

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study

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Hosea 10:1-11:11

1. God is describe Israel’s sin at the beginning of this text. What does he say about Israel, according to 10:1-5?
 - A. Israel brought forth fruit for himself...built more altars...adorned his sacred stones.
 - B. Israel will say “We have no king...but even if we had a king, what could he do for us?”
 - C. “The people who live in Samaria fear for the calf-idol of Beth Aven.”

2. What is the judgment that God declares over Israel, according to 10:6-8?
 - A. The calf-idol will be carried to Assyria.
 - B. Ephraim will be disgraced.
 - C. Israel will be ashamed of its foreign alliances.
 - D. Samaria’s king will be destroyed....
 - E. Thorns and thistles will grow up and cover their altars.

3. What does God say in 10:12-15?
 - A. Sow righteousness...reap the fruit of unfailing love....
 - B. ...it is time to seek the Lord, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you.
 - C. But....

4. How does God’s tone change in chapter 11, according to 11:1-4?
 - A. When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son...
 - B. It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms....
 - C. I led them with cords of human kindness with ties of love. To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them.

5. Does this change God’s declaration of judgment on Israel?
 - A. In between every one of these memories of God’s care for Israel, he contrasts that with their unfaithfulness.
 - B. He declares in 11:5-7 that judgment is still coming in the form of Egypt and Assyria and that he will not exalt them.
 - C. In 11:8-11, we see that God still desires to have grace for his people. His heart is still to bring them back.

6. What kind of insight does that give us into the heart of God for us if/when we continue to turn away from him? _____

How will you respond to God, giving what you know? _____