

Hosea – The Love of God

Hosea 1:1-11

1 The word of the LORD that came unto Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of **Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah**, kings of Judah, and in the days of **Jeroboam** the son of Joash, king of Israel.

Introduction: Very few places in the Bible will you find a more beautiful picture painted of the saving grace and love of our Lord than in the book of Hosea.

- Hosea = _____.
- A prophet of God who explained to Israel then and to all God's true love and dedication.
- Chronologically, the next writing prophet after Amos and Jonah is Hosea,
- The first of the twelve _____ Prophets in our Bibles.
- Like Amos and Jonah, Hosea's ministry occurred during the reign of King Jeroboam II in the north.
- However, Hosea's work also continued long past Jeroboam's death, as he kept serving through the reign of King Hezekiah in Judah
- Jeroboam II died in 753 BC
- Hezekiah took Judah's throne sometime around the fall of the northern kingdom in 722 BC (2 Kings 17:1-5; 18:1)
- Hosea prophesied for about **thirty to forty years**.

I. God's _____ Command

Hosea 1:2

- Hosea was commanded of God to take a wife who was a _____
- God would use this to show how Israel had chosen to follow other _____.
- Gomer, a _____ who became Hosea's wife

Hosea 1:3-5

- Gomer, gave birth to a baby boy
- God named this child "**Jezreel**" means *God* _____.

Hosea 1:6-8

- Gomer, gave birth to another baby, a daughter
- God named this second child "**Loruhamah**" means *no* _____.

Hosea 1:8-10

- Gomer gave birth to her third child another boy
- God named "**Loammi**" means _____ *my people*.
- Hosea allowed God to have complete _____ over his life

Hosea 2:1-6

II. A _____ Married Life

- Through his life, his marriage to Gomer, the harlot, and his children, whom God named, **God explained that He recognized Israel's sin of** _____.

- He also, through His choice of names for Hosea's children, explained how **He had sown the seed of _____ through His prophet,**
- The children of Israel had _____ His Word.
- He then explained that **His _____ had run out**
- He had finally accepted the realization that **they were no longer His _____**
- **He, in turn, would no longer be their _____.**
- Hosea **allowed God** to speak to an entire nation of people through the private details of his life, **simply because God needed him to do so.**

Hosea 3:1-3

1 Then said the LORD unto me, **Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD** toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine.

2 So **I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver,** and for **an homer of barley,** and an **half homer of barley:**

3 And I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for another man: so will I also be for thee.

III. The Value of a _____

Exodus 21:33

32 If the ox shall push a manservant or a maidservant; he shall give unto their master **thirty shekels of silver,** and the ox shall be stoned.

- Hosea's _____ to God and to his own wife, Gomer, is seen through this great story of what true, **godly love really is.**
- God shows through this story how He already _____ us all, yet, because **we sinned** and **turned our backs on Him,** He was forced to _____ for the return of His property—His own creation—through the death of His only Son.
- Even after all He's done for us we still choose to live the way we want to – **WITHOUT HIM!**