
Hosea

Introduction (11:1)

I. A Personal Illustration of Unfaithfulness—Gomer's Adultery (1:2—3:5)

A. Hosea's Marriage to Gomer and their Illustrative Family (1:2—2:1)

1. God instructed Hosea to marry an adulterous wife as a symbol of Israel's spiritual adultery (1:2).
2. Hosea married Gomer and they had a son whom God instructed Hosea to name Jezreel in anticipation of God's judgment on Israel at Jezreel (1:3-5).
3. Gomer had a daughter whom God instructed Hosea to name Lo-Ruhamah in anticipation of God's withdrawn love for Israel in contrast to Judah (1:6-7).
4. Gomer had another son whom God instructed Hosea to name Lo-Ammi in recognition that Israel was no longer God's people (1:8-9).
5. God promised to again bless Israel as His people and reunite Israel and Judah under one future leader (1:10-11).
6. God promised to again own the Israelites as His loved people (2:1).

B. Israel's Adultery and God's Restored Love (2:2-23)

1. God warned that he would withdraw His blessing from Israel for acting like an adulterous wife (2:2-13).
2. God promised that He would eventually restore His blessings on Israel as a beloved wife (2:14-23).

C. Gomer's Restoration and Israel's Future Messianic King (3:1-5)

1. God instructed Hosea to restore his love for his adulterous wife just as God loves the spiritually adulterous Israelites (3:1).
2. Hosea redeemed his wife and invited her to forsake her prostitution and adultery (3:2-3).
3. Hosea prophesied that the Israelites would live apart from God for a lengthy period of time but eventually return to Him (3:4-5).

I I. The Divine Indictment for Unfaithfulness—God's Accusations (4:1—6:11)

A. God's Charge against Israel (4:1—5:7)

1. God accused Israel of unfaithfulness and wickedness (4:1-3).

2. God accused Israel of rejecting knowledge (4:4-9).
3. God accused Israel of idolatry (4:10-13).
4. God accused Israel of spiritual adultery (4:14-19).
5. God accused Israel of rebellion (5:1-3).
6. God accused Israel and Judah of arrogance (5:4-7).

B. God's Warning to Israel (5:8-15)

1. God warned that He would lay waste both Israel and Judah like a flood (5:8-12).
2. God warned that He would tear both Israel and Judah to pieces like a lion (5:13-15).

C. God's Invitation to Israel (6:1-11)

1. God invited Israel to return to Him and receive His healing and restoration (6:1-3).
2. God expressed His desire to show mercy rather than judgment in spite of Israel's unfaithfulness (6:4-11).

III. The Drastic Implications of Unfaithfulness—God's Anger (7:1—10:15)

A. The Justification for God's Coming Judgment (7:1—8:14)

1. God accused Israel of failing to recognize His memory of their sins (7:1-2).
2. God accused Israel of sinfully flattering its sinful kings (7:3-7).
3. God accused Israel of collaborating with sinful foreign nations instead of turning to Him (7:8-16).
4. God accused Israel of setting up kings and idols (8:1-6).
5. God accused Israel of making Assyria her lover (8:7-10).
6. God accused Israel of offering unacceptable offerings (8:11-14)

B. The Certainty of God's Coming Judgment (9:1-9)

1. Israel's judgment was coming because she had been unfaithful to God like a greedy prostitute (9:1-4).
2. Israel's judgment was coming because of her sins and her rejection of God's prophets (9:5-9).

C. The Nature of God's Coming Judgment (9:10—10:15)

1. God originally delighted in Israel but Israel earned His wrath through her idolatry (9:10-13).
2. Hosea asked God to give Israel miscarrying wombs (9:14).
3. God expressed His hatred for Israel because of her sins (9:15-16).
4. Hosea warned that God would reject Israel because of her disobedience (9:17).

5. Hosea warned that Israel would be carried away by Assyria (10:1-8).
6. God invited Israel to break up its unplowed ground and repent, but Israel remained unrepentant (10:9-15).

I V. The Recovery from Unfaithfulness—God’s Affection (11:1—14:9)

A. Israel’s Sin and God’s Unfailing Love (11:1-11)

1. God described Israel as an unruly child whom He lovingly called out of Egypt (11:1-4).
2. God warned Israel that she would return to Egypt and be conquered by Assyria (11:5-7).
3. God expressed His unfailing love for Israel and promised to bring her back from Egypt and Assyria (11:8-11).

B. Israel’s Sin and God’s Redemptive Promise (11:12—13:14a)

1. Hosea accused Israel of lying and Judah of unruliness (11:12—12:6).
2. Hosea accused Israel of fraudulent wealth (12:7-8).
3. God reminded Israel of their deliverance from Egypt (12:9-10).
4. God had provided for Israel, but Israel rebelled and deserved judgment (12:11-14).
5. Israel was guilty of increasing sin and idolatry (13:1-3).
6. God warned that He would destroy Israel for her pride and rejection of His love (13:4-8).
7. God warned that even Israel’s king couldn’t prevent His judgment on the nation (13:9-13).
8. God promised to ransom Israel from the grave and redeem her from death (13:14a).

C. Israel’s Sin and God’s Compassionate Restoration (13:14b—14:9)

1. God warned about Israel’s impending destruction (13:14b-16).
2. Hosea called Israel to return to God rather than turning to Assyria for help (14:1-3).
3. God promised to heal, love, and bless Israel once again (14:4-8).
4. Hosea called Israel to be wise and acknowledge that the ways of God are right (14:9).