

The best time to get out  
of trouble is before  
it happens.



**PREPARE!**

- Hosea 13:9 – 11 God is saying He will destroy Israel
- Israel is in full-blown denial
- Israel's only rational response is to plan and prepare
- Since God is against Israel, then God is the only one who can deliver them
- Deuteronomy 33:26 - 29



# BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU ASK FOR

- Israel's government is in chaos
- "So, now, where is your king" the better translation
- 1Samuel 8:4 – 20
- Vss. 9 – 11 God is reminding Israel of the warning He gave to them long ago about kings
- This verse penned when Assyria deposed King Hoshea



If only God  
had said "NO!"



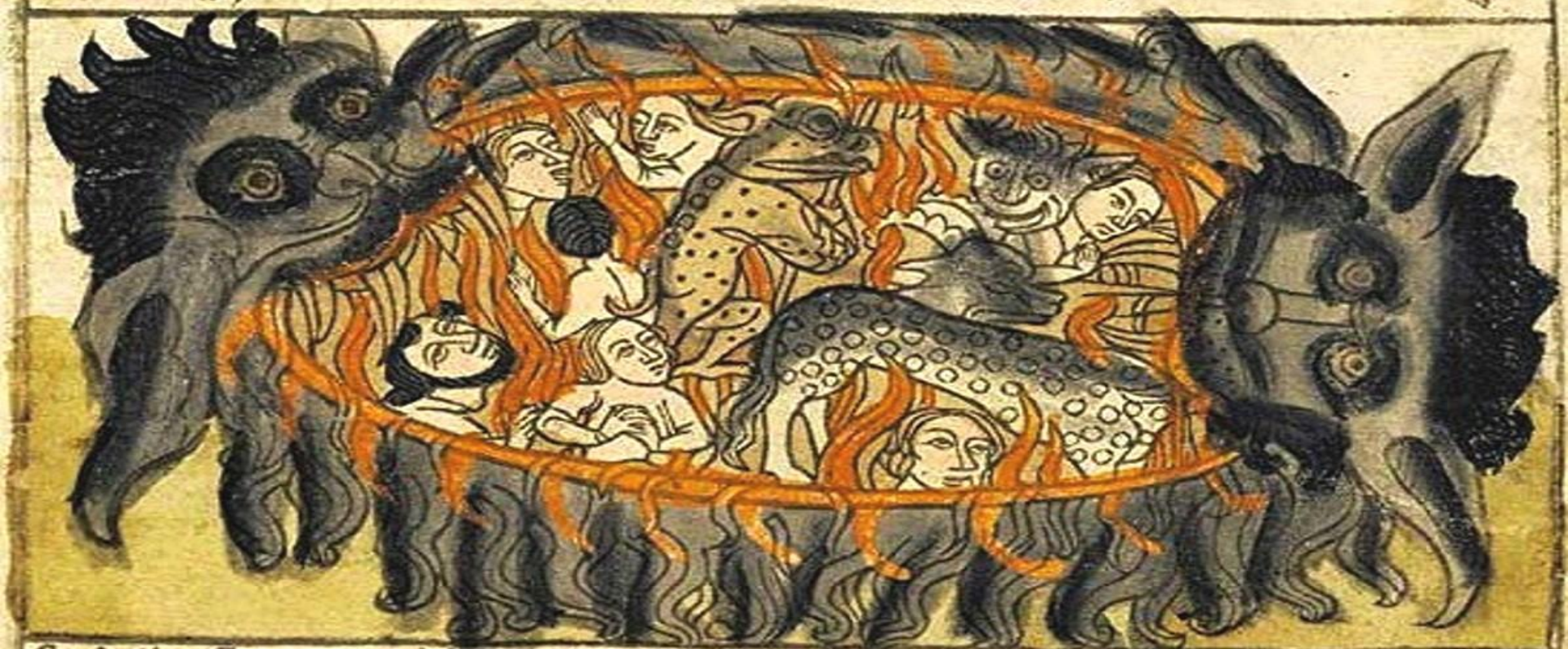
- It was God's anger that gave Israel a mortal king
- God's wrath has brought Israel's monarchy to an end
- First King of Israel was Saul 1030 B.C.
- Last King of Israel was Hoshea 725 B.C.
- David was the only king that seemed to please God, because of the way he ran the government

# ISRAEL'S INIQUITY IS SEALED

- 13:16 OR 14:1 ??
- **Avon** = iniquity, worst of the worst sins
- Just as today, evidence was stored and sealed for use at a trial
- Job 14:17
- The one feeling the pain of childbirth is NOT the child, it is the mother
- Israel feels this “birth” pain because of their sins







- Vs. 14 Terms are often expressions that are rooted in 8<sup>th</sup> Cent. B.C. Israel culture and language
- Two different interpretations: 1) An expression of hope for Israel, or 2) Israel is left to its fate of judgment
- Deuteronomy 4:26
- **Mot** and **Sheol** can be synonymous terms, here they are personified as the powers over the Underworld of Death



# 2 METAPHORS AS 2 CURSES

- Deuteronomy 28:12 explains the blessings
- Deuteronomy 28:15 explains there will be curses for disobedience
- Deuteronomy 28:23 – 25 lists the curses
- East wind is a hot, dry destructive wind, which symbolizes Assyria
- Israel's prosperity is in process of passing away



