

Hosea - Flawed and Forgiven

Introduction	Hosea's Marriage (1-3)
Hosea = "salvation" - during the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah of Judah - During the days of Jeroboam II of Israel - 755-722 BC - Nothing known about him except this book - Probably from Israel (7:5 - "our king") Israel is referred to as Ephraim - largest tribe of Israel Moral corruption, spiritual bankruptcy Time of peace and security - Jeroboam II With Jeroboam's death came anarchy and rapid decline 4 of the next 6 kings are assassinated <u>Message</u> Moral sins Breached the covenant with the Lord Judgment is imminent	Chapter 1 Told to take a wife of harlotry (2) - the land commits flagrant harlotry - God asks him to do this difficult thing to communicate God's message to the people - illustration (Jer 31:32; Is 54:5-8) - Showed the people God's relationship with unfaithful Israel - Jezreel - God brings judgment, Lo-ruhamah - no compassion, Lo-ammi - the Lord is not her husband - 10-11 - promises of restoration, gathering, 1 leader (Messiah) Chapter 2 - Ammi (husband) Ruhamah (compassion) - (1:10-11) - Contend with your mother - to bring charges against Israel - Put away her harlotry (Pr 7:6-22; Titus 2:5) - Symptoms - not recognizing God as the source of life, dryness, pride, expecting God's blessing, anger - Strip her naked - take everything away - Putting a hedge around her (6-7) - bring her back to Himself - she takes what God has given and gives it to the Baals - She forgot God (13) - Glimmer of hope - on THAT DAY - Israel will be restored (14-20) - Millennial kingdom when they will know the Lord Chapter 3 - Hosea is to go get his wife - love her as God loves Israel - Bought her back from the slave market for 15 shekels of silver and homer and a half of barley (Num 5:15) - She was to have no relations with any man (Hosea) for a time - Stop depending on her own resources (body) - Start depending on God - They will come to know the Lord and tremble before Him and know His goodness - in the LAST DAYS

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Charge #1 - No Knowledge of God (4-5)	Charge #2 - No Loyalty/Love (6:1-11:11)
Courtroom terminology - God has a case against Israel (1) Three charges brought against them (4-13) Chapter 4 4-6 - my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge or acknowledgment of God - In idolatry they failed to learn about God - no relationship - Didn't acknowledge Him for the prosperity - They were responsible to Him 7-10 - multiply their sin against Him 11-14 - harlotry is revealed - men and women - people are ruined without understanding 15-19 - warning to Judah not to follow in Israel's footsteps Chapter 5 1-7 - defiled themselves and won't/can't return to the Lord (Judges 1:21, 27, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35; 2:21-23) 8-15 - Ephraim saw his sickness and turned to Assyria instead of God - and they were unable to help	Chapter 6 - their loyalty is fleeting/superficial (4) - Relationship to God is what matters not external ritual (7-10) - Judah's time is coming (11) Chapter 7 - depending on foreign alliances rather than God - Try anything rather than depend on God (including going to their enemy for help) - Don't turn upward - turn to other things to make them happy and provide for their needs Chapter 8 - We know You, God - You owe us - come through for me (2) - Sow the wind but reap the whirlwind (7) - Prefer the nations over God (8-10) Chapter 9 - you played the harlot - forsaking God (1-6) - Retribution has come (7-9) - They loved that which was detestable (10-14) - God will cast them out because they did not listen to Him (15-17) Chapter 10 - God blessed them and they used their abundance for evil (1) - Last 5 kings - usurpers and unworthy of respect (3-4) - Coming destruction - double portion (7-10) - Break up the fallow ground (11-12) - Land was full of weeds - needed to be plowed under (13-15) Chapter 11:1-11