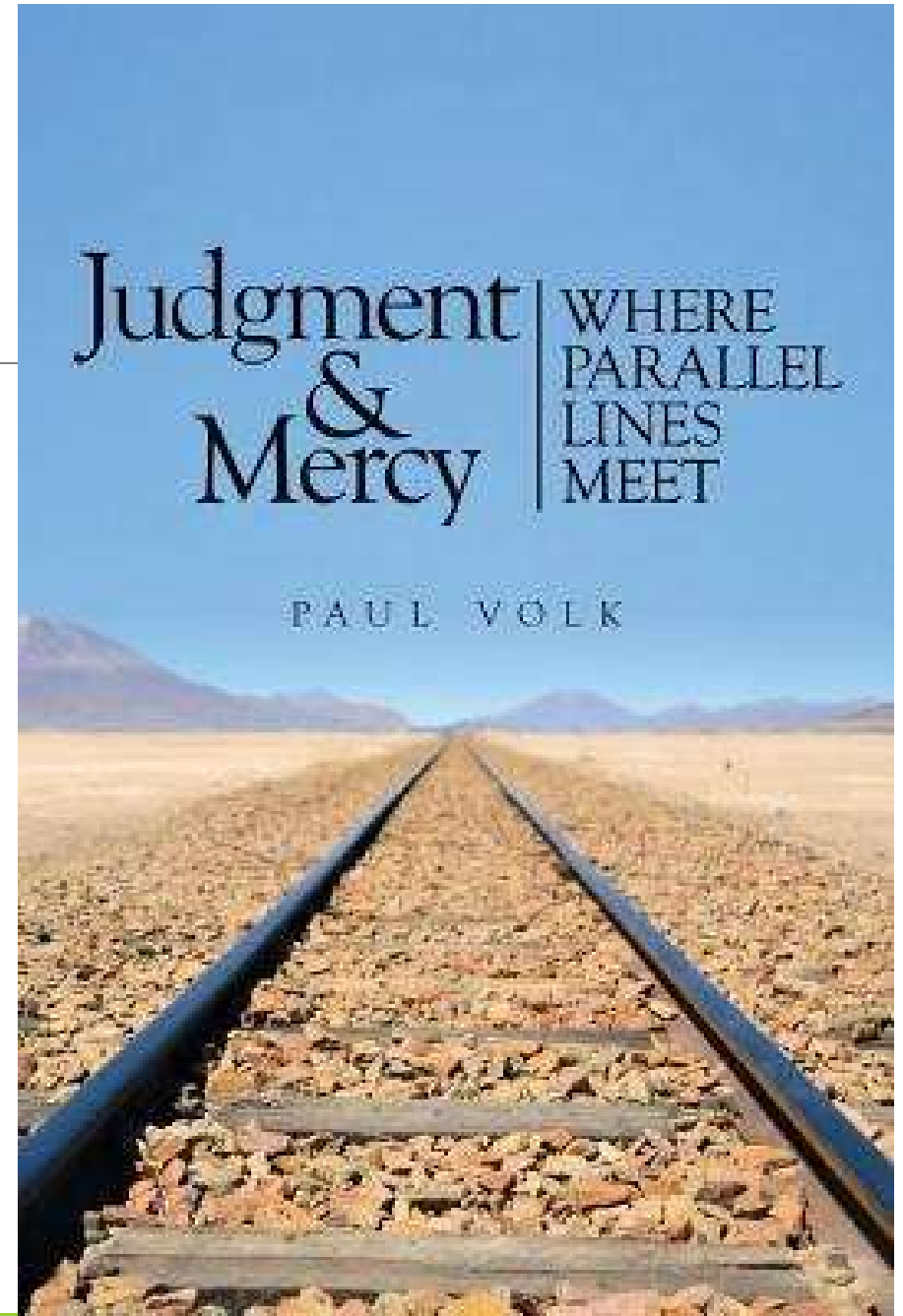
Judgment and Mercy

“Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; **on the third day he will raise us up**, that we may live before him.”

- Hosea 6:2

“For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. **Mercy triumphs** [katakauchaomai] **over judgment.**”

- James 2:13



“Have Mercy on Me LORD”

“**Have mercy on me, LORD, for I am faint; heal me, LORD, for my bones are in agony.**”

- Psalm 6:2 (NIV)



“And when he [Bartimaeus] heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, **‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’**”

- Mark 10:47

The Parable of Two Debtors (Matthew 18:23-35)

King and Servant

The King in the parable forgave his servant a debt of **10,000 talents**.

