

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

June 26, 2022

Hosea: Accusations and Warnings

When was the last time you heard a lesson or sermon from any of the minor prophets other than Jonah? Even though we don't typically spend much time in these books, their writings can have a great deal of application today. That is why this morning's lesson will come from the book of Hosea.

Hosea lived approximately 200 years after the dividing of Israel (**1 Kings 12**) in the Northern Kingdom (referenced as Ephraim or Jacob in the book). He was called to speak for God during the reign of Jeroboam II (**1:1**, 786 to 744 B.C.). Israel had enjoyed prosperity under Jeroboam II, but they were far from God. Hosea preached up to the exile of Israel by Assyria in 722 (**2 Kings 14-17**), which he had prophesied was coming. The book covers approximately 25 years of Hosea's preaching and writing, and most of the book is in poetry.

Hosea's Marriage to Gomer (1-3)

Hosea 1:2 (ESV) - When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, **take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom**, for the *land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.*"

Hosea marries Gomer (adulterer / prostitute), daughter of Diblaim. "They" have three children:

1. **Jezreel** (son) - "I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel" (**1:4-5; 2 Kgs 9-10**)
2. **Lo-ruhamah** (lit. "not loved" or "no mercy" / daughter) - "I will no more have mercy on the house of Israel" (**1:6-7**)
3. **Lo-ammi** (lit. "not my people" / son) - "you are not my people, and I am not your God" (**1:8-9; Ex 6:7; Jer 30:22**)

Even though Gomer is adulterous, Hosea pays off her lovers and re-commits to her (**3:1-4**).

Prophetic symbol of God's relationship with Israel - God has been a faithful husband to Israel. He brought Israel out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. He gave them the abundance of the land, yet they took this abundance and dedicated it to the worship of the Canaanite God Baal (**2:8** / Idolatry = Spiritual Adultery).



"I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth; Yes I will praise Him among the multitude."

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Our Joint meeting with Coopertown Church of Christ starts today!

Accusations and Warnings (4-10)

He talks to them about their:

F_____ - *There is no knowledge of God in the land:* This type of knowledge implies a relationship (i.e., knowing *about* someone vs. actually knowing someone – **4:1, 4:1, 6; 5:4; 6:3; 8:2**). God wants His people to know Him and experience His love. He wants this knowledge to transform their lives so that they love Him in return (**6:6, 10:12**)

F_____ - *The hypocrisy of Israel's worship* – They break the law (**4:6, 6:7, 8:1**) and worship other gods (**4:10-4:18; 8:4**) while still offering sacrifices to God (**8:13, 9:4**). God uses the phrase “play the whore” or “whoring” nine times to describe their worship of other gods (**3:3, 4:10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 5:3, 9:1**)

F_____ - *Trust in political alliances* - Israel trusts in political alliances with Egypt and Assyria (**5:13, 7:11, 8:9**) instead of trusting in God. They want to become like these nations and rely solely on military power. Assyria will turn on them and come to ravage their lands.

Hope for the Future (3, 11, 14)

Chapter 3 - Israel will repent and come back to worship their God. God will place over them a new Messianic King from the line of David (**3:5**).

Chapter 11 - God is a loving father who raised His son Israel (**11:1-4**) and shared everything with him. The son grew up and rebelled against the Father, taking advantage of His generosity. God is heartbroken (**11:7**), but is moved by His mercy to forgive the son that He loves (**11:8-9**).

Chapter 14 - Newly healed Israel is described as a lush tree that will grow deep roots, broad branches, and offer shade and fruit to all the nations. This is an image of God's promise to Abraham to bless all the nations (**Gen 12:3**). It will require an act of God's grace and healing power to repair the deep brokenness and sinful selfishness of the human heart so that God's people can receive His love and love Him in return. This is what God promises to do.

PRAYER LIST

- **Kristine Garrett** got another good report from her cancer scans
- **Jean Cherry**, Mike's aunt, had her gall bladder removed and is recovering.
- **Faye Waller** is at NHC rehab after elbow surgery
- **Isabel Johnson** asks for prayers as she makes up school work.
- **Nick Phifer** had a stem cell transplant from his mother to treat leukemia.
- **Doug Demonbreun** has been suffering from cellulitis
- **Patricia Stroud** has been dealing with shingles
- Continue to pray for: families in **Uvalde, Texas** and those in **Ukraine**; **Delores Coleman**, the **Krantz family**, **John Hayes**, **Ann Reed**, **Gaynell Walker**, **Rosemary Douglas**, **Rebecca Brown**, and **Jim Sims**

SERVING TODAY (June 26, 2022)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Read: J. Buchanan
Prayer: R. Mayo

WORSHIP

Read: C. Baker
Wait On Table: M. Reed
Serve: D. Demonbreun, D. Billingsley
Prayer: J. Baker