

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 - 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