1 denarii = 1 day's wages

1 talent = 6,000 denarii

10,000 talents = 60,000,000 denarii



Based on today's minimum wage, this debt would equal **\$7.04 billion**, and would take **200,000 years** of work to pay off.

Two Servants

The same servant was owed **100 denarii** by a fellow-servant which was one-day's wage. This amount equaled about **four months' salary**.

100 denarii equivalent to about **\$11,700** for minimum wage worker (\$35,200 annually) in 2018.

“And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.” (Matthew 18:25)

Have We Chosen the Wrong Paradigm?

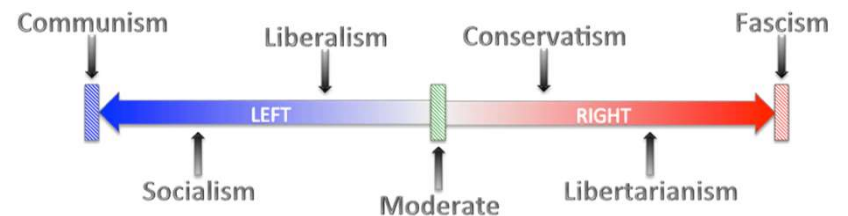
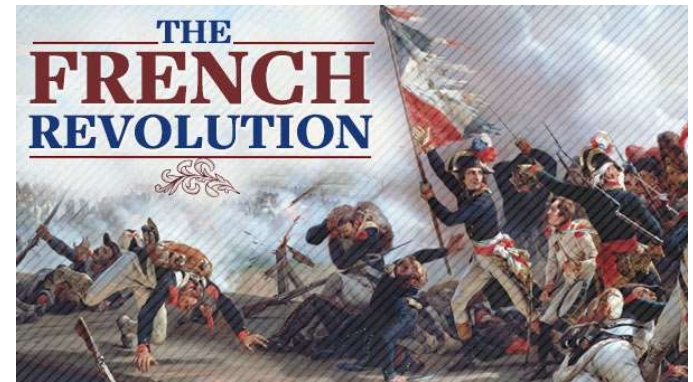
Both Liberalism and Conservatism are Political, Ideological Constructs Arising From French Revolution

Liberalism (progressive, Left, etc.) and Conservatism (regressive, Right, etc.) are NOT biblical terms, but rather were political labels used to distinguish two different viewpoints (Edmund Burke vs. Thomas Paine) of the aisle during debates following the French Revolution.

Use of these terms results in wrong thinking and wrong conclusions. These terms should never have been used to identify Brothers and Sisters of Christ.

We can and ought to be merciful, holy, gracious, just, godly, patient, righteous and kind.

The Bible tempers multiple, competing and sometimes abstract principles for disciples to consider in decision-making rather than a simplistic ideological, artificial construct, i.e., it's right vs. wrong, good vs. evil, rather than "Liberal" and "Conservative, etc."



The Perils of Refusing to Listen

“This evil people, **who refuse to hear my words**, who **stubbornly follow their own heart and have gone after other gods to serve them and worship them**, shall be like this loincloth, which is good for nothing.”



- Jeremiah 13:10

God and Sacrifice: The Real Point

“²¹ This is what he LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Go ahead, add your burnt offerings to your other sacrifices and eat the meat yourselves! ²² For when I brought your ancestors out of Egypt and spoke to them, **I did not just give them commands about burnt offerings and sacrifices,** ²³ but I gave them this command: **Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people.** Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you.”

- Jeremiah 7:21-23 (NIV)

Hosea 6:3

Loftiest Goal: To Know God

“Let us know; **let us press [radaph] on to know the LORD**; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.”

- Hosea 6:3

“I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And **you shall know the LORD**”

- Hosea 2:20

“And **this is eternal life**, that **they know you**, the **only true God**, and **Jesus Christ** whom you have sent.”

- John 17:3

“but **let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me**, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”

- Jeremiah 9:24

Knowing the Lord Jesus is Vital For Eternal Life and This Life

“For I determined
to **know nothing
among you except
Jesus Christ, and
Him crucified.**”

- 1 Corinthians 2:2

“But **grow in the
grace and knowledge
of our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ.**

To him be the glory
both now and to the
day of eternity.

Amen.”

- 2 Peter 3:18

Hosea 6:7: Like Adam or “As At Adam”?

“the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, **at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan**, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho.”

