

The Book Of Hosea

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Introduction To The Book Of Hosea:

The Book of Hosea itself is our sole source of information for his life and ministry. The name Hosea, sometimes spelled Hoshea, means “salvation.” He ministers to the northern kingdom of Israel, which was also referred to as Ephraim, after its largest tribe. Hosea was known as the “Prophet with the Sorrowful Heart” because of his home life. His ministry lasted during the reign of several kings (Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah of Judah, and Jeroboam II, son of Joash of Israel), some seventy or eighty years. During the ministry of Hosea, the nation was experiencing times of great prosperity and growth. The problem God had with the nation centered around their moral decline and spiritual adultery. God would use the marriage of Hosea to Gomer, a prostitute, to dramatize the unfaithfulness of the people towards Him.

Purpose statement: *“When the Lord began to speak by Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea; “Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry and children of harlotry, for the land has committed great harlotry by departing from the Lord.”” Hosea 1.2*

The Setting:

Hosea 1.1

Marriage and Children of Hosea:

Vv. 2.9

A Future Day of Hope:

Vv. 10-2.1

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Unfaithful People of God:

Hosea 2. 2-13

God's Mercy on His People:

Vv. 14-23

Next Week: Hosea chapters 3 and 4