

AN UN-HOLY JOURNEY



FROM THIS.....TO THIS



- Bible's focus is on the Hebrews beginning with Abraham in Genesis 12
- By 2000 B.C. mankind had turned to human fabricated god systems
- Abraham turned from idolatry to faithfulness, while Ephraim turned from faithfulness to idolatry
- Israel and Judah were few among the earth's population

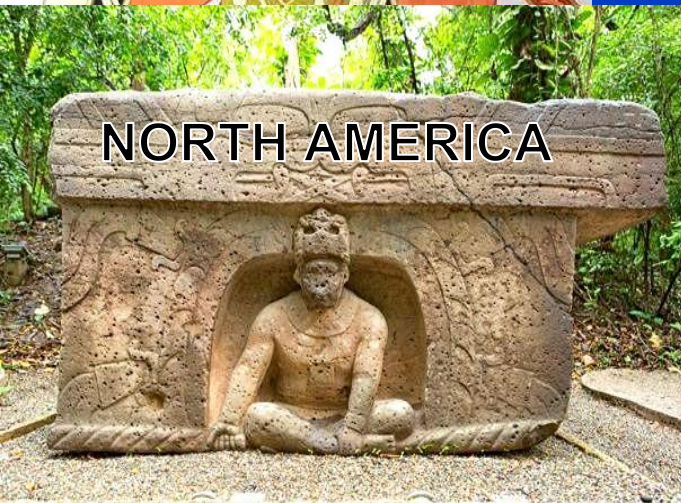


Rome founded - Apr 21, 753 B.C

- Rome founded at the mid-point of Hosea's writings
- Egypt was in their 23rd and 24th Dynasties
- Eastern Europe and Scandinavia were the outer limits of the known world
- Greece was thriving and expanding, Homer wrote "The Iliad" and "The Odyssey"
- Migrants had long ago arrived into Alaska from across the Bearing Straits, and were moving south



WORLD DIDN'T CENTER AROUND JUDAH & ISRAEL



- Zhou Dynasty already 3 centuries old
- Indonesians sailed to Australia, became the Aborigines
- What made Israel and Judah matter were the two major trade routes
- Hosea knew of some of these nations, and they knew of his
- Assyria the regional power

ASSYRIA ATTACKS ISRAEL

- Oldest copies of Hosea chapter 5 in poor condition, hard to translate
- Vs. 11 reads best: “Ephraim was defrauded, robbed of redress, because he has been a fool; he has followed delusion”
- The “delusion” means trusting the Baals to provide (Gomer trusting her lovers)



"I am like
a moth to
Ephraim.."



- Vs. 12 better: "I am like rot to Ephraim"
- **Raqab** means decay
- Hebrew couplet: slightly different words express the same thought in 2 different ways; dramatic, memorable
- Vs. 13 refers to events that will happen around 740 B.C.
- A problem with these verses: "Judah" doesn't belong; should say "Israel". Israel went to Assyria for help to attack Judah




ASHUR
ASSYRIA

- Ashur is the national god of Assyria
- **Melekh yareb** = a champion of a cause
- **Nahla makkateka** = your wound is sick
It means the disease or wound is very serious
- The crux of vs. 14 is that the King of Assyria can't cure Israel of what ails it because the God of Israel is causing it!



- At least 6 Hebrew words for “lion”
- David Kimchi in the 13th century invented a structure for the various meanings of the “lion” terms
- ***Gur*** (smallest), ***kepir, aryeh, labi, layis*** (largest)
- Better rendering of vs. 14: “Now I shall be like a big lion to Ephraim, a great lion to the House of Israel”
- ***Ani, ani*** = I, I
- God likens Himself to a lion; He causes Israel’s trouble



“I will go
and return to
My place...”

- Vs. 15 is a transitional verse between the judgment already pronounced, and the invitation to repent
- The idea is of separation, God is now unavailable to Israel
- Not even with immediate repentance will God call-off the impending doom
- Proverbs 1:22 - 28

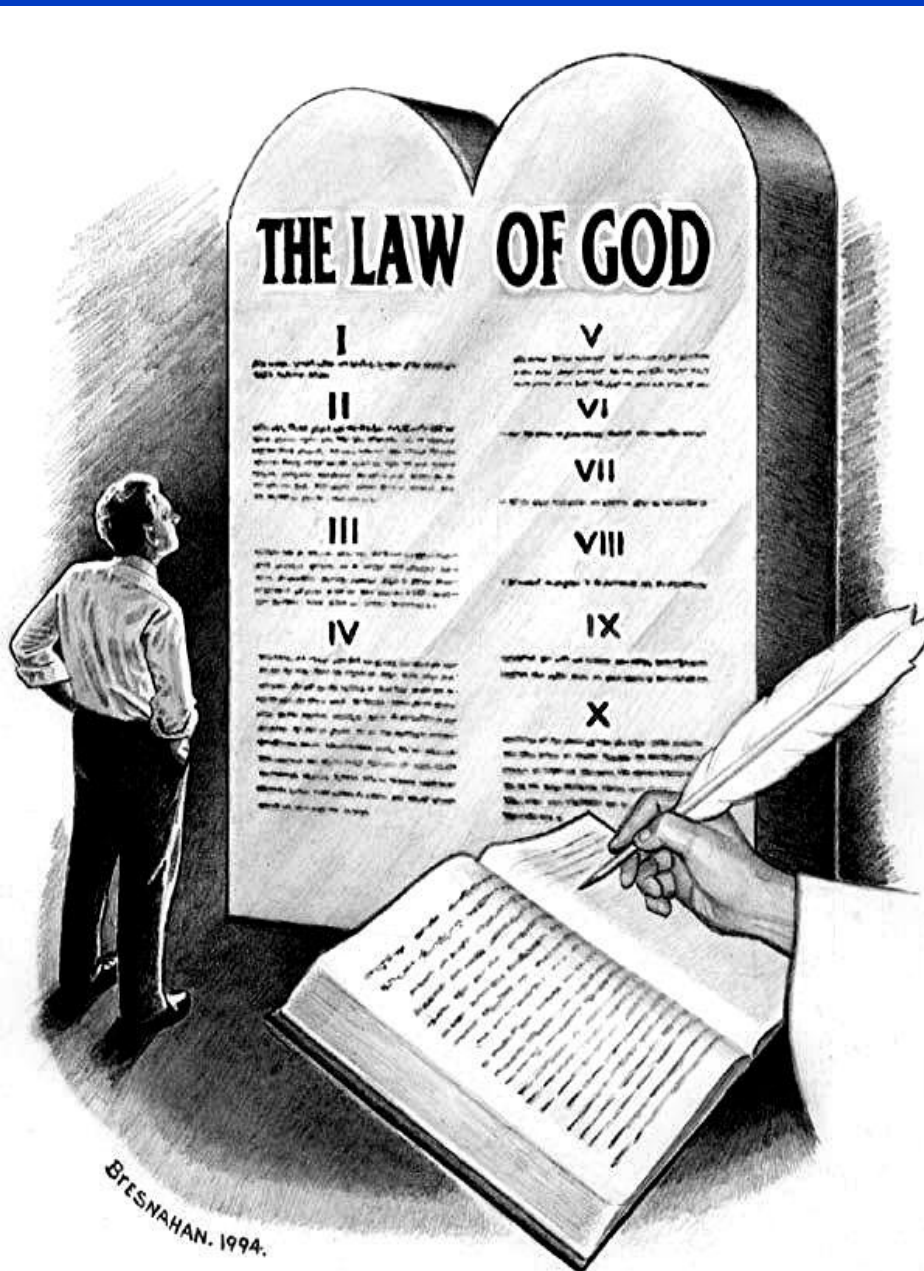
HOSEA CHAPTER 6

Come!! Let us turn back to Yehoveh!!



- Hosea 6:1 – 3 is what God has been waiting to hear
- Vs. 2 Mayer Gruber: ought to read, “...after two days time and on the third day...”
- Ezekiel 37:1 – 12
- Ezekiel lived 100 years after Hosea
- Death and resurrection clearly present in Hosea 6:2 as it is in Ezekiel 37

KNOW GOD



- In the 8th century, to be exiled meant to be outside of Yehoveh's jurisdiction
- To be "in His presence" meant to be in the Land, which is Yehoveh's territory
- For us, "to know" means to be aware by observation or inquiry
- Jeremiah 31:26 -33
- Biblically, to know God means to be obedient and loyal to His Torah

Yehoveh is Lawgiver



- Christianity must recover what Ephraim/Israel also lost
- Law and Lawgiver are organically and forever connected
- Vs. 3 Israel knows that God's re-appearance is as certain as the sun rising
- Deuteronomy 11:13 - 15