

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

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**Hosea 7:3-8:14**

1. What is God speaking to Israel about in 7:3-7:7?
    - A. It sounds like the same stuff.
    - B. Hosea uses metaphors to describe the situation in Israel...metaphors that were probably more easily understood by the people of that day than by us.
    - C. At least in part, he is talking about the Israelites living according to their burning passions instead of doing the will of God.
    - D. He describes a conspiracy to kill one of their kings...another thing that would have made more sense to them knowing their own history than it does to us. During this period of Israel's history, after the death of Jeroboam, consecutive kings took the throne by bloodshed (something that was obviously not how God had planned it). Some of the kings ruled for just months. Men turned to Assyria or to Egypt for help and even used their help to overthrow existing kings. This text describes an anniversary celebration during which the whole king's court was slaughtered while they were drunk with celebration.
  
  2. God uses metaphors to describe Israel's situation. What do these metaphors that Hosea uses mean?
    - A. 7:8. Float loaf not turned over. \_\_\_\_\_
    - B. 7:9. Hair sprinkled with gray. \_\_\_\_\_
    - C. 7:11. A dove, easily deceived and senseless. \_\_\_\_\_
    - D. 7:16. Like a faulty bow. \_\_\_\_\_
  
  3. What does 7:13 say about God's response to Israel?
    - A. \_\_\_\_\_ to them.
    - B. \_\_\_\_\_ to them.
    - C. I long to \_\_\_\_\_ them.
  
  4. What is the meaning of 7:14? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  5. Chapter 8, particularly verses 1-6, brings to mind Exodus 32 for many of us, when it speaks about the calf made by a metalworker. 1 Kings 12:28-30 shows us that this trend has not changed in Israel. What is God saying to Israel in these verses?
    - A. You have rejected God and instead made gods of your own.
    - B. You are choosing leaders without seeking me.
    - C. Throw out your idols!
    - D. These idols are not powerful and in the end, they will be destroyed.
  
  6. What is the problem that is described in 8:7-10? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  7. What does God say about Israel's worship in 8:11-13? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  8. 8:14 seems to summarize the chapter well. Could this also be said about us? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- How should we respond? \_\_\_\_\_  
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