

Israel: The Empty Vine With a Divided Heart

(Hosea 10)

"Now they must bear their guilt." (10:2)

1. What is the contrast between the outer life of the Israelites and the inner reality?

"Glory"

2. There is a calf idol spoken of in v5: "And its idolatrous priests will cry out over it, over its glory, since it has departed from it."

Proverbs 17:6 – 'And the glory of sons is their _____.'

Esther 5:11 – 'Then Haman recounted to them the glory of his _____, and the number of his sons, and every instance where the king had promoted him above the princes and servants of the king.'

Jeremiah 9:23-24 – 'Thus says the Lord, "Let not a wise man boast of his _____, and let not the mighty man boast of his _____, let not a rich man boast of his _____; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he _____ and _____ Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things, declares the Lord."'

Psalms 106:19-20 – 'They made a calf in Horeb and worshiped a molten image. Thus they exchanged their glory for the _____.'

Romans 1:22-23 – 'Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an _____ in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.'

Isaiah 43:7 – 'Everyone who is called by My name, and whom I have created for _____.'

Isaiah 60:19 – '...But you will have the Lord for an everlasting light, and your God for your _____.'

Philippians 3:17-21

An idol has "glory" attached to it (v5). What is the glory of an idol and what are some current day examples of the glory of idols?

Idolatry has made Israel a degenerate, empty vine with a faithless, deceitful, divided heart.

The empty, degenerate, faithless, deceitful, divided heart:

What do they say? (Hosea 2:5) _____

What do they not know? (Hosea 2:8) _____

What have they stopped doing? (Hosea 4:10) _____

What are they determined to do? (Hosea 6:11) _____

3. In Hosea 10:8 we see Israel's idols/religion "will be destroyed." **What is the people's response to this?** This is the same response we see in Revelation 6:12.

4. In 10:14-15 we read what these times will be like. We see that it will be like a battlefield where "mothers were dashed in pieces with their children." **Read Luke 23:27-31 and consider why Jesus would quote Hosea 10:8 there?**

5. **How do you see verse 12 fitting in with this chapter?**