



**Pamagat:** Ang Paghamak ng Panginoon sa Israel

**Hosea 8:1-14** “Set the trumpet to thy mouth. He shall come as an eagle against the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law. 2 Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee. 3 Israel hath cast off the thing that is good: the enemy shall pursue him. 4 They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off. 5 Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast thee off; mine anger is kindled against them: how long will it be ere they attain to innocency? 6 For from Israel was it also: the workman made it; therefore it is not God: but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces. 7 For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up.

8 Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure. 9 For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim hath hired lovers. 10 Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes. 11 Because Ephraim hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin. 12 I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing. 13 They sacrifice flesh for the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat it; but the LORD accepteth them not; now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins: they shall return to Egypt. 14 For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.”

**Panimula:**

In a very descriptive way, Jehovah expressed Israel’s sinful nature deserving of His prophesied tool of judgment – The Assyrians.

- A. The Assyrians were likened unto an eagle (v.1)
- B. Israel (Ephraim) was likened unto a wild ass (v.9) – independent and unrestrained.

**I. Israel’s Sins:**

- A. General expressions of her sins: (vv.1, 3, 12, 14)
- B. Particular expressions of her sins:
  - B.1. Setting up kings without God (v.4)
  - B.2. Setting up idols against God (v.4-6, 11) – the calf (Apis – Egypt’s bull god).  
[Background: 1 Kings 12:25-30]
  - B.3. Setting up alliances with neighboring nations (vv.8-10)
  - B.4. Setting themselves in religious hypocrisy (vv.2, 13, 14)

**II. Israel’s Judgment:**

- A. God would bring the enemy upon them. (vv.1, 3)
- B. God will allow all their projects to be blasted by the whirlwind. (v.7)
- C. Their kings, and idols, and allegiances, and religious hypocrisy will disappoint them. (v.6, 8, 10)
- D. God will reject them. (vv. 2, 13)
- E. Their strength at home (cities) shall fail them. (v.14)

**Katapusan:**

1. Israel’s number one problem – (v.11) – “Because Ephraim hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin.”
  - A. Altar of Booze
  - B. Altar of Immorality
  - C. Altar of Carnal Lifestyle
  - D. Altar of Disrespect to authority
  - E. Altar of Pornography
  - F. Altar of Lies
  - G. Altar of family or work
  - H. Altar of fun
2. God’s desire is for there to be ONE altar – in Jerusalem – the place where God is worshipped.