- Joshua 3:16

“As **at Adam**, they have broken the covenant; **they were unfaithful to me there.**”

- Hosea 6:7 (NIV)



Broken and Ill-Advised Covenants in the Book of Hosea

“As at Adam, **they**
have broken the
covenant; they were
unfaithful to me
there”

- Hosea 6:7 (NIV)

“They utter mere words; **with**
empty oaths they make
covenants; so judgment springs
up like poisonous weeds in the
furrows of the field”

- Hosea 10:4

“**they make a covenant with**
Assyria, and oil is carried to
Egypt”

- Hosea 12:1

The Economic and Political Climate of Israel in 8th Century

How they kept peace?

- Israel paid enormous economic tributes to Assyria

As a result...

- Israel's leaders imposed policy of heavy taxation
- Difficult economic burden
- People resented Israel's foreign policy

Israel's Covenants and Treaties



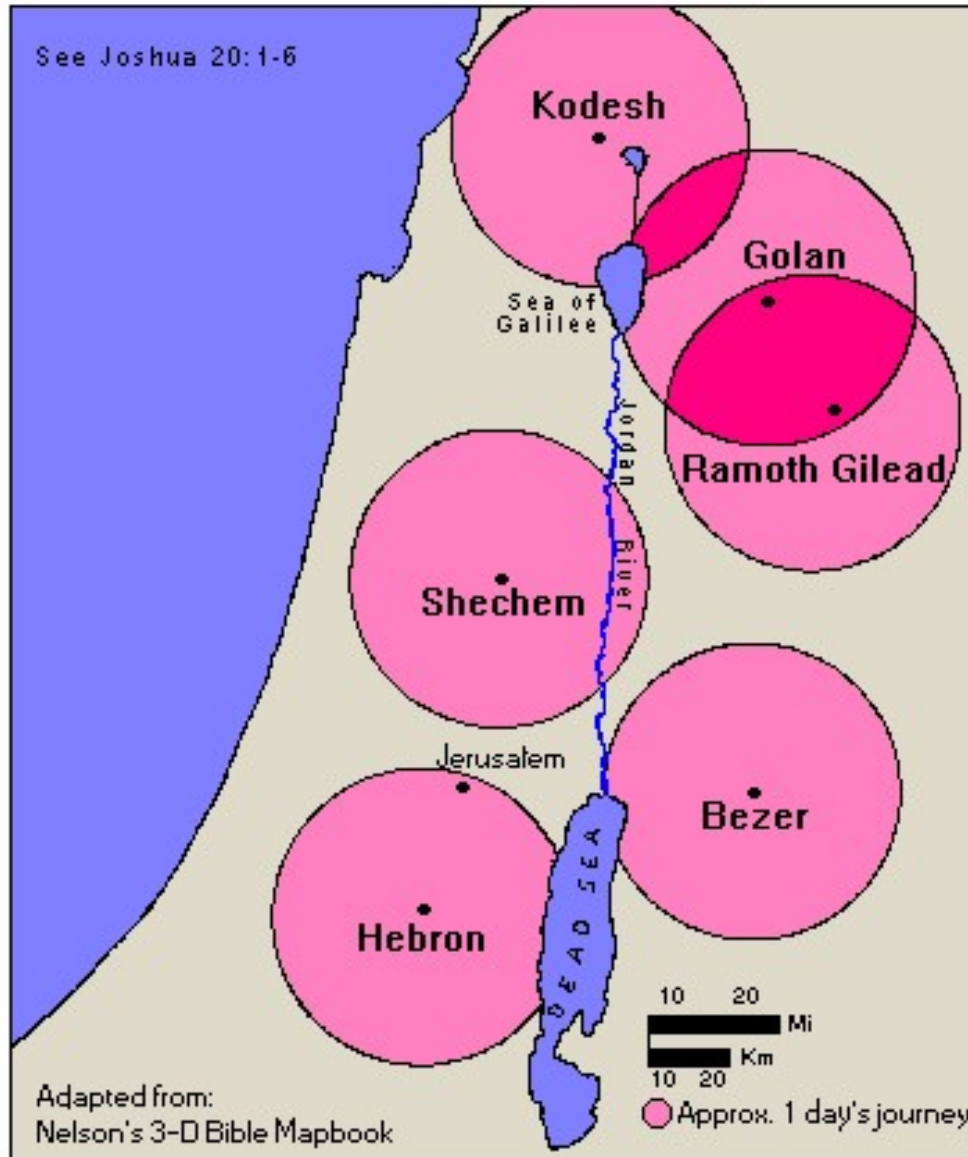
Hosea 6:9:

“On The Road to Shechem”

“You priests are like a gang of robbers in ambush. **On the road to Shechem you murder and commit other horrible crimes.”**

