

The Spirit of Israel (Hosea 5:1-7)

1. What class of people does Hosea address in 5:1?
2. What things would prevent Israel from returning to God? (4)
3. What type of spirit had Israel developed? (4)
4. What was the “pride of Israel” and what does it do to him? (5)
5. Why would they be unable to find God? (6) When might that take place? (see 14-15)
6. What echoes of the Gomer story does verse 7 contain?

Destruction of Israel (Hosea 5:8-15)

7. Why might Gibeah and Ramah be good locations for sounding an alarm?
8. Why was Ephraim crushed and oppressed? (11)
9. Based on 1 Kings 12:28-33, what “command” might verse 11 be referring to?
10. What slowly operating images of destruction does the Lord describe Himself as? (12)
11. Ironically, to whom did Ephraim turn when in trouble? (13) Did they find any relief?
12. What rapidly destructive image does the Lord say He will be to Ephraim? (14)

Common Sense Lessons (Amos 3:1-8)

13. Why would Israel be especially deserving of punishment for their sins? (1-2)
14. What “common sense” lessons does Amos teach in verses 3-6
15. What purpose do prophets like Amos serve for the Lord? (7)
16. What image does Amos use again (see 1:2) to describe his motivation? (8)

The Coming Destruction (Amos 3:9-15)

17. Ashdod was a city of the Philistines. Why might God call upon Ashdod and Egypt to look upon Samaria? (see also verse 13)
18. What three things would the enemy of verse 11 do?
19. Amos uses lion imagery once more (see 3:4, 3:8, and Hosea 5:14). What aspect of a lion attack does verse 12 emphasize?
20. What sin does God’s punishment focus on in verse 14? Verse 15?