



**Series:** Hosea, The Scandalous Love of God

**Passage:** Hosea Chapters 7:1-14:9

**Title:** The Sin That Destroys A Nation

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**Discussion Starter** – What are some of the progressions of sin that we see Israel fall into in these last seven chapters? What do you think is our role as Christians in response to this tidal wave of accepted sin we see in our own nation, including the church?

**Read Hosea 7:1-3**

1. What three things does God point out in this passage, to show us what happens to us and a nation that do not deal with their sin properly?
2. We learn that our sin is progressive and deadly. What some of the progressive natures of sin that you have experienced or observed in your lifetime?
  - a. Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-7. What role do you think we have in allowing sin to progressively enter and be accepted by the church? Share some of your own experiences and how you dealt this issue.

**Read Hosea 7:4-7**

3. In your own words describe the message God is conveying to Israel? Who is the baker, what does the leaven indicate about the progressive destructive nature of sin?
4. Read Jeremiah 8:12 and Romans 1:32. How do these passages and our text in Hosea describe what happens to a nation that lets sin progress through its stages unchecked. What seems to be Israel's biggest mistake?

**Read Hosea 7:8-10**

5. Why do you think Israel was described as a cake unturned? What did that indicate?
6. What conditions were present that allowed aliens to devour Israel's strength?
7. What does Israel do in their pride?
  - b. How has pride got in the way of your walk with God?

**Read Hosea 7:11-14; 8:8-14:**

8. What are some of the key sins God claims against Ephraim in these passages? What message does God convey to Ephraim by calling them foolish doves?

**Read Hosea 7:15-16; 9-14:**

9. God describes Israel as a treacherous bow. What does this imagery convey about God's people?
10. What are some of the things God reveals about how He will punish Israel in Hosea Chapter 9? And what was meant by the statement that Israel was corrupt as in the days of Gibeah?
11. In the remaining chapters we see God's love for Israel as He pronounces their punishment. Describe some of the punishments that Israel would have to endure that are mentioned in these chapters. How do you reconcile God's love as compared to the severity of His judgement upon them?
12. As we close out the book of Hosea, what is revealed to us about God's heart as we read chapter 14?