

## A SURVEY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT:

### Hosea

#### *"A Message to An Adulterous Nation"*

#### Title:

- Hosea:
  - Comes from the same root as Joshua
  - Means, "\_\_\_\_\_."
- Subtitle: "A Message to an Adulterous Nation"
- Summary: "God loves \_\_\_\_\_ and will bring her back to Himself, even though they are an unfaithful people."

#### Author & Date:

- Hosea
  - For whom the book was named
  - His \_\_\_\_\_ became a symbol of God's love for Israel – and Israel's rejection of God.
  - Lived in the Northern Kingdom
- He ministered around \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1).
  - Northern Kingdom's Jeroboam II
  - Southern Kingdom's Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah

#### Setting & Background:

- Setting: Northern Kingdom
- Background:
  - Jonah: Brought the message of judgment to the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Amos: Preached the imminent coming of judgment for disobedience to God.
  - Hosea: Brought the \_\_\_\_\_ message of unavoidable judgment to an unfaithful people.

#### Overview:

- An unfaithful \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1-11)
  - Birth of Jezreel (1:4-5)
  - Birth of Loruhamah (1:6-7)
  - Birth of Loammi (1:8-11)
- An unfaithful people (2:1-23)
  - The fickleness of foreign deities (2:1-13)
  - The perpetual love of God (2:14-23)
- Hosea buys his wife (3:1-5)
- Israel's wickedness and divine \_\_\_\_\_ (4:1-5:15).
- The same wickedness as described in other previous prophets.
- Destroyed for a lack of \_\_\_\_\_ (4:6)
- Urging to return to the Lord for His future healing (6:1-11)

- Revelation of Israel's iniquity in the face of God's \_\_\_\_\_ (7:1-16)
- The return to Egypt, a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_ in a foreign land (8:1-13:16)
  - God will cast Israel away (9:17)
  - God called Israel out of Egypt (11:1).
  - The prophets and visions from God were \_\_\_\_\_ (12:10-11).
  - The people were exalted when they were humble, but they died when they turned to Baal (13:1-4).
  - The monarchy had failed (13:9-11).
- The prophecy of \_\_\_\_\_ restoration to the land (14:1-9).
  - The way of the Lord is right, and the just will walk in them (14:9).

### **Key People:**

- Hosea: The husband whose wife deserted him
- Gomer: The "wife of \_\_\_\_\_" who deserted Hosea
  - Jezreel: Their first child whose name foretold the soon arrival of punishment (1:4)
  - Loruhamah: Their second child whose name denied Israel a reprieve from judgment (1:6)
  - Loammi: Their third child whose name demonstrated God's \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel (1:9)

### **Challenges to Hosea:**

- Why would God command Hosea to marry a wife of whoredoms?
  - The events are real events not a hypothetical allegory.
  - Gomer was not unusual in her time (4:10-14).
  - Hosea married Gomer knowing she would be unfaithful, and God chose \_\_\_\_\_ to be His people, knowing they would be unfaithful to Him.
  - Hosea eventually had to buy his wife back just like God had to redeem \_\_\_\_\_ (3).

### **Key Doctrine:**

- God's love is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - It was unconditional when God chose Abram.
  - It was unconditional when the people of Israel ultimately rebelled.
  - It is still unconditional for us today.
  - There is absolutely nothing we could do to earn His love, but He gives it to us freely when we repent.

**Christ in Hosea:**

- The payment that God paid to buy back His people was Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ on the cross.
  - Hosea had to pay to get his wife back.
  - Hosea's name means "Jehovah saves."
  - In the actions of \_\_\_\_\_ we see Christ's work on the cross for His people.
  - The church is called the bride of Christ throughout the New Testament.

**Application: Let's submit to our Master daily so we are not unfaithful to His love.**