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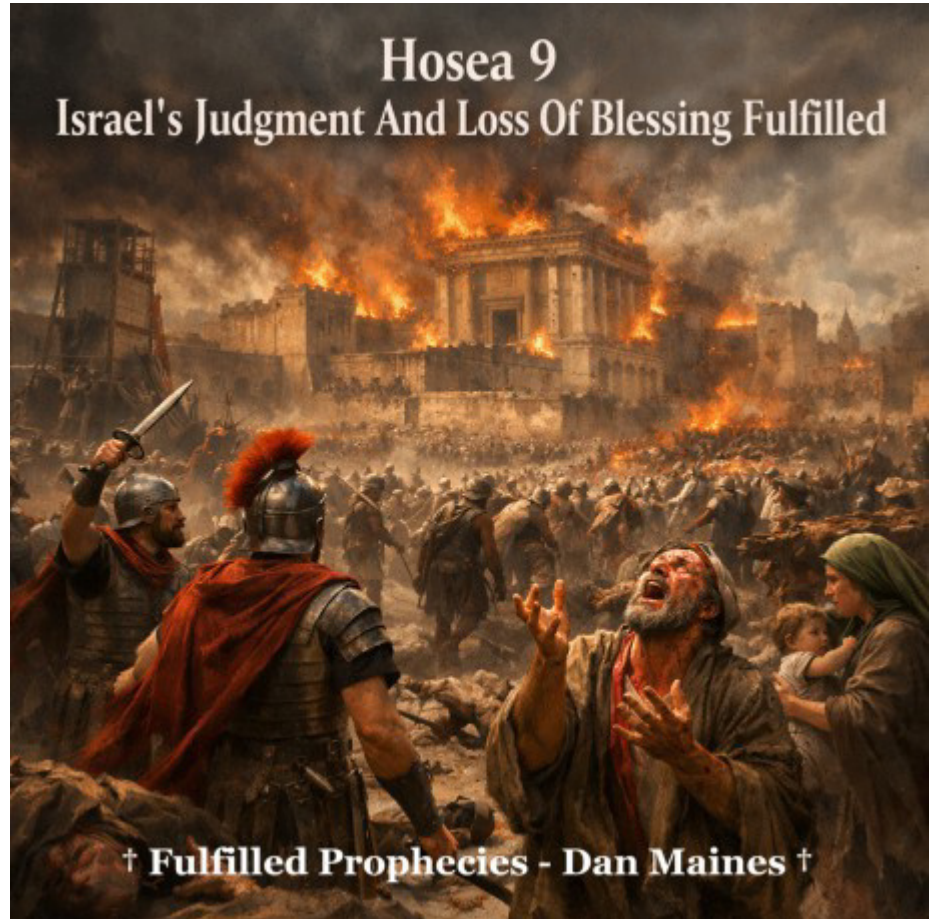
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Hosea 9 Israel's Judgment And Loss Of Blessing Fulfilled



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Introduction

† Hosea 9 brings us face to face with the consequences of covenant unfaithfulness, not just in warning, but in fulfillment.

† Israel thought they could rejoice like the nations, but their sin separated them from God, and judgment was already determined.

† From the fulfilled perspective, this chapter points directly to the first century judgment, when the old covenant system collapsed in AD 70.

† What Hosea spoke, Jesus confirmed, and history recorded.

Hosea 9:1

Do not rejoice, Israel, with jubilation like the nations! For you have committed infidelity, abandoning your God. You have loved the earnings of a prostitute On every threshing floor.

† Israel was acting like the Gentile nations, abandoning covenant identity for idolatry, Hosea 9:1.

† Their joy was false because it was rooted in sin, not in righteousness.

† This connects to Jesus exposing Israel's hypocrisy before their judgment, Matthew 23:27-28.

Hosea 9:2

Threshing floor and wine press will not feed them, And the new wine will fail them.

† The blessings of the land were being removed, showing covenant curses taking effect, Deuteronomy 28:38-40.

† Their dependence on idols led to famine, not provision.

† This was fulfilled in the famine conditions surrounding the Roman siege, as recorded by Josephus.

Hosea 9:3

They will not remain in the Lord's land, But Ephraim will return to Egypt, And in Assyria they will eat unclean food.

† Exile language shows covenant reversal, being driven out of the land God gave them.

† Egypt and Assyria represent bondage and oppression, not literal relocation only.

† This was fulfilled when Israel was scattered under Rome, losing their land completely in AD 70.

Hosea 9:4

They will not pour out drink offerings of wine to the Lord, And their sacrifices will not please Him. Their bread will be like mourner's bread; All who eat of it will be defiled, For their bread will be for themselves alone; It will not enter the house of the Lord.

† Their worship became unacceptable because their hearts were corrupt, Hosea 9:4.

† The temple system was already defiled before it was destroyed.

† Jesus declared their house desolate, Matthew 23:38.

Hosea 9:5

What will you do on the day of the appointed festival And on the day of the feast of the Lord?

† Their religious calendar became meaningless because judgment was coming.

† Festivals without obedience were empty rituals.

† This was fulfilled when temple worship ceased completely after AD 70.

