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HISTORICAL PLACE OF HOSEA

The word of the Lord that came to Hosea the son of Beerli, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

Hosea 1:1 (p 1038)

Hosea



Northern Tribes

Amos



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HISTORICAL PLACE OF HOSEA

Religion characterized by “whoredom”

Israel prostituted herself to Baal **2:12-13 (p 1039)**

People were without knowledge **4:6; 5:4 (p 1041)**

People did not know God **8:12 (p 1045)**

Worship was vain and empty **4:11-13 (p 1041)**

***THIS CAME FROM THE CALF WORSHIP OF
JEROBOAM I AND BAAL WORSHIP INTRODUCED BY
AHAB AND JEZEBEL***

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HISTORICAL PLACE OF HOSEA

The moral compass of Israel was gone!

The people were guilty of swearing, breaking faith, murder, stealing, committing adultery, deceit, lying, drunkenness, dishonesty in business, and other crimes equally abominable before God.



Hosea 4:1-2
(p 1040)



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THE MESSAGE OF HOSEA

God directs Hosea to marry “a woman of whoredom” *Hosea 1:2 (p 1038)*

Two other prophets had restrictions:

Jeremiah not to marry *16:1-2 (p 888)*

Ezekiel could not mourn *24:15-18 (p 984)*

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Gomer has three children *Hosea 1:3-9 (p 1038)*

1. **Jezreel** (*God will scatter*)
2. **Lo-Ruhamah** (*God will no longer have pity*)
3. **Lo-Ammi** (*God will no longer claim Israel*)

Jezreel is the only child of Hosea!

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Gomer has committed whoredom

Hosea 2:1-5 (p 1039)

Despite the unfaithfulness of Gomer,
God directs Hosea to take Gomer back
and dedicate his love to her

Hosea 3:1-3 (p 1040)



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THE MESSAGE OF HOSEA

God directs Hosea to marry “a woman of whoredom” *Hosea 1:2 (p 1038)*

Instead of ending the covenant, love is renewed

Hosea 2:19-20 (p 1040)

It was out of Hosea’s actual experience that he could know and feel more acutely what God felt about Israel.



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THE REMAINING MESSAGE OF HOSEA IS ABOUT THE INGRATITUDE OF ISRAEL AND GOD'S LOVE.

Hosea shows the ungodliness of Israel and its inevitable punishment.

- ✓ Israel destroyed for lack of knowledge *Hosea 4-6*
- ✓ Israel's love for sin *Hosea 7*
- ✓ The lament of the Lord *Hosea 7-8*
- ✓ The hypocrisy of Israel's worship *Hosea 9-11*

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- ✓ Israel was unfaithful, but God was always faithful
Hosea 12-13
- ✓ God pleads with Israel to return and promises healing
Hosea 14

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**Who is wise? Let him understand these things.
Who is prudent? Let him know them.
For the ways of the Lord are right;
The righteous walk in them,
But transgressors stumble in them.
*(Hosea 14:9)***

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Message and Lessons

God is good and severe

Romans 11:22 (p 1305)

God is full of love

God is full of grace

God is full of mercy

Ephesians 2 (p 1343)

God is longsuffering

2 Peter 3:9, 15

(p 1397)