# SAMARIA UNDER ATTACK



- The Dead Sea Scrolls show that the verse about Samaria is meant to stand alone as a unit of thought
- Chapters and verses were artificially added to our Bibles 1000 years ago by a Christian scholar
- Assyria attacking from the North, Judah from the South
- King Sargon of Assyria aimed his attack at Samaria due to King Hoshea's treachery of refusing to pay the agreed-to tribute that is standard for a vassal king/nation to pay to their master



# 3-YEAR SIEGE



- Is it *sheen-mem* (guilt)?  
Or is it *tav-sheen-mem* (desolation) ?
- Ripping open pregnant women and killing babies is not hyperbole... it actually happened
- Amos 1:13, 2Kings 15:16
- 2Kings 17:5 – 12 The siege of Samaria



HOW TO  
**READ THE BIBLE**  
WHEN YOU DON'T  
KNOW WHERE TO START

**START AT THE  
BEGINNING!**



- Hosea written well before 2Kings
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings is more historical record
- Hosea is more theological
- Assyrian records say that Sargon took captive 27,290 Israelites as slaves
- After 13 chapters of judgment, chapter 14 offers hope





# **Hosea**

## **Chapter 14**

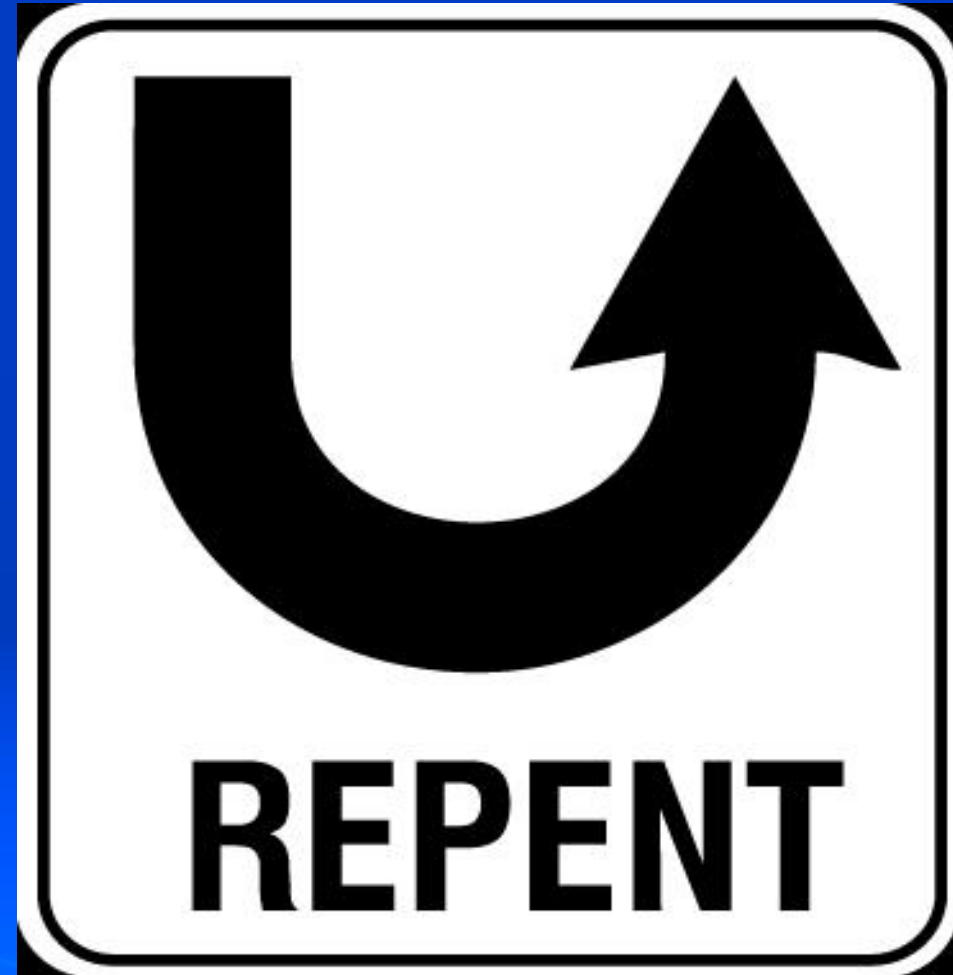
### **A PROMISE OF RETURN**

- Vss. 2 & 3 (or 1 & 2) form a prayer for the End Times for the descendants of the Northern Kingdom
- YLT Hosea 14:1 *Turn back, O Israel, unto Jehovah thy God, For thou hast stumbled by thine iniquity.*
- All English Bibles say “Lord”... it is actually *Yehoveh*



# OUR BEHAVIOR MATTERS

- **Suvah** = turn back, return, or repent
- To “turn back” to God meant only **ONE THING!**  
To return to the Torah
- Christ said in Matt. 5 that His followers are to obey the Torah
- To repent means to change our behaviors
- The grace-focused modern Church is unbalanced, and has forgotten obedience and right behavior



Repent and turn to God, so that  
your sins may be wiped out.

Acts 3:19