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BIBLE STUDY NOTES ON WHAT IS THE SPIRIT OF HARLOTRY?

Key Passage: Hosea 4:12

My people ask counsel from their wooden idols,
And their staff informs them.
For the **spirit of harlotry** has caused them to stray,
And they have played the harlot against their God.
13 They offer sacrifices on the mountaintops,

Discerning of Spirits: Spirit of Harlotry

Readings: Hosea 1-4

Who Was Hosea?

- Hosea, son of Beerai lived in the Northern Kingdom of Israel
- A prophet from 753 BC to 715 BC
- Hosea means "salvation."
- God told Hosea to marry a prostitute, Gomer, as a symbol of Israel's idolatry (Hosea 1:2)

Hosea's home life was one of turmoil with his wife going back to prostitution and coming back. This long suffering and forbearance is an illustration of God's great love for his people, including us, when we go our own way. What would your response be if God asked the same as you? Have there times in your walk with God that you acted like Gomer?

Highlights of the Book of Hosea

- Prophecies judgments against both Israel and Judah.
- Pronounces God's divorcement of Israel. (Hosea 2:1)
- Is known for the passage (which is often misinterpreted) "my people perish for lack of knowledge." (Hosea 4:6) An explanation of the passage can be found at: <http://raisedtowalk.org/the-walk/what-does-my-people-perish-for-lack-of-knowledge-mean/>

Prophecy: From God to Master

- The Jews were God's own chosen people. The Temple in their land was where God's spirit dwelt.
- Hosea prophesies that they will call him "master" which is "Adonai" in Hebrew. (Hosea 4:1)
- By the time the Hebrew Tanakh was translated into Greek (the Septuagint) 200 years before Jesus was born, this had happened.
- The same prophecy also prophesies a time when the Jews will once again call God by his name and "my husband." This has not yet happened. Jews still replace the Divine name, יהוה, with Adonai.

What's in a Name?

יהוה **יְהוָה**, yeh-ho-vaw'; Strong's H3068: from; (the) self-Existent or Eternal; Jeho-vah, Jewish national name of God:—Jehovah,

There is debate among scholars how to pronounce the name. One position is that it is pronounced Jehovah. The more recent position in scholarship is that it is pronounced as Yahweh.

It is composed of four letters yod—hey—vav— hey. It is also known as the "Tetragrammaton."

אֲדֹנָי **Ādônây**, ad-o-noy'; Strong's H136: an emphatic form of; the Lord (used as a proper name of God only):—(my) Lord

Psalm 110:1 was used as an apologetic argument by early Christians for the divinity of Christ. Can you find the two different persons of God in this verse? (Hint: Hebrew reads from right to left.)

לְדֹד מְזִמּוֹר נָאִם יְהוָה לְאֲדֹנָי שֵׁב לְיָמֵינִי עַד-אֲשִׁית
אֵיבִיךָ הַדָּם לְרַגְלֶיךָ:

The English translation (KJV)

[[A Psalm of David.]] The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

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The Spirit of Harlotry

- Hosea identifies Israel's problem as "the spirit of harlotry." (Hosea 4:12)
- Some see this as having to do solely with sexual immorality. That is not the case. The sexual immorality came as a result of the spiritual harlotry.
- Israel was going their own way and was not following the instructions of God.
- They were mixing their worship with pagan practices.

Self-Will and Isolation

- Part of that "own way" was worshiping God on their own terms and in their own way.
- Rather than going to the Temple at Jerusalem to make sacrifices, they instead offered sacrifices individually "on the hills" and under the trees because "their shade was good." (Hosea 4:12)
- Both the disobedience and the isolation caused them to not even be aware of what the right way was or be able to recognize when they were out of fellowship with God.
- The presence of God was at the Temple at Jerusalem. Those worshipping on their own were isolated from that.
- The other purpose of the instructions for all to gather in Jerusalem was the fellowship with their fellow countrymen.
- This is the same reason the writer of Hebrews tells us not to forsake the gathering together (Hebrews 10:23-25)

What are your favorite parts of fellowship?

Long-Lasting Consequences

- Because of Israel's continuing idolatry, the corruption has spread and many people do not even know what the right way is. (Hosea 4:14)
- Hosea writes that "people who do not understand" will suffer the consequences.
- Judgment for sin can be long-lasting and generational. (Deuteronomy 5:9)
- If there is a persistent issue in your life where you can't get relief, it may be because of a generational issue.
- In the case of Israel, it was a generational spirit of harlotry.
- This caused them to be cut off from God (prophecy ceased) and exiled from the land.

The Remedy

The Blood of Jesus is a remedy for every curse.

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to identify the sin or spirit that is the problem.
2. Repent on the part of yourself and any family sins or wrong associations.
3. Pray that God release the opposite in your life. For example, the opposite of the spirit of harlotry would be the spirit of purity and truth.

Resources

One Year Chronological Bible: Reading from June 26th.

KJV: <https://amzn.to/2YpwRjV>

NIV: <https://amzn.to/32Qf3C9>

NKJV: <https://amzn.to/2LJJvZ9>

NLT: <https://amzn.to/2MIRoU8>

TLB: <https://amzn.to/32U65nj>

More on the plan:

<http://raisedtowalk.org/resources/the-one-year-chronological-bible-on-youversion/>

List of Available Bible Studies

www.RaisedtoWalk.org/bible-studies/

Books Mentioned:

Strongman, What is His Name, What is His Game <https://amzn.to/35l8rxE>

The Courts of Heaven by Robert Henderson <https://amzn.to/2Tf1lj7>

They Shall Expel Demons by Derek Prince <https://amzn.to/3oiDkLY>

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