

LESSON 16: HARVESTS

Intro:

BIG IDEA: Called to _____, they produced _____ & reap a harvest of trouble.

War as Discipline

⁹ From the days of Gibeah, you have sinned, O Israel;
there they have continued.
Shall not the war against the unjust overtake them in Gibeah?

¹⁰ When I please, I will discipline them,
and nations shall be gathered against them
when they are bound up for their double iniquity.

- The shift seems to be from _____ speaking to _____ speaking to Israel “directly”.
- The sins & civil war of _____ are recalled, to Israel’s shame (Judges 19-21).
- Gibeah was the sight of _____ cruelty; the men of the city wanted to rape the Levite.
- Israel’s sins did not end with the _____, but had continued to that day.
- Israel, sons of _____ or injustice, will be _____ as God makes war in their wickedness & injustice thru _____.
- They receive a _____ portion for their iniquity, resulting from their repeated or _____ acts of disobedience.¹⁰⁴
- Gibeah is the fourth of four cities singled out by Hosea: Baal-peor (shame). Gilgal (evil), Samaria (fear & mourning) and Gibeah (sin).

Chosen to Be Holy

¹¹ Ephraim was a trained calf
that loved to thresh,
and I spared her fair neck;
but I will put Ephraim to the yoke;
Judah must plow;
Jacob must harrow for himself.

¹² Sow for yourselves righteousness;
reap steadfast love;
break up your fallow ground,
for it is the time to seek the LORD,
that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.

¹⁰⁴ Kidner, pp. 97.

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- “A *trained heifer* is one that has learned the task of _____ & is _____ to the guidance of the farmer.”¹⁰⁵
- This implies there was a time that Israel _____ in God’s _____.
- Ephraim needed guidance, the _____, but not _____ or a tight rein. Good synergy.
- **Stuart:** threshing was _____ over harvested stalks on the floor, not _____.¹⁰⁶
- Perhaps Hosea is looking back and seeing Ephraim & Judah _____ together.
- Now there was a new task, that of _____ the land.
- The yoke may be new, a product of their growing _____, an image of slavery.¹⁰⁷
- The idea: “past favor has given way to the need for stronger guidance.”¹⁰⁸
- They were to be involved in producing for God’s _____: sowing & _____.
- Righteousness & _____ love which are both about covenant _____.
- Righteousness is _____ relationships as defined by our covenantal responsibilities.
- Steadfast love is the covenant faithfulness that produces _____.
- Israel was _____ from Egypt to be a _____ nation, but they were not.
- These are the _____ gifts that YHWH promised to provide in the renewed covenant.
- They needed to “*break up*” their “*fallow ground*.”
- There is a _____ between God’s _____ and the _____ of who they are.
- Therefore He issues a call to _____, a call to “*seek the LORD*”.
- There is the _____ of righteousness _____ down on them.

Destroyed Due to Rotten Fruit

¹³ You have plowed iniquity;
you have reaped injustice;
you have eaten the fruit of lies.

Because you have trusted in your own way
and in the multitude of your warriors,

¹⁴ therefore the tumult of war shall arise among your people,
and all your fortresses shall be destroyed,

as Shalman destroyed Beth-arbel on the day of battle;
mothers were dashed in pieces with their children.

¹⁵ Thus it shall be done to you, O Bethel,
because of your great evil.

¹⁰⁵ Dearman, pp. 270.

¹⁰⁶ Stuart, pp. 169.

¹⁰⁷ Kidner, pp. 98.

¹⁰⁸ Dearman, pp. 271.

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At dawn the king of Israel
shall be utterly cut off.

- While this is thematically connected, sowing & reaping, there is _____: judgment.
- Instead of _____ & steadfast love they “*plowed iniquity*” & “*reaped injustice*.”
- They were _____, and they were _____ in their relationships w/one another.
- They are not eating _____ and _____ food, but the “*fruit of lies*.”
- As a nation they were filled with _____ & deceit which _____ the social fabric.
- They also trusted in their _____, their soldiers, and their _____.
- In Ahab’s day they had _____ chariots; most in the region.
- Their _____ & misplaced trust in the army against Assyria will be disastrous.
- The justice they will receive is that _____ shall _____ and _____ them.
- We aren’t sure if this refers to Tiglath pileser III or Shalmaneser V.
- He refers to a _____ in which “*Shalman destroyed Beth-arbel*”, likely in _____.
- Shalman is likely _____ III who eventually gained tribute from _____ in 841.
- Jehu’s forced _____ is enshrined on the Black Obelisk, an Assyrian propaganda _____.
- Or, there was a Moabite ruler named _____ who may have attacked Gilead.
- We know about him from Tiglath pileser III’s _____.
- The defeat was _____: mothers & children were _____ to pieces.
- This judgment culminates in Israel losing its king. They lose their political _____.

Chosen in Christ to be Holy and Blameless

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. **Ephesians 1**

- Paul saw our _____ in Christ in terms of our _____ in Christ.
- Election was not to produce _____ in us, or _____ living.
- Chosen to be holy & _____. God will _____ us holy & blameless.
- Christ work for us: _____ holiness. Definitive or initial _____.
- Christ work in us: _____ holiness. Progressive sanctification.

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To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: ...

¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." **1 Peter 1**

- Peter applies the doctrine of _____ to the _____ in these regions.
- They were sanctified in the _____ for _____ in Christ.
- Therefore they were to _____ prior _____ or inclinations toward sin.
- Because our Father is holy, we are called to be _____, not simply positionally, but _____.

Conclusion: