

# Israel – A Nation Reborn

## Hosea 13:9-16

### Introduction:

1. The people of Israel had long left the place of worship and devotion to their God. They had forsaken God and gone whoring after false gods and idols. 1:2, 4:12, 13:2
  - As far as God was concerned, Israel was \_\_\_\_\_. 13:1
2. They were walking dead men with God's judgment imminent.
3. Will Israel stay dead? Will they ever be raised up and given life again? Will they be born again at some time in the future? Let's look into God's Word and find the answers!

### Israel – a nation destroyed. vs. 9-12, 15-16

1. Hosea sums it up concisely by declaring, "*O Israel, thou has destroyed thyself...*" 13:9
  - The word "destroyed" means "to \_\_\_\_\_, ruin."
  - Israel had died, was decayed and rotten.
2. Outwardly, Israel was wealthy and prosperous, but internally, they were \_\_\_\_\_ and decayed.
3. Hosea warned that God would soon bring outward death and destruction that would reflect their inward condition. vs. 15-16

### Israel – a nation travailing. vs. 12-13

1. Hosea prophesies that "*The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him.*" Many of the prophets used the illustration of \_\_\_\_\_ pains to describe a terrible time of travail that Israel would endure. Jeremiah 30:6-11
  - "*Lord, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them.*  
*Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O Lord.*  
*We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought*

*forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.*

*Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.”* **Isaiah 26:16-19**

2. When \_\_\_\_\_ came to Israel during His earthly ministry, He found Israel in the same condition as they were in Hosea’s day - outwardly prosperous, but inwardly dead. Matthew 23:27-28
3. Jesus prophesied that Israel would pass through this time of great travail. Matthew 24:21-22

### **Israel – a nation reborn. vs. 14**

1. Israel’s first birth was in Exodus 4:22. cf. Hosea 11:1
2. When Israel forsook God, they died in Baal. Their only hope is a \_\_\_\_\_. They desperately need spiritual life. Christ came with this message to Israel during His earthly ministry. John 3:1-10
3. There will be a \_\_\_\_\_ resurrection that takes place of the believing remnant of Israel. Ezekiel 37:1-14; Isaiah 26:16-19
4. A nation will be \_\_\_\_\_ with spiritual life.
  - *“Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.*  
*Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.*  
*Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the Lord: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God.”* **Isaiah 66:7-9**
5. Israel will become a born again kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_ on earth. Exodus 19:6; cf. Revelation 20:4-6