

Bible Study – Outline

HOSEA

Love and the Unfaithful Bride

Time Period Events between 753-715BC
During the reign of Jeroboam II – the Northern Kingdom
Written approximately 715BC

Audience The people of Israel

Location Northern Israel – Samaria Ephraim

Major Theme(s)

God’s love for unfaithful Israel

God’s Judgment

God’s Love

Restoration

Key People

Hosea “Salvation”
Gomer a promiscuous woman
Jezreel “Castaway”
Lo-ruhamah “not loved”
Lo-ammi “not my people”

Hosea

Hosea’s Adulterous Wife	1 - 3
Hosea’s marriage to Gomer	1
Gomer’s Adultery	2
Gomer’s restoration by Hosea, the loving and faithful husband	3
God’s Adulterous People, Israel	4-14
The adultery – idolatry of Israel	4-5
Israel’s refusal to repent	6-8
Israel judged by God	9-10
Israel’s restoration by her loving and faithful Lord	11-14

Key Scriptures

Hos. 1:2	“...Go, marry a promiscuous woman, and have children with her, for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord.”
Hos. 2:23	“...I will show my love to the one I called ‘Not my loved one.’ I will say to those called ‘Not my people, you are my people’ and they will say ‘You are my God’ ”
Hos. 3:1	“...Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods....”
Hos. 3:3	“You are to live with me many days.....”
Hos. 3:4	“For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice, or sacred stones, ephod, or household gods.
Hos. 3:5	Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the Lord their God and David their King. They will come trembling to the Lord and to his blessings in the last days.
Hos. 5:15-6:3	“I will go back to my place until they admit their guilt.....As surely as the sun rises, he will appear;....”
Hos.6:6	“I desire mercy, not sacrifice,” see note in L.A.B
Hos.14: 1	Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God. Your sins have been your downfall.

The Cycle of Judgment and Salvation

Judgment	Salvation
1:2-9	1:10-2:1
2:2-13	2:14-3:5
4:1-5:14	5:15-6:3
6:4-11:7	11:8-11
11:12-13:16	14:1-9

Discussion Questions

1. What is the image of God presented in this book?
2. Gomer made Hosea an object of ridicule and scorn by her behaviour. What effect do we have on God’s reputation by our actions and words?
3. How do you think Hosea’s children felt about their names? Hos. 1:3-9
4. How did God tell Hosea to love his wife? Hos. 3:1-5
5. When does Hosea believe God will heal and revive Israel? Hos. 6:1-2

Resources Used

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