

HOSEA STUDY
Lesson Eleven: "Dispersion and Barrenness"
Hosea 9

INTRODUCTION

In Chapter 8, Hosea dealt with the MISPLACED GOD.

In Chapter 9, Hosea deals with TWO JUDGMENTS:

1. The Judgment of DISPERSION (or being scattered). (1-9)
2. The Judgment of BARRENNESS. (10-17)

THE JUDGMENT OF DISPERSION (Hosea 9:1-9)

1. DID YOU SEE THE DISPERSION IN THIS PASSAGE?

Verse 3 "They will not remain in the Lord's Land."

They will not enjoy the produce of the land because they would no longer dwell there.

They would be exiled to Egypt (South) and Assyria (North).

Verse 6 "Even if they escape from destruction."

Note what happens:

Egypt Gathered Them Up.

Memphis (Famous for its great graveyard and burial pyramids).

Nettles shall possess their valuables.

2. WHAT CAUSED THESE PEOPLE TO BE DISPERSED?

HYPOCRISY

Harvest Festival

Verse 1

Verse 2

PROSPERITY

Not Always a Sign Of God's Approval.

Luke 12:13-21

Verse 7

THE JUDGMENT OF BARRENNESS (Hosea 9:10-17)

1. DO YOU SEE THE BARRENNESS IN THIS PASSAGE?

Verse 10 "Grapes in the desert" BARREN, ALONE.

"Early fruit on the fig tree" SPARSE.

Verse 11 "No Birth, no Pregnancy, no Conception" NO NEW LIFE.

Verse 14 "Wombs that miscarry and dry breasts" NO WAY TO FEED
OR REPRODUCE.

Verse 15 "Drive them out of my house, not love them" NO PLACE TO
TO CALL HOME.

Verse 16 "Root withered...yield no fruit" NO SOURCE – NO
PRODUCTION.

CONCLUSION

1. DO YOU GET THE PICTURE?

Without God, we are BARREN regardless of how successful or prosperous we think we are!

Without God, NOTHING WORKS RIGHT!

2. THE KEY (Hosea 9:17)

God will REJECT them.

WHY? “Because they have not OBEYED Him.”

What Shall They Become? WONDERERS.

3. WHAT GOD CALLS US TO HIM TO BE

God calls us to be FRUITFUL.

4. THE DANGER THIS COMING YEAR (Or Anytime In Our Lives)

We can DRIFT from God.

If we do, we will become barren, alone, sparse, with no new life, no way to reproduce the life of Christ within us, no place, no home, no love, dried up and not producing fruit of any kind.

5. J. WILBER CHAPMAN: “It is not the ship in the water but the water in the ship that sinks it.”

6. TRUE WORSHIP: “The inclination of the heart to glorify God.”