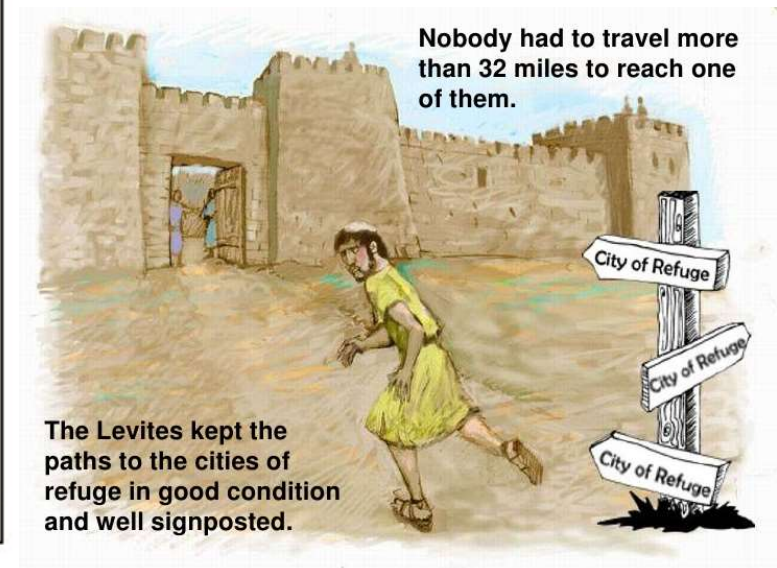
- Hosea 6:9 (CEV)

Cities of Refuge



Hosea 6:9

- The Cities of Refuge were six Levitical towns in the Kingdom of Israel and the Kingdom of Judah in which the perpetrators of manslaughter could claim the right of asylum.



Hosea 6:10

Ephraim: The Divine Horror Show

**“In the house of Israel
I have seen a horrible thing;**
Ephraim’s whoredom is there;
Israel is defiled.”

- Hosea 6:10

**“An appalling and horrible thing
Has happened in the land: The
prophets prophesy falsely, And
the priests rule on their own
authority;** And My people love it
so! But what will you do at the end
of it?”

- Jeremiah 5:30-31

“But the prophet may be referring to a **fertility rite which the women undergo before marriage**. In the shrine, **they have sexual intercourse for the first time with any stranger present or with a priest.**”

- Bernhard Lang, *Monotheism and the Prophetic Minority: An Essay in Biblical History and Sociology* (Sheffield, England: The Almond Press, 1983), p. 32.

Kings of Israel in 8th Century

	Israel's Kings	Timeframe	How Died	Reference
1	Jeroboam II	790-749 B.C.	Died of natural causes	2 Kings 14:23-29
2	Zechariah (son of Jeroboam II)	748 B.C. (reigned 6 months)	Murdered by Shallum	2 Kings 15:8-12
3	Shallum (son of Jabesh)	748 B.C. (reigned 1 month)	Murdered by Menahem	Army captain – 2 Kings 15:10-17
4	Menahem (son of Gadi)	748-738 B.C.	Died of natural causes	2 Kings 15:14-22
5	Pekahiah (son of Menahem)	738-736 B.C.	Murdered by band of 50 led by Pekah	2 Kings 15:23-26
6	Pekah (son of Remaliah)	737-732 B.C.	Hoshea led conspiracy and murdered Pekah	Army captain – 2 Kings 15:27-31
7	Hoshea (son of Elah)	730-721 B.C.	Imprisoned by Assyrians; cause of death unknown	2 Kings 17:1-5

Hosea and the Concept of Kingship

“They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies”

- Hosea 7:3 (KJV)

“Burning like an oven, they consume their leaders.
They kill their kings one after another, and no one cries to me for help.”

- Hosea 7:7 (NLT)

Hosea 7:4

Adultery in Israel

“**They are all adulterers**; they are like a heated oven whose baker ceases to stir the fire, from the kneading of the dough until it is leavened.”

- Hosea 7:4

“**They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin.** They entice unsteady souls. **They have hearts trained in greed.** Accursed children!”

- 2 Peter 2:14

“They were well-fed, lusty stallions, **each neighing for his neighbor’s wife.**”

- Jeremiah 5:8

Job's Perspective on Adultery

“If my heart has been enticed toward a woman, and I have lain in wait at my neighbor's door, then let my wife grind for another, and let others bow down on her. For that **[adultery]** would be a **heinous crime**; that **would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges.**”

Job 31:9-11

Heinous: zimmâh: “wicked, especially bad, lewd, etc.”



Jesus and Respect for Women

“Perhaps it is no wonder that the women were first at the Cradle and last at the Cross. They had never known a man like this Man—there had never been such another. A prophet and teacher who never nagged at them, who never flattered or coaxed or patronized; who never made arch jokes about them, never treated them...”
inappropriately or hurt them.

