

Hosea

66 Books in 52 Weeks

(A Book-by-Book Overview of the Bible)

Summary & Structure

HOSEA

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

28

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

14

TYPE

PROPHECY, MINOR



OVERVIEW

Hosea was the only prophet from the northern kingdom of Israel to have a written record. The Lord commanded Hosea to marry a harlot, and God used this as a symbol of His relationship with His covenant people. This fueled the prophet to understand God's feelings about Israel's unfaithfulness and His promise of redemption.



WRITTEN
750-710 BC



TIME PERIOD COVERED
750-6 BC



AUTHOR
Hosea the Prophet

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Key Verse

Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds.

Hosea 6:1

Background

Author: Hosea, son of Beeri, is not mentioned elsewhere in Scripture. His name means "salvation."

Historical Context: Hosea prophesied at the same time as did Jonah & Amos, northern prophets, and Isaiah & Micah, southern prophets.

Structure and Theme: The theme is God's faithfulness to His unfaithful people. The theme is dramatized in Hosea's own personal life as he follows God's command to take an adulterous wife.

Ephraim: Because Ephraim was the largest tribe, sometimes used the terms Israel and Ephraim interchangeably.

Outline of Hosea

Hosea's Love for an Adulterous Wife (Chapters 1-3)

The Unfaithfulness of Gomer and Israel (Hosea 1-2)

Hosea's Children's Names

Jezreel – “God scatters”

Lo-Ruhamah – “not loved”

Lo-Ammi – “not my people”

Restoration and Reconciliation (Hosea 3)

God's Love for an Adulterous People (Chapters 4-14)

The Case Against Israel (Hosea 4-5)

Repentance Urged and Ignored (Hosea 6-8)

The Certainty of God's Judgment (Hosea 9-10)

The Rebellious Ultimately Restored (Hosea 11-14)

The Origin of Israel (Hosea 11)

Pronouncements of Judgment (Hosea 12)

Israel's Guilt Confronted (Hosea 13)

God's Reconciling Love (Hosea 14)

Lessons/Applications

Turning from God's truth leads to _____. (Hosea 4:6)

God is _____ even when we are not. (2 Timothy 2:11-13)

Only God can _____ and _____. (Hosea 12:6)

God is committed to the _____ of His people. (Hosea 14:9)