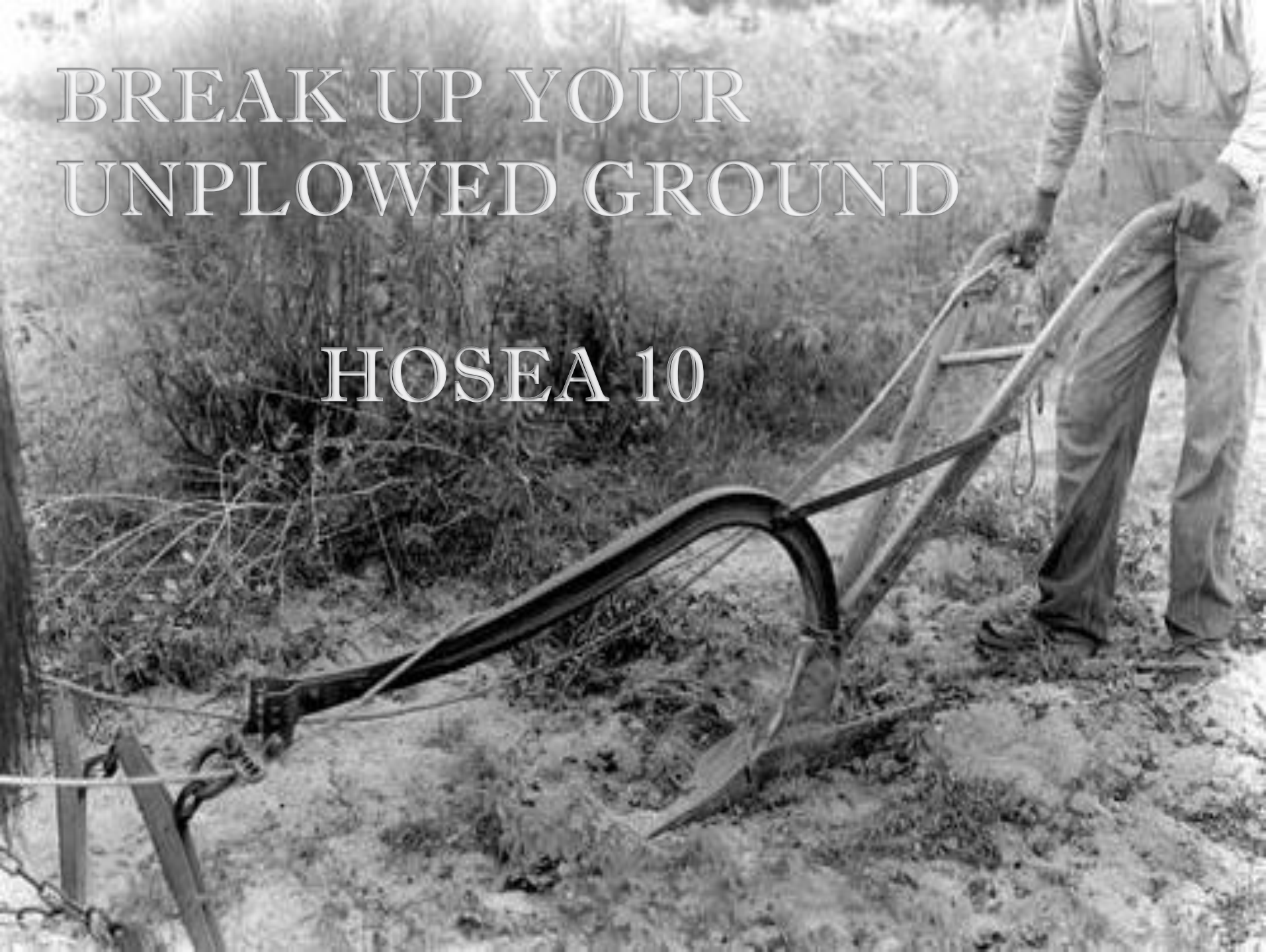


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HOSEA 10



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**Exodus 6:6 (NIV)** "Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment.'

**Hosea 11:4 (NIV)** I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love; I lifted the yoke from their neck and bent down to feed them.

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***Galatians 5:13 (NIV)*** You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.



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*Hosea 10:2 (NIV)* <sup>2</sup> Their heart is deceitful, and now they must bear their guilt. The Lord will demolish their altars and destroy their sacred stones.

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**Matthew 6:24 (NIV)** "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

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*Joshua 24:15 (NIV)* But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."



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*1 Kings 18:21 (NIV)* Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." But the people said nothing.

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*2 Kings 17:33 (NIV)* They worshiped the Lord, but they also served their own gods in accordance with the customs of the nations from which they had been brought.

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*Hosea 10:3-8 (NIV)* <sup>3</sup> Then they will say, "We have no king because we did not revere the Lord. But even if we had a king, what could he do for us?" <sup>4</sup> They make many promises, take false oaths and make agreements; therefore lawsuits spring up like poisonous weeds in a plowed field. <sup>5</sup> The people who live in Samaria fear for the calf-idol of Beth Aven. Its people will mourn over it, and so will its idolatrous priests, those who had rejoiced over its splendor, because it is taken from them into exile.



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<sup>6</sup> It will be carried to Assyria as tribute for the great king. Ephraim will be disgraced; Israel will be ashamed of its wooden idols. <sup>7</sup> Samaria and its king will float away like a twig on the surface of the waters. <sup>8</sup> 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!"

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