



- “Woe” is usually used to announce judgment
- Vs. 14 ***“They turn away from Me”***
- Unmarried humans cannot commit adultery among themselves
- Pagans cannot commit apostasy towards God
- Job 1:1 ***“... he feared God and shunned evil”***
- Vs. 15 It was God, in love and patience, that trained up Israel

# CONSEQUENCES



- “Most High” is not in the old manuscripts
- Words added in hopes of bringing clarity
- It is not Israel’s anger, but rather their insolence in beseeching gentile nations and the Baals for help
- Israel will flee to Egypt once Assyria invades; in Egypt they’ll be a laughingstock



A silhouette of a man in profile, wearing a hat and blowing a long, curved horn. The background is a bright sunset or sunrise sky over a dark horizon line.

# HOSEA

## Chapter 8

Sound the warning

- A hard-hitting, concise and comprehensive chapter
- Hosea wrote over a period of 35 years as the divine oracles were received
- Dalet looks like Reysh; Mem looks like Samech
- Final letter of a word sometimes transferred to the first letter of the next word
- Errors are made, and then get repeated

# EXPRESSIONS

- The Bible is full of expressions
- Literal is best taken to mean: “as it was intended by the author, in the original, in his time and culture”
- Vs. 1 word-for-word = “to their bosoms like the earth”  
**NO SENSE!**
- Ginsberg: “Put a Ram’s horn to your mouth addressing the House of Israel”
- ***Al bet Yehoveh*** should be ***al bet (yod)***
- ***Yod*** can be an abbreviation for ***Yisrael*** in ancient Hebrew






**HOSEA:  
The  
Whoredom  
of  
Ephraim**



**ISAIAH:  
The  
Man  
of  
Sorrows**

- Isaiah 58:1 “...raise your voice like a shofar...”
- Best way to grasp Hosea 8:1 “Prophet! Cry out with your mouth like a (shofar), like an eagle over the House of Israel”
- What Hosea prophesied looks very much like Revelation and Christ’s words on the End Times
- Believers are to be God’s mouthpiece on earth
- The message of warning goes to the Church FIRST!

# STAND UP AND BE COUNTED !

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- There are always exceptions, but God was talking to every Israelite
  - Does anyone ever think they are apostatizing?
  - The thought of challenging the status quo is quickly put down by the majority
  - God's prophets suffered for taking the message of warning to God's own people!



