

## Teaching through Hosea

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## **Hosea's Marriage Symbolizes Israel's Unfaithfulness (Hosea 1-2)**

**Key Verse:** “And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving-kindness, and in mercies.” (Hosea 2:19)

### **I. Hosea Marries Unfaithful Gomer (Hosea 1)**

- A. God commands Hosea to marry Gomer (1:1-2)
  - 1. Hosea was to marry an unfaithful woman
  - 2. Hosea's wife was to symbolize Israel
  
- B. God gave Hosea's children symbolic names (1:3-9)
  - 1. His son Jezreel: Sown or Scattered by God (3-5)
  - 2. His daughter Lo-Ruhama: No Mercy (6-7)
  - 3. His son Lo-Ammi: Not My People (8-9)
  
- C. God gave Israel a promise of restoration (1:10-11)
  - 1. Israel will be innumerable (10)
  - 2. Israel will be restored to sonship (10)
  - 3. Israel will be united under one head (11)

### **II. Hosea's Marriage Is Applied to Israel (Hosea 2)**

- A. God pleaded for Israel to be faithful (2:1-5)
  - 1. He pleads for her to set aside unfaithfulness (1-2)
  - 2. He warns of the awful alternative (3-5)
  
- B. God's plan for Israel is "Judgment Now" (2:6-13)
  - 1. He will isolate them from idols (6-7)
  - 2. He will withhold crops (8-9)
  - 3. He will expose their shame (10-11)
  - 4. He will destroy supposed rewards (12-13)
  
- C. God's promise for Israel is "Restoration" (2:14-23)
  - 1. He will restore their fruitfulness (14-15)
  - 2. He will restore their marriage (16-18)
  - 3. He will restore their faithfulness (19-23)

## **Hosea's Reconciliation Symbolizes Israel's Restoration (Hosea 3)**

**Key Verse:** “Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.”  
(Hosea 3:5)

**Introduction:** Hosea’s family life was to be symbolically and prophetically like God’s relation with the nation of Israel.

### **I. God Commands Hosea to Be Reconciled With Gomer (Hosea 3:1-3)**

- A. God commanded him to love her (3:1)
  - 1. Love her though unfaithful
  - 2. Love her with the LORD's love
- B. Hosea purchased her back as a slave (3:2)
  - 1. He purchased her from slavery
  - 2. He purchased her with all his worth
- C. Hosea restored her as his wife (3:3)
  - 1. He isolated her for cleansing
  - 2. He isolated her from unfaithfulness
  - 3. He isolated her for himself

### **II. God Likens Gomer's Restoration to Israel (Hosea 3:4-5)**

- A. She was like Israel in isolation (3:4)
  - 1. Israel will be isolated from her King
  - 2. Israel will be isolated from her Temple
  - 3. Israel will be isolated from her idolatry
- B. She was like Israel in restoration (3:5)
  - 1. Israel will be restored in latter days
  - 2. Israel will be restored to the LORD
  - 3. Israel will be restored to her King
  - 4. Israel will be restored to her worship
  - 5. Israel will be restored to God's blessing

**Conclusion:** Although Israel has been unfaithful to God, they will be eventually returned to their land and be restored to a right relationship with the Lord.

## **The LORD Indicts Israel's Unfaithfulness (Hosea 4-5)**

**Key Verse:** “Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone.” (Hosea 4:17)

**Introduction:** After Hosea recovered his adulterous wife from the slave market and restored her as his wife once more, the Lord began a series of prophecies of Israel’s rejection and restoration.

### **I. The LORD Indicts Israel For Rejecting Him (Hosea 4)**

- A. Israel willfully rejected God's Law (4:1-5)
  - 1. They rejected the ethical aspects of God's Law (1)
  - 2. They rejected the moral aspects of God's Law (2)
  - 3. Their rejection will be judged (3-5)
- B. Israel will be rejected by God (4:6-11)
  - 1. They will be rejected for forgetting God's Law (6)
  - 2. They will be rejected for increased sin (7)
  - 3. They will be punished for their rejection (9-11)
- C. Israel will not be restrained by God (4:12-19)
  - 1. He will not restrain their idolatry (12-13)
  - 2. He will not restrain their immorality (14)
  - 3. He will leave them alone to their sin (15-19)

### **II. The LORD Will Withdraw From Israel For Rejecting Him (Hosea 5)**

- A. The LORD will withdraw from unfaithful Israel (5:1-6)
  - 1. Israel is a snare (1-2)
  - 2. Israel is unfaithful (3-5)
  - 3. So the LORD will withdraw His face (6)
- B. The LORD will ruin unfaithful Israel (5:7-12)
  - 1. He will ruin their land (8-10)
  - 2. He will ruin their people (11-12)
- C. The LORD will withdraw His Presence (5:13-15)
  - 1. Israel sought foreign help (13)
  - 2. So the LORD will depart (14)
  - 3. Until they repent and seek God's face (15)

**Pointers for Soul Winners:** Pray for Power and People.

“Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened.” (Matthew 7:7-8)

Prayer  
Reaches  
Around  
Your  
Enemy's  
Resistance

## The LORD Indicts Israel's Wickedness (Hosea 6-7)

**Key Verse:** “Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.” (Hosea 6:1)

### I. The LORD Indicts Israel's Wickedness in Worship (Hosea 6)

- A. The godly remnant pleads for Israel's revival (6:1-3)
  - 1. They plead for repentance (1)
  - 2. They hope for restoration (2)
  - 3. They hope for return of the LORD (3)
- B. God reminds Israel of their wicked worship (6:4-11)
  - 1. They do not respond to God's Word (4-5)
  - 2. They do not understand God's desires for worship (6)
    - a. He desires worship not ritual
    - b. He desires mercy not sacrifice
    - c. He desires knowledge not offerings
  - 3. They are unfaithful to God's covenant (7)
  - 4. They practice wickedness (8-11)

