

An Old Testament Glance

The Minor Prophets Books – Hosea, Part 1

Name Meaning	Dates of Service	Home Town	# of Chapters	Kings Reigning	Audience Targeted	Theme or Subject
"Salvation"	760-720 bc	Samaria?	14	Jeroboam 2 (N) Uzz – Hez (S)	Jews in North	Apostasy of Israel
Prophets Ministering at the same time:			Isaiah			
Scripture References:			2 Kings 15-18; Hosea 1-14			

BRIEF OUTLINE

Hosea 1-3 A Broken Marriage & Intervention with the Wife
 Hosea 4-14 A Nation Ended & the People Changed

1. How does this book begin? What did God say to Hosea? (Hosea 1:2)

Wow!! We're off to a great start.

2. How did Hosea respond? (Hosea 1:3)

Hosea didn't question God; it doesn't appear that he said anything; he just went out and obeyed. That is almost beyond belief. When you look through the rest of the book of Hosea, you don't see any words of Hosea.

3. How does Hosea 4:1 start out? _____
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Hosea is relaying God's message to the people.

*Even though it seems cruel & harsh for God to command Hosea to go out & find a prostitute, marry her, and bring her home, it shows how grieved God is, and how messed up the nation of Israel is. The situation is desperate & **when Hosea preaches this, his heart will be broken just like God's was.***

Notice how Hosea's marriage is a picture of God's "marriage" to Israel.

Hosea & Gomer	God & Israel <small>(Borrowed from Nelson NKJV Study Bible)</small>
Hosea marries Gomer (1:3)	God is engaged to Israel (2:19)
Hosea is a faithful husband (3:3)	God is a faithful "husband" (1:7)
Hosea's love expects no good response (3:1)	God's love expects no good response (3:1)
This relationship falls apart (3:1)	This relationship falls apart (2:2)
Gomer pursues other men (3:1)	Israel pursues other gods (4:1)
Gomer disregards Hosea's feelings (3:1)	Israel disregards God's feelings (11:1)
Hosea's daughter's name means "not loved" (1:6)	God will show tough love to Israel (5:6)
Hosea's son's name means "nor my people" (1:9)	God will treat Israel as wayward (1:9)
Hosea redeems & restores Gomer (3:2)	God redeems & restores Israel (14:4-8)

*Were you ever rebellious? Did you have an angry & disobedient child? **Remember the pain in your heart?***

Remember that the **nation of Israel is split in two** when Hosea starts his ministry. King Azariah (Uzziah) is in charge of Judah (south) from Jerusalem. King Jeroboam 2 is in charge of Israel (north) from Samaria.

4. What kind of guy was King Azariah? (2 Kings 15:3)

This is good news.

5. What's the bad news? (2 Kings 15:4)

You can see that while King Azariah (Uzziah) was king in the south, the northern kingdom was dying a quick death; King Jeroboam 2 died & his son, King Zechariah took over in the north.

6. Describe King Jeroboam 2 (north) (2 Kings 14:24)

7. Describe King Zechariah (north) (2 Kings 15:9).

King Zechariah reigned less than a year; a guy named Shallum assassinated him & then became king; Shallum reigned 1 month & was then assassinated by a fellow named Menahem. Menahem became king & ruled for 10 years (this is all happening in the Northern Kingdom). During all this mess in the north, King Uzziah was still king in the south.

8. Describe King Menahem? (2 Kings 15:18) _____

9. Then came along his son, Pekahiah. Describe him (2 Kings 15:24)

You guessed it!! One of Pekahiah's officers assassinated him. His name was Pekah. Amazing!! King Pekah lasted 20 years.

10. What was King Pekah like? (2 Kings 15:28) _____

11. Who killed King Pekah? (2 Kings 15:30) _____

Yes, the answer is Hoshea. He was also a loser. He was the last king of the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

12. What happened to Mr. Hoshea (you can hardly call him a king)? (2 K 17:1-4).

13. What happened to the Northern Kingdom of Israel? (2 Kings 17:5-6)

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It's a sad story; Hosea watched the whole mess. He watched the Northern Kingdom fall apart while his own marriage was falling apart.

1. God told Hosea to do 2 things in this book. What were they?
 - a. Hosea 1:2 _____
 - b. Hosea 3:1 _____

My eyes feel tears when I realize that God only had one desire & one motive: to love that woman. Notice what God said:

Hosea 1:2 – "Go out, find a woman, love her, and bring her home."

He did that. Then, she screwed up & left him. Notice what God said again:

Hosea 3:1 – "Go out, find your woman, love her, and bring her home."

2. How did Israel also screw up?
 - a. Hosea 4:1b _____
 - b. Hosea 4:2 _____
 - c. Hosea 4:11 _____
 - d. Hosea 4:16 _____

The rest of Hosea (4-14) is full of this stuff. It's not easy reading because of the poetry and because of his references to things we did not live then to understand.

3. Because of all this ungodly living, what did God say was coming? (5:1)
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*I'm sorry to say but there are consequences to our foolish choices. All of us know those consequences. Israel made their choices **to turn away from God**; they did not look back over their shoulders. **God had to turn away from them** but he looked back over His shoulder and said, "I love you".*

4. Write out Hosea 6:1. _____

5. God said, "Absolutely not"!! Explain. (Hosea 11:8)

6. What did God remind them? (Hosea 11:1-3)

7. What else did God remind them of? (Hosea 13:4-6)

I have failed; I have sinned; I have disobeyed everything God stands for; I have rubbed my pride & rebellion into the face of God. God should hate my guts & tell me to go to hell!!

8. Write out Hosea 14:1. (I feel tears again).

Is it possible that after my choice to turn from God's will & ways & holiness & perfect plan, that there could still be a plan for me, a purpose to keep going, a future to look forward to, an opportunity to please God and help people. It's hard to believe; if only it were true. Well, check out what God will do for your future if you quit faking it and playing games with God.

9. What will God do?

a. Hosea 14:4 _____

b. Hosea 14:4 _____

c. Hosea 14:4 _____

d. Hosea 14:5 _____

e. Hosea 14:6 _____

f. Hosea 14:6 _____

g. Hosea 14:6 _____

h. Hosea 14:7 _____

10. Write out Hosea 14:9 (The last verse in the book)