

HOSEA

– THE PROPHET OF GOD'S HEART –

Cities of Infamy

HOSEA 10:12 Sow for yourselves
righteousness; reap in mercy; break
up your fallow ground, for it is time
to seek the LORD, till He comes and
rains righteousness on you.

HOSEA 9:7 The days of punishment have come; the days of recompense have come. Israel knows! The prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is insane, because of the greatness of your iniquity and great enmity.⁸ The watchman of Ephraim is with my God; but the prophet is a fowler's snare in all his ways—enmity in the house of his God.”

FIRST, GIBEAH

HOSEA 9:9 They are deeply corrupted, as in the days of Gibeah. He will remember their iniquity; He will punish their sins.

HOSEA 10:9 O Israel, you have sinned from the days of Gibeah; there they stood. The battle in Gibeah against the children of iniquity did not overtake them.

SECOND, BAEL-PEOR

HOSEA 9:10 “I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the firstfruits on the fig tree in its first season. But they went to Baal Peor, and separated themselves to that shame; they became an abomination like the thing they loved.”

SECOND, BAEL-PEOR

HOSEA 10:1 Israel is an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself: according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images.
²Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty: he shall break down their altars, he shall spoil their images.

THIRD, TYRE

HOSEA 9:13 “Just as I saw Ephraim like Tyre, planted in a pleasant place, so Ephraim will bring out his children to the murderer.”

FOURTH, GILGAL

HOSEA 9:15 “All their wickedness is in Gilgal, for there I hated them. Because of the evil of their deeds I will drive them from My house; I will love them no more. All their princes are rebellious.”

FIFTH, BETH AVEN

HOSEA 10:5 The inhabitants of Samaria fear because of the calf of Beth Aven. For its people mourn for it, and its priests shriek for it—because its glory has departed from it.