

Questions On Hosea Chapter 8

1. Who was the “eagle” that God was sending to punish Israel? (see verse 9 or 11:5 for help)

2. What was signified by the blowing of the trumpet or horn?
 - A. This was the language of an earlier *conditional* prophecy (Deuteronomy 28:48-50). What is in this Deuteronomy passage about the nature of the enemy that God would use? (similar imagery in Habakkuk 1:8-10)

3. The people *claimed* to “know” God (2), but what was the problem?
 - A. What similar conditions are described by Jesus in Matthew 7:22-23? What was the problem there?

4. What observation is made about Israel’s kings and princes?

5. What did Israel do with their silver and gold?

6. The “calf of Samaria” was actually two calves. Where were they located? (see 1 Kings 12:29 for help)

7. What very simple argument does verses 6 of this chapter make against the concept of idolatry and idolatrous symbols?

8. What does it mean to “sow to the wind” and “reap the whirlwind?”
9. In what sense would Israel “go among the gentiles?”
10. To what animal is Israel compared in verses 9, and why?
 - A. Jeremiah would later compare Judah to this animal (Jeremiah 2:24). What point did Jeremiah make by this comparison?
11. Typically it is males that hire prostitutes, but what point is made in verse 10 about Israel?
12. Ephraim had made many altars, but they were altars for _____.
 - A. They sacrificed on those altars, but for what purpose? (v. 13)
 - B. Did God accept their sacrifices?
13. God had written great things for Israel in His law, but they were considered *what* by Israel?
14. As in chapter 5 and elsewhere in this book, Judah is also warned. Referring most likely to Uzziah’s actions (2 Chronicles 26), what had Judah “multiplied?” Why?