Dorothy L. Sayers, “The-Human-Not-Quite Human,”
Unpopular Opinions (London: Victor Gollancz Ltd., 1946)

The value of women that permeates the New Testament isn't found in the Greco-Roman and Jewish culture in the first century or any period for that matter.

The Age of Suspicion: Suspect Thy Neighbor as Thyself

American Rabbi Abraham Heschel (1907-1972) observed in the mid-1960s that, “The minds are sick. The hearts are mad. Humanity is drunk with a sense of absolute sovereignty. Our pride is hurt by each other’s arrogance. The dreadful predicament is not due to economic conflicts. **It is due to a spiritual paralysis. This is an age of suspicion, when most of us seem to live by the rule: Suspect thy neighbor as thyself.**”



Abraham Joshua Heschel, “The Ecumenical Movement,” in Abraham Joshua Heschel, *The Insecurity of Freedom: Essays on Human Existence* (New York: The Noonday Press, 1967), p. 180.

What is Malignity?

Why We Should Be Concerned?

“Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, **malignity** [malicious]; whisperers”

- Romans 1:29 (KV)

- The word **malignity** in Romans 1:29 is the Greek word **kakoētheia** which literally means “evil-naturedness.”
- In classical Greek, Aristotle used **kakoētheia** to describe “**the spirit which always supposes the worst about other people**” while Pliny called it “malignity of interpretation.”
- Church of England cleric Jeremy Taylor (1613-1667) said that malignity is “a baseness of nature by which **we take things by the wrong handle, and expound things always in the worst sense.**”

William Barclay, *The Letter to the Romans* (Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1955/1975), p. 36.

Hosea 7:5

“The Day of Baal”

“On the day of the festival of our king the princes become inflamed with wine, and he joins hands with the mockers.”

- Hosea 7:5, NIV

“On this day there was a presentation of Baal’s victory over his enemies and of his re-creation of fertility as well as his **hieros gamos.**”

Gunnar Östborn, *Yahweh and Baal: Studies in the Book of Hosea and Related Documents* (Lund, Sweden: C.W.K. Gleerup, 1956), p. 42.

Hieros gamos or Hierogamy (Greek ἱερός γάμος, ἱερογαμία “holy marriage”) is a **sexual ritual that plays out a marriage between a god and a goddess**, especially when enacted in a symbolic ritual where human participants represent the deities.

Baal: God of the Canaanites

“Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for **Molech the abomination of the Ammonites, on the mountain east of Jerusalem.**” (1 Kings 11:7)

“And **they built the high places of Baal**, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, **to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Molech**; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.” (Jeremiah 32:35)

“**The name [Baal] was so obnoxious to the Jews in later times that (*bôsheth*, shame) was frequently substituted for it.**”

“Baal” in James Hastings, ed., *A Dictionary of the Bible: Dealing With Its Language, Literature, and Contents Including the Biblical Theology* (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1898/1988), Vol. 1, p. 209.



Hosea 7:6-7

Misplaced Passion

“For with hearts like an oven they approach their intrigue; all night their anger smolders; in the morning it blazes like a flaming fire. **All of them are hot as an oven, and they devour their rulers.** All their kings have fallen, and none of them calls upon me. **Ephraim mixes himself with the peoples;** Ephraim is a cake not turned.”

- Hosea 7:6-7



Hosea 7:7 probably refers to the murder of Zechariah, Shallum, Menahem, Pekahiah and Pekah and subsequent trust in foreign leaders for protection and deliverance. **These 5 kings reigned within the space of circa 748 to 732 B.C.**

Hosea 7:8

“**How better [to] describe** a half-fed people, a half-cultured society, a half-lived religion, a half-hearted policy, **than by a half-baked scone?**”

George Adam Smith, *The Book of the Twelve Prophets* (Garden City, NY: Doubleday, Doran & Company, Inc., 1929), p. 23.



"The people of Israel mingle with godless foreigners, **making themselves as worthless as a half-baked cake!**"

- Hosea 7:8 (NLT)

Hosea 7:8

Syncretism in Ancient Israel

“They did not destroy the peoples, as the LORD commanded them, but they **mixed with the nations** and learned to do as they did.”

- Psalm 106:34-35

"Ephraim mixes with the nations; Ephraim is a flat loaf not turned over.”

- Hosea 7:8 (NIV)

Hosea 7:10

Fundamental Problem

“The **pride of Israel testifies to his face**; yet they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek him, for all this.”

