

- 3. They Will Be Ridiculed in the Land of Egypt—  
7:16e  
\* They sought Egypt's help, but to no avail!**

**Application:**

**TEXT: Hosea 7:11-16**

**TITLE: "Ephraim: A Silly Dove"**

**→ With diagnostic accuracy, the LORD reveals the many problems of Ephraim, who refuses to return to the LORD.**

**Let's continue our Bible study of Hosea today.**

**6. The LORD Reveals Ephraim's Problems—7:8-10**

**A. He is Like a C\_\_\_\_\_—7:8a-b**

**1. He Has Mixed Himself among the Nations—7:8a**

**→ SEE: Psalm 106:35**

**2. He is an Unturned Cake—7:8b**

**B. His S\_\_\_\_\_ is Gone—7:9a-d**

**1. Aliens (Strangers) Have Devoured His Strength  
(He is Unaware!)**

**2. Grey Hairs (Indicating Aging and Loss of  
Strength) Are on Him (He is Unaware!)**

**C. His P\_\_\_\_\_ Witnesses against Him—7:10a**

**1. It Speaks to His face—7:10a**

**2. He Still He Does Not Return to the Lord—7:10b**

**3. Nor Does He Seek the Lord—7:10c**

**D. He Resembles a F \_\_\_\_\_ Dove—7:11a-d**

1. He Is Simple/Silly-Minded—7:11a
2. He Has No Heart (of Wisdom)—7:11b
3. He Calls to Egypt (for Help)—7:11c
4. He Goes to Assyria—7:11d

**E. He Risks C \_\_\_\_\_ from the LORD—7:12a-d**

1. The LORD (as a Fowler) Will Spread His Net over Them—7:12a
2. The LORD Will Bring Them Down (as Birds)—7:12b
3. The LORD Will Chastise Them—7:12c
4. The LORD Will Fulfill Promises of Judgment Previously Heard—7:12d

**F. "W \_\_\_\_\_" is Pronounced against Him—7:13a-14d**

1. "Woe"—Because They Fled from the LORD—7:13a
2. Destruction—Because They Transgressed against the LORD—7:13b
3. The LORD Would Redeem Them—7:13c
4. They Spoke Deception against the LORD—7:13d
5. They Refused Heartfelt Cries to the LORD—7:14a
6. They Wailed upon Their Beds—7:14b

**7. They Assembled (or Gashed) Themselves for Grain and Wine—7:14c**

→ **TRANSLATION:** Hosea 7:14 They do not pray to me, but howl in distress on their beds; They slash themselves for grain and new wine, but turn away from me (NET Bible).

→ **QUOTE:** "This reflects the pagan Canaanite cultic practice of priests cutting themselves and draining their blood on the ground to elicit agricultural fertility by resurrecting the slain fertility god Baal from the underworld (Deut 14:1; 1 Kgs 18:28; Jer 16:6; 41:5; 47:5). Cf. CEV which adds 'in the hope that Baal will bless their crops' " (NET Bible note).

→ **NOTE:** Cutting oneself was forbidden in the OT Law—Deuteronomy 14:1-2

→ **QUOTE:** "Selfish petitions of this kind elicit no response from God. 'When men worship God only for what they can get, they neither get that nor God' " (Lehrman, *The Twelve Prophets*, p. 28, Soncino Press).

**8. They Turned Aside from the Lord—7:14d**

**G. Ephraim S \_\_\_\_\_ God's Help—7:15a-16b**

1. The Lord Disciplined and Strengthened His Arms—7:15a
2. Ephraim Devised Evil against the LORD—7:15b
3. He Does Not Return to the Most High/Upward—7:16a
4. He is an Undependable Bow—7:16b

→ **SEE:** Psalm 78:57

**H. Ephraim Will Face J \_\_\_\_\_—7:16c-e**

1. Their Princes Will Fall by the Sword—7:16c
2. The Leaders' Speech Will Trouble Them—7:16d