

## HOSEA 10:11-15

**11** Ephraim was a trained calf that loved to thresh, and I spared her fair neck; but I will put Ephraim to the yoke; Judah must plow; Jacob must harrow for himself. **12** Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you. **13** You have plowed iniquity; you have reaped injustice; you have eaten the fruit of lies. Because you have trusted in your own way and in the multitude of your warriors, **14** therefore the tumult of war shall arise among your people, and all your fortresses shall be destroyed, as Shalman destroyed Beth-arbel on the day of battle; mothers were dashed in pieces with their children. **15** Thus it shall be done to you, O Bethel, because of your great evil. At dawn the king of Israel shall be utterly cut off.

### Interpretation Method 1: Define Words

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Use a dictionary app to define the following words:

THRESH

HARROW

FALLOW

**How do these definitions help you understand the meaning of verse 11-12?**

### Interpretation Method 2: Study Cross References

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Look up the following cross references and explain how they help us understand the passage more.

**For verse 11, look up:**

DEUTERONOMY 25:4

**For verse 12, look up:**

GALATIANS 6:8

ISAIAH 45:8

**For verse 13-14, look up:**

2 KINGS 17:1-18

### Interpretation Method 3: Use the Rest of the Bible

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Use a Bible app to look up the phrase "seek the Lord." Look up a couple of verses in the Psalms that contain this phrase and write down what you learn about seeking the Lord.

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### Interpretation Method 4: Reread the Passage

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Reread the passage above. As you do, circle/highlight every reference to farming. Box every connecting word that you notice as well.

**How does this exercise help you understand the passage above?**