

Hosea Faithful God, Unfaithful People

The Context of Hosea's Ministry

(Hosea prophesied during the tumultuous eighth century B.C. Israel was in decline and Assyria was rising to power.)

755 B.C.

Hosea's Symbolic Broken Family (1:2-2:23)

Gomer: A Prostitute for a Wife and the Children She Bore (1:2-3)

Jezreel (יִזְרְעֵל): A Son Named "God Will Scatter" (1:4-5)

Lo-Rubamah (לֹא רֹחַמָּה): A Daughter Named "No Compassion" (1:6-7)

Paraphrase: Judah will be saved. (1:7)

Lo-Ammi (לֹא אַמִּי): A Son Named "Not My People" (1:8-9)

God Will be Faithful: Israel will be Restored. (1:10-2:1)

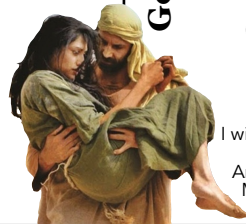
Judgment: Israel is idolatrous and God will judge. (2:2-13)

God Will be Faithful: Israel will be restored. (2:14-23)

Hosea's Symbolic Restored Family (3:1-5)

Hosea's Reconciliation with His Wife (3:1-5)

"Love her as the LORD loves the Israelite."



I will also have compassion on her who had not obtained compassion, And I will say to those who were not My people, "You are My people!" (2:23)

God's First Charge Against Israel (4:1-5:7)

The religious leaders do not know God.

God's Second Charge Against Israel (5:8-15)

The political leaders do not trust God.

A Call to Repentance (6:1-6)

Turn to God and He will restore the nation.

God's Third Charge Against Israel (6:7-7:16)

The people are unfaithful to the covenant and do not truly repent.

Sowing the Wind; Reaping the Whirlwind (8:1-14)

The entire nation is idolatrous and will be punished.

•Broken laws (8:1-3) •Sham Rulers (8:4-6) •Foreign Alliances (8:7-10)

•False religion (8:11-14)

A Message of Judgment (9:1-17)

In spite of God's election and faithfulness, Israel will be judged for her many sins.

A Message of Judgment (10:1-15)

In spite of God's tender care, Israel continued in sin and will be judged.



The people who live in Samaria Fear for the calf-idol of Bath Aven. (10:5)

A Message of God's Faithfulness (11:1-11)

In spite of Israel's sin, God will be faithful to His chosen people.

God's Fourth Charge Against Israel (11:12-12:14)

Israel has been deceitful from the very beginning.

A Message of Judgment (13:1-16)

The nation has sinned more and more, and will be destroyed.

A Message of Hope (14:1-8)

If the nation will repent and return to covenant faithfulness, God will restore them.

•National Confession (14:1-3) •Covenant Renewal (14:4-8)

A Call to Repentance (14:9)

A MESSAGE OF HOPE	
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



Ephraim is like a dove, Easily deceived and senseless. (7:11)

Your love is like the morning mist, Like the dew that disappears. (6:4;13:3)



I will be like the dew to Israel, He will blossom like a lily. (14:5)

1:1 HOSEA'S CALL

1:2 HOSEA'S MARRIAGE

3:5 4:1

HOSEA'S MESSAGE

14:9

Illustration: *A Broken Marriage Restored*

Exhortation: *A Broken Nation Renewed*

During a time of political upheaval and national decline in the northern kingdom of Israel [Ephraim] Hosea, using the figure of his unfaithful wife, illustrated through his marriage and children that the nation had been unfaithful to the covenant—even though God had been faithful to them—and, therefore, predicted that they would be judged in order to call the nation—including Judah—to turn back to God which would result in restoration and blessings under the covenant which the Lord had promised.