- Hosea 7:10

“These **six things doth the LORD hate**: yea, **seven are an abomination** unto him: **(1) A proud look**, (2) a lying tongue, and (3) hands that shed innocent blood...”

- Proverbs 6:16-17

Pride Takes the Witness Stand

“The pride of Israel testifies to his face; yet they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek him, for all this.”

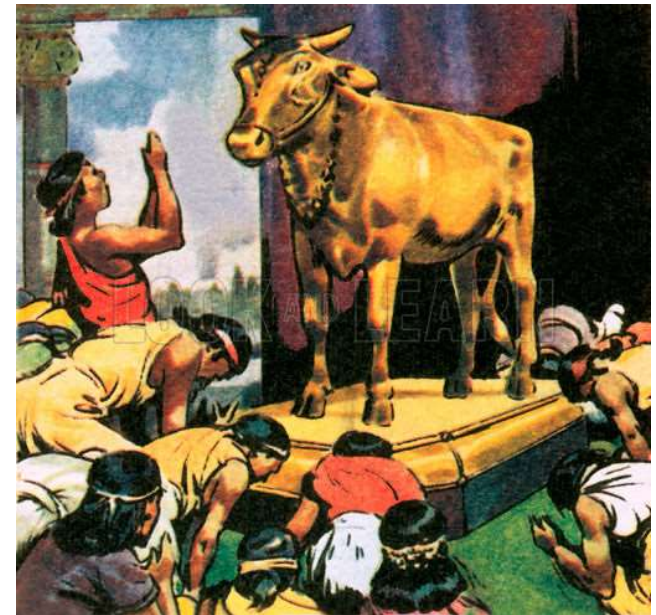
- Hosea 7:10

“The pride of Israel testifies to his face; Israel and Ephraim shall stumble in his guilt; Judah also shall stumble with them.”

- Hosea 5:5

We're Not Far Removed From Hosea's Time: "Our Golden Calves"

"Our idols may not take the gross forms that existed in the days of Hosea. **Our golden calves may be a subtle kind of self-righteousness – or a reliance on our own abilities that leaves God out of the picture.**"



David Allan Hubbard, *With Bands of Love: Lessons From the Book of Hosea* (Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1968), pp. 48-49.

Hosea 8

Calf Worship in Samaria

“The heathen festival was one of unbridled licentiousness.... **Adultery was consecrated as an act of religion.**”

E.B. Pusey, “Introduction to the Minor Prophets, and Chiefly to Hosea” in E.B. Pusey, ed., *Barnes’ Notes: The Minor Prophets: A Commentary* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1885/1996), Vol. 8, p. 12.

Apostasy vs. Syncretism

Apostasy is defined as “an abandonment of what one has voluntarily professed; a total desertion or departure from one’s faith, principles, or party.”

Webster’s New International Dictionary of the English Language, 2nd ed., unabridged (Springfield, MA: G. & C. Merriam, 1939), p. 127, s.v. “apostasy.”

Syncretism is a “compromise in religion” or “uncritical acceptance of conflicting or divergent beliefs or practices.”

Webster’s New International Dictionary of the English Language, 2nd ed., unabridged (Springfield, MA: G. & C. Merriam, 1939), p. 2558, s.v. “syncretism.”

Adopting The Lifestyle of Canaanites

“One statement will sum up the general characteristics of ritual in these sanctuaries [Bethel, Gilgal and Beersheba]: *it was a **syncretic mixture** of **Canaanite** and **Israelite** elements.*”

John D.W. Watts, *Vision and Prophecy in Amos: 1955 Faculty Lectures, Baptist Theological Seminary, Rüsclikon/Zh, Switzerland* (Leiden, Netherlands: E.J. Brill, 1958), p. 70.



Syncretism: Yahweh and Baal

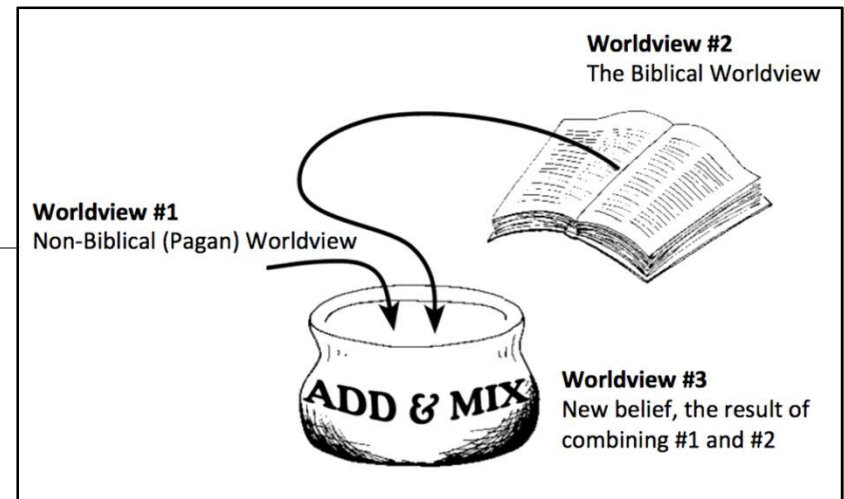
“Hosea’s judgment is that the **religion of Israel has become Canaanitized**; it is the **old native gods that are worshipped, though under the name of Yahweh.**”

