

## **Foundation of the sermon**

### ***Purpose***

Look at the a life wasted with sin.

### ***Principle Idea:***

A sinful lifestyle robs you of the blessings you have received. It is like throwing good seed into a strong wind. The lifestyle of sin eventually leads to the swift and powerful destruction. The destruction of the wicked lifestyle will be complete and devastating.

### ***Type of Outline***

Exposition based on Hosea 7:13-8:14

### ***Main idea of the Bible book where the text is found:***

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## **I. Introduction**

I love poetry. The passage for today is pure poetry. God through Hosea His prophet is explaining once again why Israel, the people described as "my people" are no longer His people. Throughout Hosea we have seen passages of Scripture that are powerful word pictures. God uses one of these power phrases in a word picture. In chapter 8 verse 7 God says of Israel:

"... they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: ... "

Israel continued down the road to sin. They sowed their seed in the wind, they had tossed into the sky the things God had given them and the wind had carried that seed away. Now a tornado of trouble was on the horizon. There whole world would be torn up and carried away the result of their of sin.

This is the picture of the life ruined and destroyed by sin. A life filled with wasted promise and squandered blessing. A life left a wasteland as a result of a life of sin.

The passage today is Hosea 7:13-8:14

7:13 Woe unto them! for they have fled from me: destruction unto them! because they have transgressed against me: though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against me.

14 And they have not cried unto me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds: they assemble themselves for corn and wine, and they rebel against me.

15 Though I have bound and strengthened their arms, yet do they imagine mischief against me.

16 They return, but not to the most High: they are like a deceitful bow: their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue: this shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.8:1 Set the trumpet to thy mouth. He shall come as an eagle against the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law.

2 Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee.

3 Israel hath cast off the thing that is good: the enemy shall pursue him.

4 They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off.

5 ¶Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast thee off; mine anger is kindled against them: how long will it be ere they attain to innocency?

6 For from Israel was it also: the workman made it; therefore it is not God: but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces.

7 For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up.

8 Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure.

9 For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim hath hired lovers.

10 Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes.

11 Because Ephraim hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin.

12 I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing.

13 They sacrifice flesh for the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat it; but the LORD accepteth them not; now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins: they shall return to Egypt.

14 For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

## **II. Body**

### **A. Israel sows to the wind a sinful life**

#### **1. General description of their sinful ways: (7:13-16) [6 descriptions]**

- a) Israel had transgressed against God and fled from Him. (13)
- b) They had spoken lies against Him (7:13)
- c) Bemoaning their condition - They did not cry out to Him for help. (7:14)
- d) They had rebelled against Him. (7:14)
- e) They had imagined mischief against Him. (7:15)
- f) They turned to someone besides Him. (7:16)
  - (1) In 8:13 it clearly states that they had gone to Egypt for help and not to God.

#### **2. The prophet gives God's reasons destruction coming. (8:1-14) [8 reasons]**

- a) Israel had transgressed God's covenant. (8:1)
- b) Israel had trespassed the law of God. (8:1)
- c) Israel falsely claimed to know God. (8:2)
  - (i) I am reminded by Matthew 7:22 in this situation. I note that Adam Clarke the commentator had the same response.
- d) Israel had thrown away a good thing (8:3, 7)
- e) Israel had set up their own government. (8:4)
- f) Israel claims to be innocent, but is guilty (8:5)
  - (1) Their guilt is in the worship of cattle.
  - (2) They learned this practice in Egypt. The practice of cattle worship still takes place in the form of Hinduism.
  - (3) These gods worshipped in Samaria and Dan were the work of man. They were not therefore the true God.
- g) Israel claims the law to be strange (8:12)
- h) Israel had created their own gods. (8:5-6, 11-13,14)
- i) Israel had sought foreign powers in their times of trouble. (8:9-10)
- j) Israel had forgotten their Creator. (14)

### **B. Israel to reap the whirlwind of God's judgement.**

#### **1. The destruction was imminent. (7:13; 8:1)**

- a) The trumpet was used to announce impending danger.

b) The eagle is used here because its attack is swift and fierce. The eagle in the passage is the Assyrian king Shalmaneser. The eagle was already casting its shadow over them.

2. They will be pursued by their enemies. (8:3)
3. They will be cut-off (8:4)
4. Their idols, will be broken. (8:6)  
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5. During their pursuit their land will not yield grain (8:8)
6. What little their land produces will be eaten by the enemy. (8:7)
7. They will be consumed (destroyed) as a nation and dispersed among the Gentiles (8:8)
8. They will sorrow for the burden of princes. (8:10)
9. The Lord has rejected their sacrifices (8:13)
10. God will remember the long history of their sin (8:13)
11. They will return to Egypt. (8:13)
12. They and Judah will suffer (8:14)

### **III. Application**

1. Remember what you sow so shall you reap.
2. God is deserving of our praise our honor and our action.
3. Don't expect God to deliver you from situations that you have gotten yourself into, on purpose.
4. Carefully chose your counsellors

### **IV. Conclusion**

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Title: Caught in the Whirlwind