

LESSON 12: REAPING THE WHIRLWIND

Intro:

BIG IDEA: When we _____ sin, we _____ judgment.

Sound the Alarm

Set the trumpet to your lips!

One like a vulture is over the house of the LORD,
because they have transgressed my covenant
and rebelled against my law.

²To me they cry,

“My God, we—Israel—know you.”

³Israel has spurned the good;
the enemy shall pursue him.

- The trumpet (shofar) is a call to _____, not to religious _____.
- There is a bird hovering “*over the house of the LORD*”- neser can be an _____ or vulture.
- One is a _____ while the other is a _____ bird. Makes dead vs. _____ the dead.
- The eagle would be a _____ of the image of YHWH as an eagle who bore Israel.
- Ex. 19:4 => Deut. 32:10-12 => Deut. 28:49
- Is this the temple??? Unlikely. _____ or household? Deut. 28:49 again: people & _____.
- The reason is Israel “*transgressed my covenant and rebelled against my law (torah).*”
- The covenant is the _____ in _____ that _____ Israel and God together.
- The law is the _____ of the covenant: how they were to live together harmoniously.
- The covenant makes them His _____, and the torah are the household _____.
- Israel responds: “*My God, we know you.*” They claim that _____ & _____ are wrong.
- This is the _____ - _____ of sin: see the Pharisees and a host of other _____.
- Israel “*spurned the good*”, turning away from it & _____ what God promised in torah.
- Therefore the covenant curse of _____ will come upon them as enemies _____.
- They were supposed to _____ God (6:3), but now will be pursued by _____.

Puppet Kings & Gods

⁴They made kings, but not through me.

They set up princes, but I knew it not.

With their silver and gold they made idols
for their own destruction.

⁵ I have spurned your calf, O Samaria.

My anger burns against them.

How long will they be incapable of innocence?

⁶ For it is from Israel;

a craftsman made it;

it is not God.

The calf of Samaria

shall be broken to pieces

- Israel “*made kings*” and “*set up princes*”, changing _____ as they saw fit (**Ps. 127**).
- They have been doing this since the days of the _____ with _____.
- It was “*not through me*” and “*I knew it not.*” Issue is _____, not from Him.
- Since kings were “*messiahs*” anointed, they required _____ approval or _____.
- Priests & prophets may have been involved, but not _____ prophets & priests.
- Their history with idols stretches all the way back to _____. Still doing it in _____.
- These _____ were symbols of strength & sexual potency: qualities most cultures idolize.
- “*I have spurned your calf.*” He rejected their false _____, their _____.
- He is more than put off: “*My anger burns against them*”.
- These are not _____ on the radar, random mistakes. They are “*incapable of innocence*”!
- The calf (masc) idol was not _____ by God, but is the creation of the _____.
- It is a _____ of the torah and is not pleasing to their _____ Lord.
- It will be _____ to pieces, _____ or splintered.
- Stuart translates this as “put to the _____” (see Lev. 20:14; Num. 11:1; Deut. 32:22).⁸¹

“Whatever the nuance of the term, the fate of the calf will demonstrate that it is *not divine*.”⁸²

“The king was Yahweh’s representative or regent, not the people’s choice.”⁸³

Sowing & Reaping Disaster

⁷ For they sow the wind,

and they shall reap the whirlwind.

The standing grain has no heads;

it shall yield no flour;

if it were to yield,

strangers would devour it.

⁸ Israel is swallowed up;

already they are among the nations

⁸¹ Stuart, pp. 133.

⁸² Dearman, pp. 224.

⁸³ Stuart, pp. 131.

as a useless vessel.

⁹ For they have gone up to Assyria,
a wild donkey wandering alone;
Ephraim has hired lovers.

¹⁰ Though they hire allies among the nations,
I will soon gather them up.

And the king and princes shall soon writhe
because of the tribute.

- Essentially you reap what you sow, only _____. Seeds _____!
- The wind (ruah) they sow will become a whirlwind (supah), a destructive _____.
- How do you sow wind? You are banking on _____. Their _____ were like wind.
- Those alliances will come back to wreck _____ upon Israel in Assyria.
- There will be no _____ (destroyed by the whirlwind?). If there was, the _____ would eat it.
- They have been “*swallowed up*” alluding back to the _____ that comes after them.
- They are like a _____ clay _____, useless for anything important.
- (Behold) they’ve “*gone up to Assyria*” probably _____ (732) to stop Tiglath-Pileser III..
- They “*hired lovers*”: as a vassal state they paid _____ for _____.
- The “*wild donkey wandering alone*” refers to the role of the _____.
- Wild donkeys lived in _____, but did not take to _____. Used of _____ (Gen. 16:12).
- Ephraim is stubborn AND _____. He goes against the flow & ticks everyone off.
- This stubborn AND independent state is going around to _____.
- Ephraim can’t maintain _____. What Ephraim gets is temporary, exploitive ones.

“Thus just as the idols have a fleeting, unsubstantial existence and will quickly disappear, so their worshipers resemble such a brief empty existence and then are judged.”⁸⁴

False & Futile Worship

¹¹ Because Ephraim has multiplied altars for sinning,
they have become to him altars for sinning.

¹² Were I to write for him my laws by the ten thousands,
they would be regarded as a strange thing.

¹³ As for my sacrificial offerings,
they sacrifice meat and eat it,

⁸⁴ Beale, pp. 101.

but the LORD does not accept them.
Now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins;
they shall return to Egypt.
¹⁴ For Israel has forgotten his Maker
and built palaces,
and Judah has multiplied fortified cities;
so I will send a fire upon his cities,
and it shall devour her strongholds.

- They thought their worship would provide protection & prosperity: _____.
- They were “*altars of sinning*”: false altars, _____ of biblical commands.
- They have regarded the Word of God as _____, meaning out of place & unacceptable.
- The priests may have _____ to teach the people, so the laws seemed strange to them.
- He does not accept their many _____, and He doesn’t _____ their sins.
- He “*will remember their iniquity*” in order to “*punish their sins*”. He calls them to _____.
- He will visit _____ upon these Israelites who _____ Him (Ex. 20:5; 34:6-7)
- We come upon a _____ structure of sin & curse. Ephraim & Judah.
- (Behold) “*They shall return to Egypt*” refers to _____, or as _____ fleeing Assyria.
- Israel has forgotten God, put Him out of mind. This is _____, not accidental.
- They focused on _____ palaces, _____ money; the appearance of _____.
- Judah “*multiplied fortified cities*”; the appearance of _____.
- Fire will descend upon “*his cities*”- hellfire & _____ will fall upon Ephraim (?).
- Judah’s _____ will be devoured. They will be _____ against Assyria.
- They had _____ fortified cities when Assyria came, and all of them fell.

“Using the term maker (oseh) for YHWH relativizes the expensive building projects attributed to Israel and Judah.”⁸⁵

⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. **Galatians 6**

- We see Paul using a similar _____ here under the New Covenant.

⁸⁵ Dearman, pp. 234.

Hosea: The Stubborn & Holy Love of God

- Our _____ still have _____. We cannot sow to the _____ - pursue sin-
unaffected.
- “*Corruption*”, _____ or eternal misery is not what you want to _____.
- Put in opposition with “*eternal life*” it really is eternal _____ or destruction.
- Being part of the _____ Church doesn’t mean you’re in the _____ Church.
- Grace is not a _____ to pursue sin as if God doesn’t care.

Conclusion: