

Hosea – 14 Chapters

Title:

Hosea- after its author and main character. Hosea means “Salvation” it is another form of and related to the names Isaiah, Joshua, and Jesus.

Author:

Written by Hosea son of Beeri. Hosea was married to an unfaithful woman and had three children (which may not have been his). After she left him, he sought her and bought her back

Occasion and Purpose:

Hosea wrote to the Northern Kingdom Israel during a time of prosperity. God used Hosea’s adulterous wife as an object lesson to Israel. Just as Hosea’s wife was unfaithful, so also Israel is unfaithful to the covenant. Just as Hosea seeks and takes back an adulterous wife, so God seeks and takes back an adulterous nation.

Themes:

1. Spiritual Adultery
2. God’s overcoming love

Summary:

Hosea the prophet married a woman who turned out to be a harlot. God told him to take this woman back and then he proclaimed the mercy of God. God used this picture to teach of His unchanging love and mercy toward His people who had been unfaithful to Him. Great picture of God's love that is far beyond our ability to comprehend.

Organization:

The Prophet	Children of Harlotry – 1:1-2:1	Chs. 1-3
	Hosea's wife's unfaithfulness – 2:2-23	
	Hosea's faithfulness – 3:1-5	
The Prophecies	Israel's ignorance and unfaithfulness – 4:1-6:3	Chs. 4-14
	Israel's judgment – 6:4-10:15	
	Yahweh's faithfulness and Love for Israel – 11:1-14:9	

Key Verses:

2:23-24; 4:1; 6:4-6; 9:1; 10:12-13; 11:1-2, 8-9; 13:4; 14:1-4, 8-9