

When the Time has Come

Hosea 10:1f

Introduction:

- v 1. “a luxuriant vine”
- Jeroboam II was the 3rd generation of the dynasty of Jehu who wiped out Ahab’s lineage. Jehu was given four generations to rule after him.
 - These five kings ruled for 106 years. They brought relative stability and relative peace.
 - Jehu’s grandson, Jehoash saw the defeat of the Syrians.
 - Then Jeroboam II re-established Israel’s borders and material prosperity.

But instead of thankfulness...the blessings promoted lies-idolatry

In all their improvements they never repented of their root problem of idols.

- v 2. They were “faithless”
and “Now” after 200 years of northern kings
...**it is time** for Israel to answer to God.
- v 3. And “now”... once Assyria had come.
“You will change your tune”
a) “Our kings are useless because they don’t fear God.”
b) “Politics are worthless without God.”
- v 4. Because “poisonous weeds” had arisen amidst the blessing.
Things politics can’t help or control.

v 5-7. “idols are worthless”... Israel’s root sin was Jeroboam I

v 8. But “sacrifice will end as you will be gone.”

“The only good of the hills will be for cover.”

v 9. “Gibeah”: Where **idolatry** began...
...and **perversion** and **murder**.
*They had never dealt with the heart issue of idolatry.

v 10. They are one word away from disaster.
As **God’s word** can direct the **workings** of nations.

Conclusion:

1. Don’t expect what can’t happen or be disappointed at what couldn’t.
2. Remember our identity.
3. Live distinct...a holy nation.
4. Be careful of lower emotions.
5. Remember who you’re against.
6. Do all you **can**.
7. Pray
8. Don’t bow.
9. “Rejoice that you be counted worthy...”
10. Stay together
11. Know God has purposes.
12. We will win.