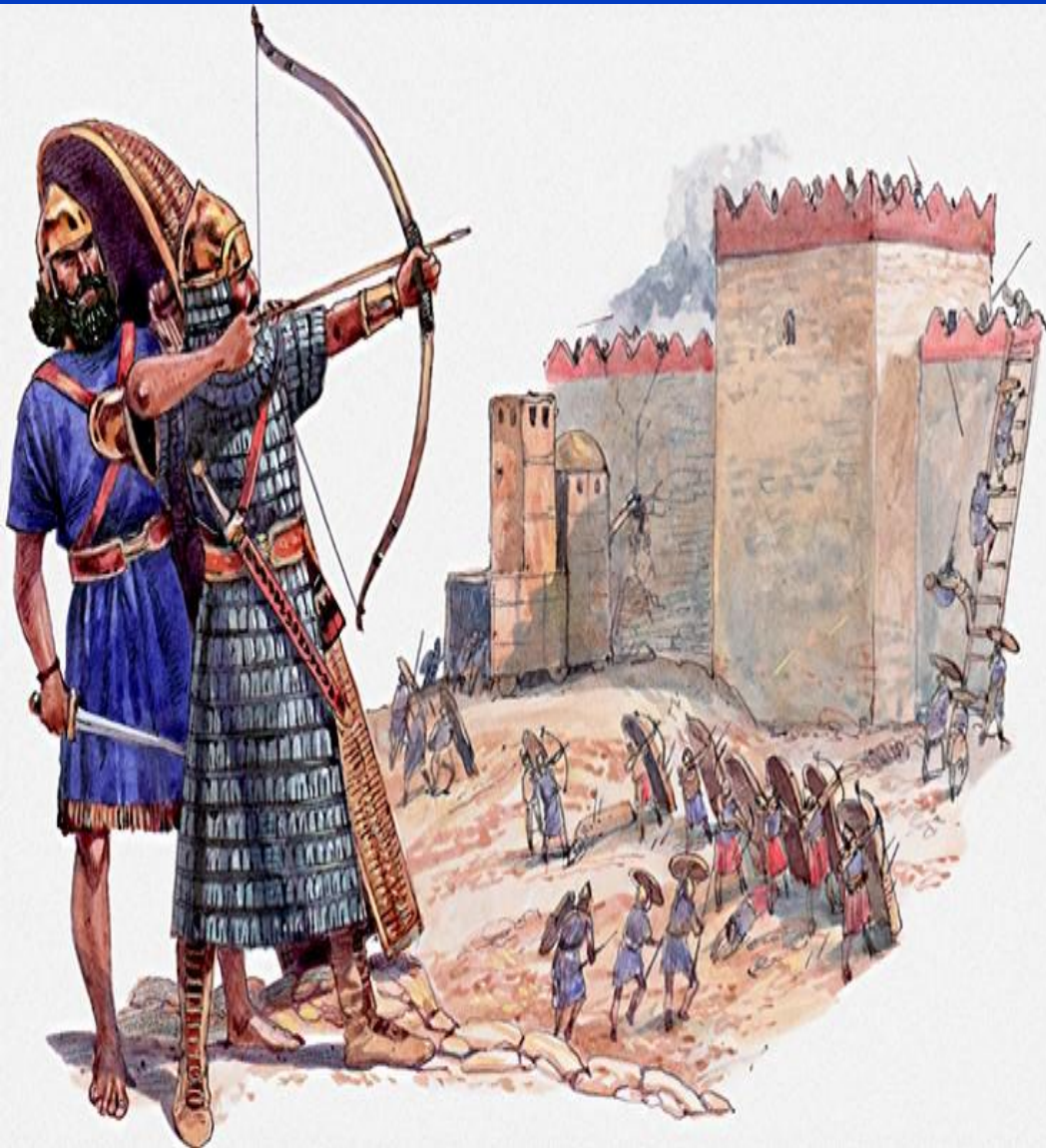
# GOD'S LAWS WRITTEN DOWN



- Israel rebelled against the Torah and the Law of Moses
- Deut. 30:15 – 20
- According to Christ the Law, along with its blessings and curses, apply to all God worshippers
- Power seeking gentiles formed a new religion and led people away from the truth
- God holds us responsible to seek & know the truth



# ISRAEL REJECTS WHAT IS GOOD

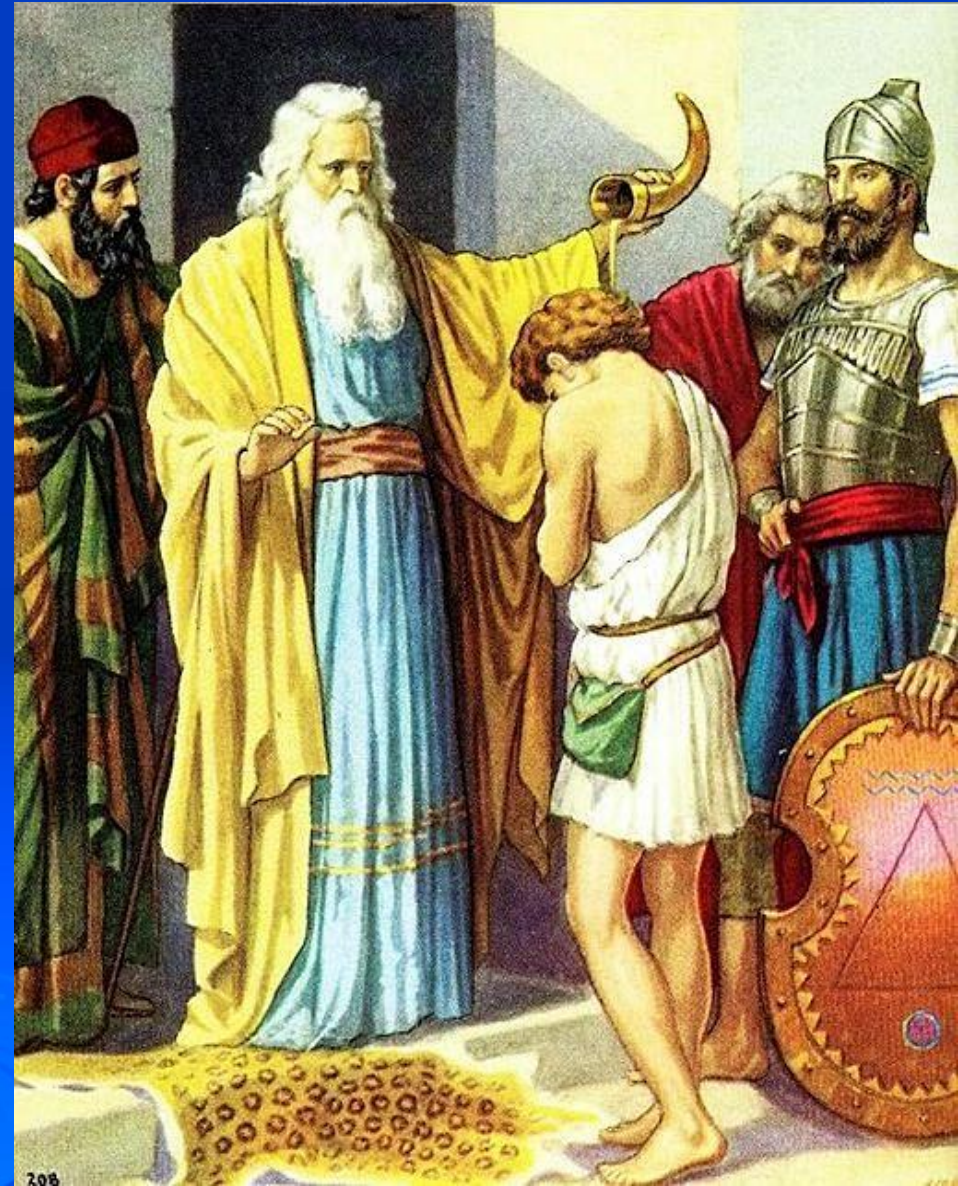


- With an imploding economy, Israel pleads to YHWH
- Assyria attacked Israel but didn't complete conquering until Samaria fell
- **Yada** = to know
- It means full allegiance or intimate relationship
- **Tov** = good
- It indicates a godly, moral good

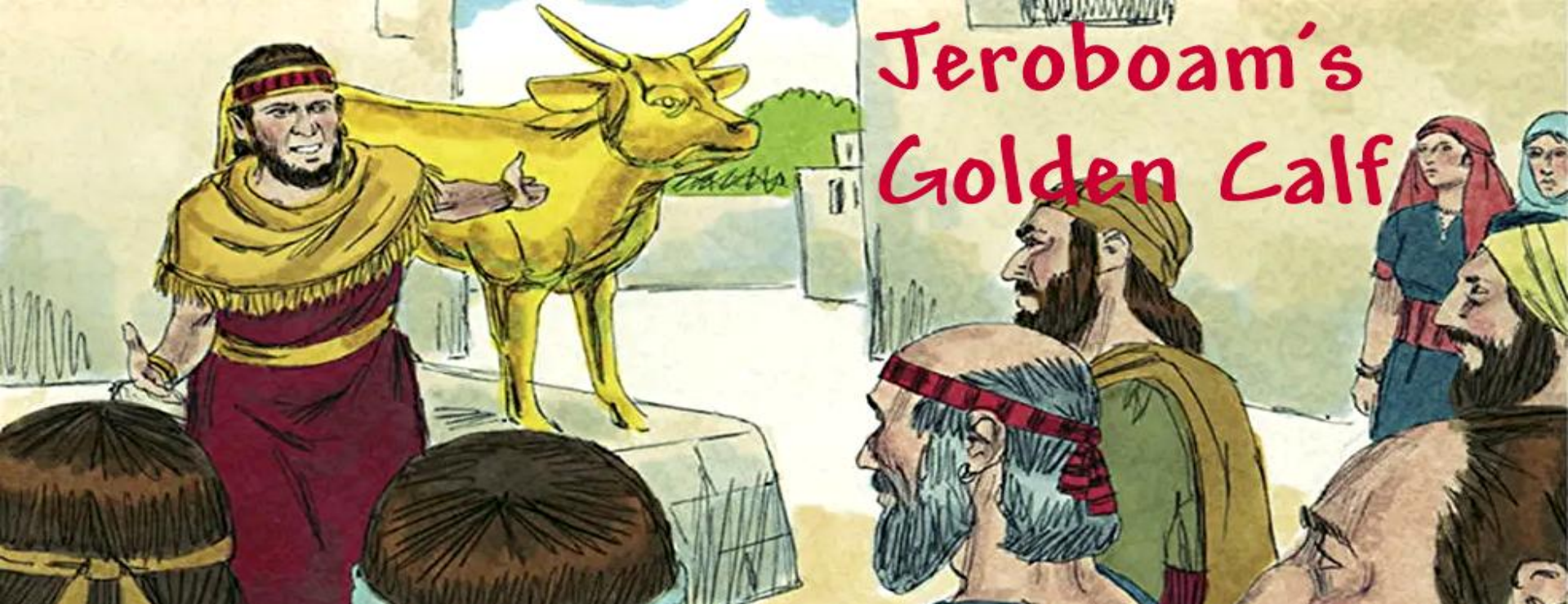


# GOD APPOINTS KINGS

- Yehoveh disavows any sanction of Israel's current crop of kings
- All of Israel's legitimate kings were called *Mashiach* (anointed one) and Son of God
- 1Kings 19:15 – 16
- Kings were not to be the choice of the people
- Because God didn't appoint the king, He had no intimate relationship with him







# Jeroboam's Golden Calf

- Calf-gods set up at Dan and Beth-El
- ***Asabim*** = images
- 1Kings 12:28 – 31
- ***Kareth*** = cut-off
- Vs. 5 Gruber interprets as “It is long enough that they behave as though they are incapable of purifying themselves from the contamination by worship of illegitimate calf images”