A.B. Davidson, “Hosea” in James Hastings, ed., *A Dictionary of the Bible: Dealing With Its Language, Literature, and Contents Including the Biblical Theology* (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1898/1988), Vol. 2, p. 423.

Sin of Syncretism

“Hosea’s main attack was directed towards this disastrous syncretistic mixture which threatened to distort and possibly engulf the faith once delivered to Moses. The Canaanite religion was based on nature myths which laid great stress on fertility and little if any on morality....Instead of one God the Canaanites had more like seventy gods....Male and female prostitutes thronged the shrines, making sanctuaries indistinguishable from harlotry. **The faith of Hosea’s fathers had become so debased that in almost every respect it was now the opposite of the great original.”**

H.D. Beeby, *Grace Abounding: A Commentary on the Book of Hosea* (Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1989), p. 2.



An Unrepentant Israel

Yahweh Remembers

Israel Forgets

The Humble and Repentant: God's Memory Towards Them

“I, I am he who
**blots out your
transgressions** for
my own sake, and
**I will not
remember your
sins.**”

- Isaiah 43:25

“**Remember not the
sins of my youth or
my transgressions;**
according to your
steadfast love
**remember me, for the
sake of your goodness,**
O LORD!”

- Psalm 25:7

Hosea 7:6

The Heart in the Book of Hosea

“Therefore, look! I will now allure her. I will make her go out to the wilderness, and will speak to her **heart** [leb].”

- Hosea 2:14 (ISV)

“Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the **heart** [leb].”

- Hosea 4:11 (KJV)

“**Their hearts** [leb] **are like an oven**; they approach him with intrigue. Their passion smolders all night; in the morning it blazes like a flaming fire”

- Hosea 7:6 (NIV)

“Ephraim also is like a **silly dove without heart** [leb]: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.”

- Hosea 7:11 (KJV)

HEART: Comparative Analysis of the 8th Century B.C. Prophets

Prophet	Verse
Amos	“and he who is stout of heart among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day,’ declares the LORD” (Amos 2:16)
Hosea	“ Their heart is false ; now they must bear their guilt. The LORD will break down their altars and destroy their pillars.” (Hosea 10:2) “but when they had grazed, they became full, they were filled, and their heart was lifted up ; therefore they forgot me” (Hosea 13:6)
Micah	The word “heart” does not appear in the Book of Micah.
Isaiah	“Listen to me, you stubborn of heart , you who are far from righteousness:” (Isaiah 46:12)

Hosea 7:14

The Heart in the Book of Hosea



“**They do not cry out to me from their hearts** [leb] but wail on their beds. They slash themselves, appealing to their gods for grain and new wine, but they turn away from me”

- Hosea 7:14 (NIV)

“**Their heart** [leb] **is deceitful** [faithless], and now they must bear their guilt. The LORD will demolish their altars and destroy their sacred stones”

- Hosea 10:2 (NIV)

“As they had their pasture, they became satisfied, **and being satisfied, their heart** [leb] **became proud**; Therefore they forgot Me”

- Hosea 13:6 (NASB)

“Like a bear whose cubs have been taken away, **I will tear out your heart**. I will devour you like a hungry lioness and mangle you like a wild animal.”

- Hosea 13:8 (KJV)

Hosea 7

The Alliances of Idolatrous Israel

ISRAEL'S FOREIGN ALLIANCES

1. Baasha > Benhadad (Syria)
2. Ahab > Jezebel (Phoenicia)
3. Jehu > Shalmaneser III (Assyria)
4. Menahem > Tiglath-pileser (Assyria)
5. Pekah > Rezin (Syria)
6. Hoshea > So - Osorkon IV (Egypt)



“But the **king of Assyria discovered that Hoshea was a traitor**, for he had sent envoys to **So king of Egypt**, and **he no longer paid tribute to the king of Assyria**, as he had done year by year. Therefore **Shalmaneser** seized him and put him in prison.”

