

## Participant Notes for Hosea: The Covenant Devotion of God: Part 14

### Hosea 13:9-14:9

God is still the source of their help and His is their king.

Hosea 13:9-11 NKJV 9 "O Israel, **you are destroyed**, But your help is from Me. 10 I will be your King; Where is any other, That he may save you in all your cities? And your judges to whom you said, 'Give me a king and princes'? 11 I gave you a king in My anger, And took him away in My wrath.

Proverbs 6:32-35 NKJV 32 Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; He who does so **destroys his own soul**. 33 Wounds and dishonor he will get, And his reproach will not be wiped away. 34 For jealousy is a husband's fury; Therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance. 35 He will accept no recompense, Nor will he be appeased though you give many gifts.

He is a jealous God. Yet, He would have mercy on those who love Him.

Deuteronomy 5:8-10 NKJV 8 'You shall not make for yourself a carved image-any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 9 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 10 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

They continually seek for a human king to bring them salvation!

1 Samuel 8:4-9 NKJV 4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, 5 and said to him, "Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations." 6 But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." So Samuel prayed to the LORD. 7 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them. 8 "According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt, even to this day-with which they have forsaken Me and served other gods-so they are doing to you also. 9 "Now therefore, heed their voice. However, you shall solemnly forewarn them, and show them the behavior of the king who will reign over them."

God gave them a king in His angry over their rejection; then God rejected Saul, the king He had given them.

1 Samuel 15:10-11 NKJV 10 Now the word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying, 11 "I greatly regret that I have set up Saul as king, for he has turned back from following Me, and has not performed My commandments." And it grieved Samuel, and he cried out to the LORD all night.

The ten tribes of Israel rebelled against the rightful king when they chose Jeroboam over Solomon's son.

2 Chronicles 10:19 NKJV 19 So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

The iniquity of Ephraim began on this day..

1 Kings 11:37-38 NKJV 37 'So I will take you, and you shall reign over all your heart desires, and you shall be king over Israel. 38 'Then it shall be, if you heed all that I command you, walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then I will be with you and build for you an enduring house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you.

Hosea refers to this iniquity of Ephraim.

Hosea 13:12-13 NKJV 12 "The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; His sin is stored up. 13 The sorrows of a woman in childbirth shall come upon him. He is an unwise son, For he should not stay long where children are born.

The theologian Matthew Poole explains that Ephraim is an unwise son in that he delays his own birth putting both himself and the mother in danger. He tarries in the moment of birth, staying too long in the "place of breaking forth of children."

2 Kings 19:3 NKJV 3 And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah: 'This day is a day of trouble, and rebuke, and blasphemy; for the children have come to birth, but there is no strength to bring them forth.

God states that He will intervene and not allow the total destruction of Ephraim.

Hosea 13:14 NKJV 14 "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will be your plagues! O Grave, I will be your destruction! Pity is hidden from My eyes.

Leviticus 26:44-45 NKJV 44 Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, nor shall I abhor them, to utterly destroy them and break My covenant with them; for I am the LORD their God. 45 But for their sake I will remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God: I am the LORD."

God resumes His pronouncement of judgment.

Hosea 13:15-16 NKJV 15 Though he is fruitful among his brethren, An **east wind** shall come; The wind of the LORD shall come up from the wilderness. Then his spring **shall become dry**, And his fountain shall be dried up. He shall plunder the treasury of every desirable prize. 16 Samaria is held guilty, For she has rebelled against her God. They shall fall by the sword, Their infants shall be dashed in pieces, And their women with child ripped open.

The east wind always brings famine, leanness, or judgment. The bounty of Ephraim will dry up in the wind.

God pleads with Israel to turn back to Him, to recognize that Assyria will not save them, but will destroy them.

Hosea 14:1-3 NKJV 1 O Israel, return to the LORD your God, For you have stumbled because of your iniquity; 2 Take words with you, And return to the LORD. Say to Him, "Take away all iniquity; Receive us graciously, For we will offer the sacrifices of our lips. 3 Assyria shall not save us, We will not ride on horses, Nor will we say anymore to the work of our hands, 'You are our gods.' For in You the fatherless finds mercy."

Israel is to:

1. Return to the LORD. The word “return” is #7725 Shuv meaning to turn back or repent.
2. Ask for forgiveness and ask to be received for good as opposed to judgment. The word “graciously” is #2896 tov meaning good.
3. Bring the sacrifices that they had given to the golden calves to God.
4. Acknowledge that their salvation does not come from Assyria or the might of their army.
5. Reject the worship of their idols.
6. Ask God to take them back as His children. The word for mercy is rachem, #7355 meaning to fondle or love. It is the root word for rechem, #7358, meaning the womb.

The Romans Road to Salvation:

Romans 3:10 NKJV 10 As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one;

Romans 3:23 NKJV 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 5:8 NKJV 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23 NKJV 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 10:9-10 NKJV 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:13 NKJV 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

Does this “Romans Road” contain all the elements of salvation outlined by Hosea?

The rest of the book of Hosea is God’s promise of redemption.

Hosea 14:4-7 NKJV 4 "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely, For My anger has turned away from him. 5 I will be like the dew to Israel; He shall grow like the lily, And lengthen his roots like Lebanon. 6 His branches shall spread; His beauty shall be like an olive tree, And his fragrance like Lebanon. 7 Those who dwell under his shadow shall return; They shall be revived like grain, And grow like a vine. Their scent shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

Ephraim will totally turn away from the idols that He worshipped.

Hosea 14:8 NKJV 8 "Ephraim shall say, 'What have I to do anymore with idols?' I have heard and observed him. I am like a green cypress tree; Your fruit is found in Me."

The green tree is the righteous tree described in Psalm 1

Psalms 1:1-6 NKJV 1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. 4 The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in

the congregation of the righteous. 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

This contrasts with the dry tree, perhaps dried out because of the east wind.

Ezekiel 17:22-24 NKJV 22 Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will take also one of the highest branches of the high cedar and set it out. I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and will plant it on a high and prominent mountain. 23 "On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it; and it will bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a majestic cedar. Under it will dwell birds of every sort; in the shadow of its branches they will dwell. 24 "And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, have brought down the high tree and exalted the low tree, dried up the green tree and made the dry tree flourish; I, the LORD, have spoken and have done it."

Water nourishes the green tree making it flourish, but the east wind dries out the dry tree and makes it wither.

Yeshua refers to Himself as a green tree and the daughters of Jerusalem as a dry tree.

Luke 23:28-31 NKJV 28 But Jesus, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 "For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!' 30 "Then they will begin 'to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!"" 31 "For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?"

The book of Hosea ends with an admonishment to the wise to walk in the ways of the LORD.

Hosea 14:9 NKJV 9 Who is wise? Let him understand these things. Who is prudent? Let him know them. For the ways of the LORD are right; The righteous walk in them, But transgressors stumble in them.

Psalms 107 is about the great works of God's deliverance and His abundant provision for those who love Him.

Psalms 107:43 NKJV 43 Whoever is wise will observe these things, And they will understand the lovingkindness (chesed) of the LORD.

We can continue the "Romans Road" with instruction on how to live now that a person has received salvation.

Romans 8:11-13 NKJV 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors--not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.