

1. Opening Prayer
2. Structure of Ch. 5

Part I. Israel is toppling Judah (v. 1-7)

God's warning against the leadership class (v. 1-2)

Sin committed by Israel/Ephraim (v. 3)

Improbability of repentance (v. 4)

Judah stumbles with Israel/Ephraim (v. 5)

Improbability of repentance (v. 6)

Sin committed by Israel/Ephraim + Judah (v. 7a)

God's judgment (v. 7b)

Part II. Wrath against Israel and Judah (v. 8-15)

The sound of judgment (v. 8)

Proclamation (v. 9-14)

The divine wish (v. 15)

3. Let us read Ch. 5 and have discussion

- a. Why do you think God calls Ephraim with Israel in this chapter?
- b. In verse 3, God says "I know all about Ephraim." What does it imply?
- c. What do you think the biggest problem of the Israel?
- d. How do you understand verse 6?
- e. In verse 23, what do the moth and rot imply?
- f. Why do you think God is described as a lion in verse 14?
- g. Do you think it is easy or hard for a prophet to proclaim such warnings?
- h. Do you know anyone proclaiming the warnings like Hosea in the bible?

4. Closing Prayer