

# **THE RELENTLESS LOVE OF GOD**

## **A STUDY OF HOSEA**

### **#4: GOD'S WAKE UP CALL—HOSEA 8-10**

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## **I. THOUGHTS ON SPIRITUALLY WAKING UP**

Wake up, wake up, O Jerusalem! You have drunk the cup of the LORD's fury. You have drunk the cup of terror, tipping out its last drops.

Isaiah 51:17 (NLT)

Others may sleep, but we should stay awake and be alert. People sleep during the night, and some even get drunk. But we belong to the day. So we must stay sober and let our faith and love be like a suit of armor.

1 Thessalonians 5:6-8a (NLT)

"Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Ephesians 5:14b (NIV)

## **II. OVERVIEW OF HOSEA 4-7**

1. The Lord's case against Israel (4:1-5:15)
2. The Lord's sentence is pronounced (v.8-15)
3. The Lord's rejection of Israel's appeal (6:1-7:16)

*God rejects their appeal because:*

- Israel's repentance is false (6:1-3)
- Israel's love for wickedness (6:4-7:16)

## **III. WHAT I LEARN FROM HOSEA 4-7**

1. The Lord loves those He disciplines
2. Don't forget God in the good times
3. Cultivate a true knowledge of God
4. Realize the consequences of rebellion
5. Remember that God loves and forgives us when we least deserve it

But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

1 John 1:9 (NLT)

For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

Hebrews 8:12 (NIV)

## **IV. REASONS FOR GOD’S WAKE UP CALL – HOSEA 8-11**

### **1. Israel will be judged (8:1-10:15)**

***They will be:***

- Destroyed by a vulture like enemy (v.1-6)
- Reaping what they have sown (v.7)
- Like broken and worthless pottery (v.8)
- As foolish as a wild donkey (v.9a)
- Enslaved like a prostitute (v.10)

### **2. Israel will return to bondage (8:11-9:9)**

***They have:***

- Built many altars to sin (v.11-13)
- Trusted things more than their God (v.14-9:8)
- Become as depraved those in Gibeah (v.9)

### **3. Israel will not be successful (9:10-10:10)**

***Because of their sin:***

- Less children will be born (9:10-17)
- Less crops will grow (10:1-10)