

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

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Hosea 9:1-17

1. What is God addressing now in 9:1-9?
 - A. Yeah, this is still the same thing. Judgment on Israel, blah, blah, blah.
 - B. Israel seem to be ready to celebrate the harvest, like they had before and like many around them do...but they are not celebrating it according to the way God had called them to.
 - C. Israel was not giving glory to God for their increase. They were celebrating the harvest like everyone else does...which in that day was commonly orgies and “fertility” celebrations.
 - D. God is telling Israel that there will be punishment because they have strayed from recognizing God in their increase.

2. What does God say at the beginning of 9:10?
When _____ Israel....

3. If God were to say this to you, how would he complete this sentence?
 - A. I found an incredibly gifted and capable person that I really needed on my team.
 - B. I found somebody that was young and vulnerable and their life could have really gone either way.
 - C. I found somebody that had really screwed things up and had no hope of life without Me.

4. What does God say in the second part of 9:10?
..._____ when they came to Baal Peor they _____ themselves to that shameful _____.

5. Does God have a “but when...” when he tells your story? Yes_____ No_____ How have you responded to what he has done for you? Have you been faithful? _____

6. What does God say in 9:11-9:17?
 - A. Bad things...
 - B. Their glory will fly away like a bird.
 - C. Even if they rear children, I will bereave them of every one.
 - D. Woe to them when I turn away from them!
 - E. Give them wombs that miscarry and breasts that are dry.
 - F. Because of all their wickedness...I hated them there...I will drive them out of my house...I will no longer love them.

7. Is God just in this?
 - A. No, I can't believe he would ever treat us like this!
 - B. Forgiveness and mercy is what we receive when we justly deserved punishment. Israel (and we) justly deserved this punishment. If God ever gives us something else, it is a miracle and a God who would do that should be worthy of our service and devotion forever. The real question is how will we respond if, knowing how God found us, he chooses to forgive and redeem us anyway. How will you respond?