

## Hosea 5

### New King James Version (NKJV)

## Hosea 5

### Impending Judgment on Israel and Judah

1 "Hear this, O priests!

Take heed, O house of Israel!

Give ear, O house of the king!

For yours is the judgment,

Because you have been a snare to Mizpah

And a net spread on Tabor.

2 The revolvers are deeply involved in slaughter,  
Though I rebuke them all.

3 I know Ephraim,

And Israel is not hidden from Me;

For now, O Ephraim, you commit harlotry;

Israel is defiled.

4 " They do not direct their deeds

Toward turning to their God,

For the spirit of harlotry is in their midst,

And they do not know the LORD.

5 The pride of Israel testifies to his face;

Therefore Israel and Ephraim stumble in their iniquity;

Judah also stumbles with them.

6 " With their flocks and herds

They shall go to seek the LORD,

But they will not find Him;

He has withdrawn Himself from them.

7 They have dealt treacherously with the LORD,

For they have begotten pagan children.

Now a New Moon shall devour them and their heritage.

8 “ Blow the ram’s horn in Gibeah,  
The trumpet in Ramah!  
Cry aloud at Beth Aven,

‘ Look behind you, O Benjamin!’

9 Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke;  
Among the tribes of Israel I make known what is sure.

10 “ The princes of Judah are like those who remove a  
landmark;

I will pour out My wrath on them like water.

11 Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment,  
Because he willingly walked by human precept.

12 Therefore I will be to Ephraim like a moth,  
And to the house of Judah like rottenness.

13 “ When Ephraim saw his sickness,  
And Judah saw his wound,  
Then Ephraim went to Assyria  
And sent to King Jareb;  
Yet he cannot cure you,  
Nor heal you of your wound.

14 For I will be like a lion to Ephraim,  
And like a young lion to the house of Judah.  
I, even I, will tear them and go away;  
I will take them away, and no one shall rescue.

15 I will return again to My place  
Till they acknowledge their offense.  
Then they will seek My face;  
In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me.”