### II. The LORD Indicts Israel's Wicked Ways (Hosea 7)

- A. Israel is ignorant of God's concern (7:1-3)
- B. Israel's wicked ways are illustrated by four similes (7:4-16)
  - 1. Israel is like a heated oven: aflame for evil (4-8)
  - 2. Israel is like a half-baked cake: immature (9-10)
  - 3. Israel is like a silly dove: gullible (11-12)
  - 4. Israel is like a deceitful bow: unreliable (13-16)

Pointers for Soul Winners: Understand God's Concern

“The LORD is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9)

“For God so love the world, that He gave His

Only begotten

Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not

Perish, but have

Everlasting

Life,” (John 3:16)

God

Offers

Salvation to

People of

Every

Land

## **The LORD Will Punish Israel's Unfaithfulness (Hosea 8-10)**

**Key Verse:** “My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations.” (Hosea 9:17)

**Introduction:** After the LORD indicted Israel for their wicked worship and wicked ways, He declared the reasons and the results of their coming punishment.

### **I. Five Reasons For Israel's Punishment (Hosea 8)**

- A. Israel transgressed God's covenant and law (8:1-3)
- B. Israel set up their own king (8:4a)
- C. Israel made themselves idols (8:4b-6)
- D. Israel trusted in foreign alliances (8:7-10)
- E. Israel made many altars (8:11-14)

### **II. Five Results of Israel's Punishment (Hosea 9)**

- A. Israel's vineyards will fail (9:1-2)
- B. Israel's people will be captive (9:3-6)
- C. Israel's prophets will be foolish 9:7-9)
- D. Israel's people will be fruitless (9:10-16)
- E. Israel's people will be castaways (9:17)

### **III. Further Results of Israel's Punishment (Hosea 10)**

- A. Israel's king will be removed (10:1-4, 7, 15)
- B. Israel's idols will be carried to Assyria (10:5-7)
- C. Israel's high places will be destroyed (10:8)
- D. Israel's delightful work will become labor (10:9-11)
- E. Israel is called to repentance (10:12)
- F. Israel's punishment is due to wickedness (10:13-15)

**Conclusion:** When God's people sin, punishment can be expected; but there is hope in repentance. It is better to repent than to experience chastisement.

## **The LORD Promised Mercy and Restoration (Hosea 11-12)**

**Key Verse:** “Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment and wait on thy God continually.” (Hosea 12:6)

**Introduction:** After foretelling the results of Israel’ punishment, the LORD promised Israel future mercy, love, and restoration.

### **I. The LORD Promised Israel Mercy and Love (Hosea 11)**

- A. The LORD gave them love at first (11:1-4)
  - 1. The LORD called them from Egypt in love (1-2)
  - 2. The LORD taught them in love (3)
  - 3. The LORD restrained them in love (4)
- B. The LORD will give them mercy in judgment (11:5-7)
- C. The LORD will give them love in restoration (11:8-12)
  - 1. The LORD will not execute fierce anger (8-9)
  - 2. The LORD will restore them to their land (10-12)

### **II. The LORD Promised Israel Restoration (Hosea 12)**

- A. The LORD had a controversy with Israel (12:1-2)
- B. The LORD was trusted by Jacob (12:3-5)
  - 1. He supplanted his brother (3)
  - 2. He had power with God (3)
  - 3. He spoke with God at Bethel (4-5)
- C. The LORD called Israel to repentance (12:6)
- D. The LORD condemned Israel's apostasy (12:7-8)
- E. The LORD promised Israel restoration by prophets (12:9-14)

**Conclusion:** Although Israel will suffer the chastening of the LORD, upon repentance they will again enjoy His mercy, love, and restoration.

## **The LORD Promised Future Blessing For Israel (Hosea 13-14)**

**Key Verse:** “I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.” (Hosea 13:14)

**Introduction:** Having previously promised Israel mercy and restoration, the Lord again promised kingdom blessing and pleaded for them to repent.

### **I. Though Israel Is Dead, There Will Be Blessing in the Kingdom (Hosea 13)**

- A. Israel is dead because of Baal (13:1-8)
  - 1. Israel died because of Baal (1-2)
  - 2. Israel's death is illustrated (3)
    - a. Like a morning cloud
    - b. Like the early dew
    - c. Like the chaff
    - d. Like smoke
  - 3. Yet the LORD is Israel's only God (4)
  - 4. Though God blessed them, He will punish them (5-8)
    - a. He blessed them in the past (5-6)
    - b. He will punish them (7-8)
- B. Israel will be blessed in the kingdom (13:9-16)
  - 1. The LORD will be their help (9)
  - 2. The LORD will be their King (10-13)
  - 3. The LORD will ransom them from death (14-16)

### **II. The LORD Pleaded For Repentance and Promises Blessing (Hosea 14)**

- A. The LORD pleaded for Israel's Repentance (14:1-3)
  - 1. Israel should return to the LORD (1)
  - 2. Israel should request forgiveness (2)
  - 3. Israel should request mercy (3)
- B. The LORD promised blessing in the future (14:4-8)
  - 1. The LORD will heal (4)
  - 2. The LORD will love (4)
  - 3. The LORD will nourish (5)
  - 4. Israel will grow (5-6)
  - 5. Israel will prosper (7)
  - 6. Israel will acknowledge the LORD (8)
- C. The LORD promised blessing to the wise (14:9)

**Conclusion:** Although Israel has a history of rebellion and idolatry, they will repent and enter into kingdom blessings. Likewise, backsliding Christians have hope of restoration and blessing through repentance.