

LOVE OF A PROPHET

“HOSEA”

THIS MONTH WE ARE STARTING A NEW SERIES ON THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT. WE WILL STUDY THIS PROPHETS AS THEY APPEAR IN THE NEW KING JAMES VERSION.

THESE PROPHETS ARE AS FOLLOWS; HOSE, THE ONE WE WILL BE STUDING THIS MONTH. THE FOLLOWING WILL BE, JOEL, AMOS, OBADIAH, JONAH, MICAH, NAHUM, HABAKKUK, ZEPHANIA, HAGGAI, ZECHARIAH, AND MALACHI TO WHICH WE WILL SPEND 4 WEEKS IN THIS BOOK. TO MAKE THESE STUDIES MORE POWERFUL, READ EACH CHAPTER IN EACH BOOK.

THE TEACHING THIS MONTH BEGINS IN BOOK OF HOSEA.

THE DATE OF THIS BOOK WAS 755 B.C. AND 715 B.C. “BEFOR CHRIST”

THE THEME OF BOOK IS; RETURN TO GOD; OUR FAITHFUL GOD LOVES US.

HOSEA 1:1-9 “PLEASE READ EACH SCRIPTURE GIVEN IN THESE STUDY TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THESE STUDIES” . THANK YOU!

THINK ABOUT THE STORY YOU JUST READ. GOD SAID HOSEA GO MARRY AN UNFAITHFUL WOMEN HER NAME IS GOMER, THE PURPOSE WAS TO BE A LIVING METAPHOR OF GODS UNWAVERING LOVE FOR A REBELLIOUS ISRAEL.

GOD CHOSE HOSEA TO LIVE OUT HIS MESSAGE TO HIS PROPLE BY MARRYING A WOMEN WHO WOULD BE UNFAITHFUL TO HIM. THE BOOK HIGHLIGHTS GODS PAINFUL JUDGEMENT ON SIN, THE NECESSITY OF REPENTANCE, AND THE ULTIMATE RESTORATION OF HIS COVENANT PEOPLE THROUGH GRACE, PORTRAYING GOD AS A LOVING HUSBAND AND FATHER.

THE PROPHET HOSEA NAMES MEANS: “SALVATION” OR “DELIVERANCE”

GODS LOVING HEART FITTED HIM FOR THIS DIFFICULT MINISTRY. EVERYTHING SEEMED POSITIVE FOR ISRAEL, UNDERNEATH THE SUCCESS OF THAT TIME.

“BUT DISASTER WAS LURKING JUST AROUND THE CORNOR”

THEY ENJOYED PEACE, PLENTY AND PROSPERITY, BUT ANARCY WAS BREWING, THIS WOULD BRING THE POLITICAL COLLAPSE OF A NATION IN A FEW SHORT YEARS.

HOSEA DESCRIBES THE CHARACTERISTIC SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF HIS DAY.

- 1. CORRUPT LEADERS**
- 2. UNSTABLE FAMILY**
- 3. WIDESPREAD IMMORILITY**
- 4. HATRED**
- 5. POVERTY**

EVEN THOUGH THE PEOPLE HAD A FORM OF WORSHIP, IDOLATRY BECAME MORE AND MORE EXCEPTED AND THE PRIEST WERE FAILING TO GUIDE THE PEOPLE INTO WAYS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

IN SPITE OF THE DARKNESS OF THESE DAYS, HOSEA HOLDS OUT HOPE TO INSPIRE HIS PEOPLE TO TURN BACK TO GOD. THIS PROPHET TALKS ABOUT THE UNFAILING LOVE OF GOD. EVEN IN THE SIN OF THE PEOPLE. HOSEA KNEW THEY NEEDED TO HEAR ABOUT THE LOVE OF GOD. HOSEA IS PRACHING THE LOVE OF GOD, WHILE HIS WIFE GOMER IS PLAYING A WIFE OF HARLOTTRY, CHILDREN OF HARLOTTRY

HIS MIRRAGE WAS SYBOLIZING GOD AND ISRAEL. THRIR FIRST CHILD WAS JEZREEL MEANING: "NO MERCY", NOT MY PEOPLE, AS SIGNS OF JUDGEMENT

THIS IS A POWERFUL STORY HOW A HUSBANDS LOVE FOR HIS WIFE WOULD AGAIN AND AGAIN, BRING HER BACK HOME.

HOSEA 3: 1-5

GORMAR, THE HARLOT WAS LOOKING FOR LOVE IN THE WRONG PLACES, JUST AS THE CHILDREN OF ISREAL WAS.

ALLOW ME TO INJECT A THOUGHT!

OUR PEOPLE TODAY ARE PLAYING THE LIFE OF A HARLOT, LOOKING FOR LOVE IN HOPELESS PLACES. JUST HAS HOSEA REDEEMED GOMER FROM SLAVERY, SO IS GOD ACTIVELY PURSUING TO BRING BACK HIS UNFAITHFUL PEOPLE.

CHAPTER 4:11

"GOD HAD A BROKEN HEART.

THEY WERE LIVING IN:

ADULTERY!

IN SPIRITUAL DISOBEDENCE!

IN IGNORANCE!

THIS SOUNDS LIKE GODS PEOPLE TODAY. GODS PAINFUL LONGING TO FORGIVE EVEN WHEN DISCIPLINE IS NECESSARY.

HOSEA 11: 8

GOD SAID, HOW CAN I GIVE YOU UP? I DON'T WANT TO GIVE YOU UP!

I WANT YOU TO COME HOME!

GODS CALL IS FOR REPENTANCE AND PROMISE OF HEALING!

GODS GRACE RESTORES, HEALS BACKSLIDING AND PROMISES FUTURE ABUNDANCE.

GODS LOVE IS PASSIONATE. IT IS NOT A DETACHED LOVE, BUT A DEEPLY EMOTIONAL CHASING LOVE.

SIN IS SPIRITUAL ADULTERY. IT IS BREAKING A COVENAT WITH A LOVING GOD, NOT JUST BREAKING RULES. JUDGEMENT THAT GOD ALLOWS LEAD TO RESTORATION, GODS DISCIPLIN, BUT HIS END GOAL IS RESTORATION AND HEALING.

IF THE PEOPLE AROUND US DO NOT SEE GODS LOVE IN US, THEY WILL NOT FIND IT ANYWHERE. LIKE HOSEA WE ARE CALLED TO DEMONSTRATE GODS LOVE, BY OUR ATTITUDE AND ACTIONS TO A BLINDLY GASPING FOR AUTHENTIC LOVE.

WHEN GOD ENTERS A MIRRAGE RELATIONSHIP WITH US, HE RECITES VOWS FOR A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP, FAIR TREATMENT, LOVE UNFAILING, TENDERNESS AND SECURITY.

WE MUST DRINK FROM THE UNDILUTED LOVE OF GOD.

NEXT MONTH

THE COMPASSIONET PROPHET

“JOEL”