

# HOSEA

– THE PROPHET OF GOD'S HEART –

*A Picture Is Worth...*

**HOSEA 7:6** “They prepare their heart like an oven, while they lie in wait; their baker sleeps all night; in the morning it burns like a flaming fire.<sup>7</sup> They are all hot, like an oven, and have devoured their judges; all their kings have fallen. None among them calls upon Me.<sup>8</sup> Ephraim has mixed himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake unturned.<sup>9</sup> Aliens have devoured his strength, but he does not know it; yes, gray hairs are here and there on him, yet he does not know it.”

# A SMOLDERING OVEN

**HOSEA 7:4** “They are all adulterers. Like an oven heated by a baker—he ceases stirring the fire after kneading the dough, until it is leavened.<sup>5</sup>In the day of our king princes have made him sick, inflamed with wine; he stretched out his hand with scoffers.<sup>6</sup>They prepare their heart like an oven, while they lie in wait; their baker sleeps all night; in the morning it burns like a flaming fire.”

# A HALF-BAKED CAKE

**HOSEA 7:8** “Ephraim has mixed himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake unturned.”

# AN AGING PERSON

**HOSEA 7:9** “Aliens have devoured his strength, but he does not know it; yes, gray hairs are here and there on him, yet he does not know it.”

**HOSEA 7:10** “And the pride of Israel testifies to his face, but they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek Him for all this.”

# A DOVE WITHOUT HEART

**HOSEA 7:11** “Ephraim also is like a silly dove, without sense—they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.”

**ISAIAH 26:3** “You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.”

# AN UNRELIABLE BOW

**HOSEA 7:16** “They return, but not to the Most High; they are like a treacherous bow. Their princes shall fall by the sword for the cursings of their tongue. This shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.”