

## 'O.T. Minor Prophets #2: Hosea - June 12, 2024 - 'The Mercy of God'

Author:	The prophet Hosea, of the Northern Kingdom, son of Beerī
Date:	Given in 1:1 (792-750 BC)
Writing Style:	A collection of Oracles / Poetry
Background:	An expansion of the kingdom and prosperity (Uzziah/Jeroboam)
Themes:	Marriage / Sin / Hope. 'God's undying love for His people'
Characteristics:	Language relies on the covenant stipulations of blessings and curses.

Hosea 1:1 - **Q. How does Hosea begin his prophetic book?**

**Q. What was a prophet's role at this time?**

Hosea 1:2-3 - **Q. What did the Lord instruct Hosea to do?**

- **M** \_\_\_\_\_ as a metaphor for the covenant. (Hosea 1; 3)

**Q. Why does God command Hosea to do this?**

- God the Husband's speech, to Israel the wife (Hosea 2:2-23)

Hosea 2:2 - **Q. How did Hosea feel about Gomer?**

Hosea 2:18-23 - **Q. What would accompany Israel's return to the land?** (v. 18)

**Q. What would mark the new relationship between the Lord and Israel?**

Hosea 3:1-3 - **Q. What commands did God give Hosea?** (v. 1)

**Q. How did Hosea respond?**

Hosea 3:4-5 - **Q. What did Gomer's lengthy probation portray?** (v. 4)

**Q. What would happen after Israel's period of isolation?**

- God's case against I\_\_\_\_\_ (Hosea 4-11)

Hosea 4:1-3 - **Q. What charge did God bring against Israel?** (v. 1-2)

**Q. What would result from Israel's sin?**

1. **F**\_\_\_\_\_ to be truthful or **I**\_\_\_\_\_ God. (v. 1-3)
2. The priests are **s**\_\_\_\_\_. (v. 4-10)
3. **A**\_\_\_\_\_ on the increase. (v. 11-14)

Hosea 4:11-12 - **Q. How had God's people sinned?**

**Various Warnings given:** (Hosea 4-12)

1. God desires **h**\_\_\_\_\_ and faith in our lives. (4:15-19; 11:2-7)
2. A warning to **p**\_\_\_\_\_ and political leadership. (5:1-9)
3. The people turn to Yahweh God for **h**\_\_\_\_\_, not other nations. (5:10-15; 7:13-16; 8:8-14; 9:1-9; 13:15-16)
4. **R**\_\_\_\_\_ to God. He can bring healing and forgiveness (6:1-3)
5. Live out **a**\_\_\_\_\_ their lives in relationship with Him. (6:4-7:2; 13:4-14)
6. Seek to **p**\_\_\_\_\_ the King of Kings, and not earthly kings. (7:3-12; 10:9-15)
7. Seek God in their **w**\_\_\_\_\_, not idols. (8:1-7; 10:5-8; 12:9-13:3)
8. Recognize the **b**\_\_\_\_\_ of children as from God. (9:10-17)
9. **R**\_\_\_\_\_ and worship God. (10:1-5)
10. **R**\_\_\_\_\_ that sin has consequences. (11:8-12)
11. **R**\_\_\_\_\_ from pride and arrogance. (12:1-8)

**What we learn from Hosea:**

1. We are all **G**\_\_\_\_\_. (sinners)
  - Romans 3:23; 2 Corinthians 5:17
2. Remember how **g**\_\_\_\_\_, **m**\_\_\_\_\_ and **p**\_\_\_\_\_ God is!
  - Hosea 2:14; Romans 5:8; 1 Timothy 1:16
3. **J**\_\_\_\_\_ submit to God!
  - Hosea 6:1-3; Matthew 11:28-30