- 2 Kings 17:4 (NIV)



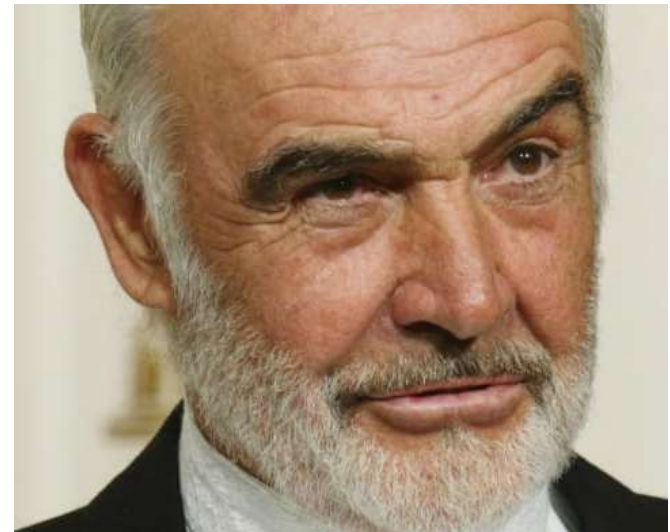
Hosea 7:9

Lack of Spiritual Self-Awareness?

“Strangers devour his strength,
and he knows it not;

gray hairs are sprinkled upon him,
and he knows it not”

- Hosea 7:9



HOSEA

"Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria."

- Hosea 7:11



The Worship of Baal: Hosea 7:14

“And they cried aloud and **cut** [gâdad] **themselves** after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them.”

- 1 Kings 18:28

“Why should I forgive you? Your children have abandoned me and sworn by those who are not gods. I satisfied their needs, yet they committed adultery; **they gashed** [gâdad] themselves at the prostitute's house.”

- Jeremiah 5:7 (CSB)

“They do not cry to me from the heart, but they wail upon their beds; for grain and wine **they gash** [gûwr] **themselves**; they rebel against me.”

- Hosea 7:14

Some translators have the phrase “they assemble themselves” (yitgôrârû) in Hosea 7:14 while some think and correct this phrase as “they gash themselves” (yitgôdādû).

Profits vs Prophets

“Among the **prophets of Samaria I saw something disgusting: They prophesied by Baal and led my people Israel astray.**”

- Jeremiah 23:13 (CSB)



Hosea 7:14

Rebellion in the Book of Hosea

“They do not cry to me from the heart, but they wail upon their beds; for grain and wine they gash themselves; **they rebel against me.**”

- Hosea 7:14

“**Samaria shall bear her guilt, because she has rebelled against her God**; they shall fall by the sword; their little ones shall be dashed in pieces, and their pregnant women ripped open.”

- Hosea 13:16

“REBELLION”: Comparative Analysis of the 8th Century B.C. Prophets

Prophet	Verse
Amos	“Come to Bethel and rebel; rebel even more at Gilgal! Bring your sacrifices every morning, your tenths every three days.” (Amos 4:4, HCSB)
Hosea	“They do not cry to me from the heart, but they wail upon their beds; for grain and wine they gash themselves; they rebel against me. ” (Hosea 7:14) “Set the trumpet to your lips! One like a vulture is over the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed my covenant and rebelled against my law. ” (Hosea 8:1)
Micah	“All this is for the rebellion of Jacob And for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the rebellion of Jacob? Is it not Samaria? What is the high place of Judah? Is it not Jerusalem?” (Micah 1:5, NASB)
Isaiah	“You have neither heard nor understood; from of old your ears have not been open. Well do I know how treacherous you are; you were called a rebel from birth. ” (Isaiah 48:8, NIV)

Our Rebellion: Crux of the Problem

“Men rise up against God and oppose his will, thereby narrowing the good in the world and opening the way to evil. **Human rebellion against God – this is the central motif not only in Genesis but throughout the Scriptures.**”

- Irving M. Zeitlin, *Ancient Judaism: Biblical Criticism from Max Weber to the Present* (Cambridge: Polity Press, 1984), p. 28.

The Conclusion: Israel's Refusal to Repent

“The **pride of Israel** testifies to his face; **yet they do not return** [šûb] **to the LORD their God**, nor seek him, for all this”

- Hosea 7:10

“**They do not turn** [šûb] **to the Most High**; they are like a faulty bow. Their leaders will fall by the sword because of their insolent words. For this they will be ridiculed in the land of Egypt”

- Hosea 7:16 (NIV)

“They shall not return to the land of Egypt, but Assyria shall be their king, **because they have refused to return** [šûb] **to me**”

- Hosea 11:5