

Hosea: The Husband and the Harlot
Don't let the trumpet sound!

The Eagle

Put the trumpet to your lips! An eagle is over the house of the Lord because the people have broken my covenant and rebelled against my law...Israel has rejected what is good... They set up kings without my consent... With their silver and gold they make idols for themselves...
(Hosea 8:1, 3, 4)

Lets not make the same mistake: Make God your priority.

- in your behavior
- in your appointment of leadership
- in your worship

The Lord will bring a nation against you from far away, from the ends of the earth, like an eagle swooping down, a nation whose language you will not understand...
(Deuteronomy 28:49)

The Wind

They sow the wind and reap the whirlwind (Hosea 8:7a)

Let's not make the same mistake: Sow seeds of Godly purpose and value.

The Wild Donkey

Israel is swallowed up; now she is among the nations like a worthless thing. For they have gone up to Assyria like a wild donkey wandering alone. Ephraim has sold herself to lovers.
(Hosea 8:8-9)

...a wild donkey accustomed to the desert, sniffing the wind in her craving— in her heat who can restrain her? Any males that pursue her need not tire themselves; at mating time they will find her. (Jeremiah 2:24)

Let's not make the same mistake: Stand firm in your position.

Grapes, a vine, thorns and thistles

When I found Israel, it was like finding grapes in the desert...Israel was a spreading vine; he brought forth fruit for himself. As his fruit increased, he built more altars; as his land prospered, he adorned his sacred stone. (Hosea 9:10; 10:1)

The high places of wickedness will be destroyed— it is the sin of Israel. Thorns and thistles will grow up and cover their altars. Then they will say to the mountains, "Cover us!" and to the hills, "Fall on us!" (Hosea 10:8)

Let's not make the same mistake: Live out your Christian potential.