

# The Judgment of a Nation

## Introduction:

We saw the death of a nation in Ch. 4... now the judgment...

## Hosea 5

- v 1. Those responsible for truth and justice: God's stewards  
Instead of deliverers, they became snares  
The "abuse of power"
- v 2. "Revolters"... as all answer to God...  
but they "wade deep in slaughter"  
the nation had been commandeered by murders & plunderers  
So God brings "stripes"
- v 3. As all the North, without restraint, was corrupted by idols.
- v 4. And addicted to their deities...because of their immoralities
- v 5. And too proud to admit their sin... they began...  
...stumbling in the dark  
...and became carriers!
- v 6. In their pain, they look to God  
but blessing is withheld. Why?
- v 7. "treachery"  
and shortly will be gone
- v 8. Hosea anticipates the destruction:
- the South
  - the North
- v 10. But its "the rebuke of God"  
Because the South had invaded the North.

- v 11. And the North followed with a Syrian alliance to destroy Jerusalem.
- v 12. So God will be the "moth and the lion"
- v 13. "moth": (Isaiah 1:5-6) But they sought political solutions
- v 14. "lion": Exile
- v 15. .... 1. until they bear **their guilt**  
2. and seek God's face  
and this would happen soon after the exile  
but first there would be false repentance

religious show...

## Hosea 6

- v 1-3. "let's make a deal"
- v 4. But...there was no true longing to change
- v 5. That is why God sent the prophets...  
to keep them from judgment
- v 6. This is what God wants... –the heart–
- v 7. But, instead...violence and religious corruption
- v 8-10. Here is all God sees in the north
- v 6. And the South...a cutting down...before restoration in the return

## Conclusion: