

Why Judgment Fell

Introduction:

Hosea 7

- v 1. God longs to heal but there is no repentance.
- v 2. Because Israel had no fear of God.
- v 3f. Rather, they acted in political *intrigue*...
- v 8. and political *alliances*.
- v 9. Thus were “weakened”... but ignoring danger...
- v 10. and yet... “Though your proud life points its fingers, *still* you will not turn to God.”
- v 11. “But you *still* look all other places...to men” for help...

- v 12. But God will personally insure their failure...
as God promised in His Word.
as **God’s Word** will stand!
- v 13. Thus to stray from God’s Word is woe and destruction.

But... he can’t save them... because they change God’s Word
and falsely interpret it to fit them.
- v 14. Their crying? The results of sin- not the cause. They cry to idols.
- v 15. But all they are is from **God**.
- v 16. They miss the mark. i.e. “They are unsuccessful.”

Conclusion: