

# Hosea

## 1 – Hosea 1—The Family

Oh, what a difference from the story of Ruth! What a burden God called Hosea to bear! Why did God call Hosea in this way? What were the names of the children? And what was God's promise in spite of the prophecy through the names of the 3 children? What is "the day of Jezreel"?

## 2 – Hosea 2—Israel As "Mother"

Keep in mind that Hosea (husband) represents God, and Gomer (wife) represents Israel. How was Gomer unfaithful? How was Israel unfaithful? After punishment, what does God promise to do for his unfaithful "wife"? When is "in that day"?

## 3 – Hosea 3—Reconciliation

What was significant about the amount Hosea paid to get Gomer back? How could Hosea "love" her again? Hosea wrote before the Assyrian captivity, he wrote to the Northern tribes – although the message applied to Judah as well (later, the Babylonian captivity). What promise of hope is in the midst of so much unfaithfulness?

## 4 – Hosea 4—Charge Against Israel

As you read this charge against Israel – how would it read to America today? What is meant by "My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge"? (v.6) What is the threat for those who reject God's law? What responsibility did the priests have? Who are the "priests" today?

## 5 – Hosea 5—Judgment Against Israel

What is the prostitution that God is talking about? (see v.4, 13) How is that same prostitution going on in America today? What does God threaten to do to them? (v.14) What is the purpose for God's judgment on them? What does this say to us in America today?

## 6 – Hosea 6—Unrepentant!

How was Israel further sinning by what they expected from God? What does God say about their false expectations? (v.4-5) What does America expect of God in our day? What does God say to Israel about true repentance? (v.6) How does this apply to us today?

## 7 – Hosea 7—Ephraim (N. Israel)

What would happen when God sought to "heal Israel"? What did God desire of His people? (v.7, 10, 14) What is America's relationship with God? What is your relationship with God?

## 8 – Hosea 8—Reap The Whirlwind

What does it mean to "sow the wind and reap the whirlwind"? Although they built many altars, how was it that they were altars for sinning? (v.11-14) What does this mean in America today?

## 9 – Hosea 9—Unfaithful Israel

What was the result of unfaithfulness to God? How were the people of Hosea's time receiving his words? (v.7-8) How often Hosea writes of God "remembering their wickedness and sins"! This is a serious warning! What does this teach us about Jesus? Why does God "hate" His people? (v.15) What "holy wrath" does Hosea share with God? (v.14, 17)

## 10 – Hosea 10—Call to Repentance

How was Israel's heart "deceitful"? (v.2) Why do they say "we have no king"? What will happen to their "king"? (v.6-7) Who or what is "king" in America? What is the solution for Israel's problems? (v.12) But what have they done? (v.13-15) No wonder they wish the mountains and hills to fall on them! (v.8)

## 11 – Hosea 11—God's Love

With v.1, see also [Exodus 4:22-23](#) and [Matthew 2:15](#). Note all that God had done for His son, "My people"; and God's tenderness.

## 12 – Hosea 12—History Re-Called

Recall all the references to Jacob in these verses / recall that Israel is Jacob's covenant name - what is the significance of re-calling for them all about "Jacob"? Again (11:10 and 12:9) what is God's constant reminder of what He has done for His people?

## 13 – Hosea 13—Laying Down The Law

Compare this chapter with [Exodus 20](#). What threat does God make for those who "become proud and forget the Lord their God"? After the threat, what is the wonderful promise? (v.14 - see also [1 Corinthians 15:55-57](#))

## 14 – Hosea 14—Blessings Follow Repentance

"Return" is the message of the prophets. Compare this true repentance with the false repentance of Ch. 6! What is the only source of faithfulness? (v.8)