

“WHAT CAUSED ISRAEL TO FALL?”

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INTRO.:

A. Text Hosea 8:1-14.

B. Regarding the text:

1. The events that caused Israel to receive God's wrath are recorded in the book of Hosea.
2. Their actions and the ensuing results are vividly described in (Hosea 8:7).
3. Let us learn from their mistakes, lest the very things that caused their fall, will bring about our fall.

I. THEY TRUSTED IN MIGHTY MEN.

A. Hosea 10:13.

B. Hebrews 13:6 “The Lord is my helper, I will not fear.”

C. Ephesians 6:10 “Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.”

D. Men may fail us, but God will not.

II. THEY WERE GUILTY OF IDOLATRY.

A. Hosea 9:10.

B. Idolatry is anything that rivals God for first place in our lives.

1. Money, Pleasure, or Family.

2. **Matthew 6:33.**

C. 2 Corinthians 11:2-3 God is a jealous God.

D. Matthew 22:37 Love God with your heart, soul, and mind.

III. THEY WERE GUILTY OF CONFORMING TO THE WORLD.

A. Hosea 7:8.

B. Romans 12:1-2 “Be not conformed to the world.”

C. James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17 Don't love the world.

D. How different are we from the world?

IV. THEY WERE GUILTY OF PRIDE.

A. Hosea 5:5.

B. Proverbs 6:17; 16:18 “Pride goes before destruction.”

C. Pride causes us to:

1. Think too highly of ourselves (**Romans 12:3**).
2. Look down on others (**Luke 18:10-14**).
3. Look back instead of forward (**Revelation 3:1-6**).

V. THEY WERE GUILTY OF A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE.

A. Hosea 4:6.

B. Psalms 119:105 “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”

C. What can we do to prevent this?

1. Read (**1 Timothy 4:13**).
2. Study (**2 Timothy 2:15**).
3. Grow (**2 Peter 3:18**).

VI. CONCLUSION.

A. We must learn from the downfall of God's chosen.

B. Individuals can fall (Galatians 5:4**) and congregations can fall (**Revelation 2:4**).**