Hosea 9:6

For behold, they will go because of destruction; Egypt will gather them up, Memphis will bury them. Weeds will take over their treasures of silver; Thorns will be in their tents.

† Destruction would leave their cities desolate and overtaken.

† Wealth and security would be stripped away.

† This mirrors the complete ruin of Jerusalem under Rome.

Hosea 9:7

The days of punishment have come, The days of retribution have come; Let Israel know this! The prophet is a fool, the inspired man is demented, Because of the enormity of your wrongdoing And because your hostility is so great.

† Israel rejected true prophets and mocked God's messengers.

† Their blindness caused them to call truth madness.

† This was fulfilled when they rejected Christ and His apostles, Acts 7:51-52.

Hosea 9:8

Ephraim was a watchman with my God, a prophet; Yet the snare of a bird catcher is in all his ways, And there is only hostility in the house of his God.

† Those meant to guide the people became traps instead.

† Leadership was corrupted, leading the people into judgment.

† This is seen in the corrupt priesthood of Jesus' time.

Hosea 9:9

They have gone deep in depravity As in the days of Gibeah; He will remember their wrongdoing, He will punish their sins.

† Israel's sin reached extreme levels, like the days of Judges 19.

† God would not overlook their rebellion.

† Jesus said their generation would be held accountable for all righteous blood, Matthew 23:35-36.

Hosea 9:10

I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your forefathers as the earliest fruit on the fig tree in its first season. But they came to Baal-peor and devoted themselves to shame, And they became as detestable as that which they loved.

† God once saw Israel as precious and fruitful.

† But they turned to idolatry and became like the idols they worshiped.

† This shows how sin transforms identity.

Hosea 9:11

As for Ephraim, their glory will fly away like a bird, No birth, no pregnancy, and no conception!

† Loss of future generations shows total judgment.

† Their legacy would be cut off.

† This reflects the devastation of the Jewish population in AD 70.

Hosea 9:12

Though they bring up their children, Yet I will bereave them until not a person is left. Yes, woe to them indeed when I depart from them!

† God's departure is the ultimate judgment.

† Without Him, there is no protection or life.

† This connects to the desolation Jesus declared, Matthew 23:38.

Hosea 9:13

Ephraim, as I have seen, is planted in a pleasant meadow like Tyre; But Ephraim will bring out his children for slaughter.

† What was once secure would now lead to destruction.

† Their own offspring would suffer because of their rebellion.

† This was fulfilled in the horrors recorded during the siege of Jerusalem.

Hosea 9:14

Give them, Lord, what will You give? Give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.

† This shows the severity of judgment, cutting off life itself.

† It reflects covenant curses fully realized.

† This aligns with the suffering described in Luke 23:29.

Hosea 9:15

All their evil is at Gilgal; Indeed, I came to hate them there!
Because of the wickedness of their deeds I will drive them out
of My house! I will love them no more; All their leaders are
rebels.

† Gilgal, once a place of covenant renewal, became a place of
corruption.

† God would remove them from His house, the temple.

† This was fulfilled in the destruction of the temple in AD 70.

Hosea 9:16

Ephraim is stricken, their root is dried up, They will bear no fruit.
Even though they give birth, I will put to death the precious ones
of their womb.

† Israel became spiritually barren.

† Fruitlessness is a sign of judgment.

† Jesus used the fig tree as a symbol of this same condition,
Matthew 21:19.

Hosea 9:17

My God will cast them away Because they have not listened to Him; And they will be wanderers among the nations.

† Final rejection came because they refused to listen.

† Scattering among the nations fulfilled covenant curses, Deuteronomy 28:64.

† This was historically fulfilled after AD 70 and continues as a testimony.

Historical References

† Josephus records the famine, slaughter, and complete destruction of Jerusalem, confirming Hosea's warnings came to pass.

† Tacitus describes the Roman siege and the fall of the temple, showing the collapse of the Jewish system.

† Eusebius records the flight of believers from Jerusalem before its destruction, preserving the faithful remnant.

How It Applies To Us Today

† Hosea 9 shows that outward religion without obedience leads to judgment, not blessing.

† It reminds us that God isn't mocked, what is sown is what is reaped, Galatians 6:7.

† We see that trusting in systems, traditions, or identity without faithfulness leads to loss.

† Today we live in the fulfilled kingdom, where access to God isn't through a temple, but through Christ.

† We're called to remain faithful, not repeating Israel's mistake of rejecting truth.

Q & A Appendix

Q How do we know Hosea 9 was fulfilled in the first century?

A Jesus tied Israel's judgment to that generation, Matthew 23:36, and history records the destruction in AD 70.

Q What does it mean that God departed from them?

A It means His presence left the temple system, fulfilled when the temple was destroyed, Matthew 23:38.

Q Why were their sacrifices rejected?

A Because their hearts were corrupt, not obedient, Isaiah 1:11-15.

Q What is the significance of being scattered among the nations?

A It fulfills covenant curses, Deuteronomy 28:64, showing complete judgment.

Q How should we respond today?

A By remaining faithful to Christ, understanding the old system is fulfilled, Hebrews 8:13.

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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