

# 12 Prophets

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Hosea

Joel

Amos

Obadiah

Jonah

Micah

Nahum

Habakkuk

Zephaniah

Haggai

Zechariah

Malachi

# 12 Prophets - Hosea

## History

Hosea prophecies during Assyrian captivity.

He writes during the reign of

Jeroboam II, Zechariah, Shallum, Manahem, Pekahiah,  
Pekah, and Hoshea – Israel

Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah - Judah

‘hoshea’ – deliverer; salvation

This represents God’s longing desire for His people.

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## Chapter 1

Hosea the son of Beerī

God tells him to take a wife of harlotry

Why?

“...For the land has committed great harlotry By departing from the Lord.”

Three Children are born unto Hosea

Jezreel – God will bring an end to the kingdom of Israel

Lo-Ruhamah – No mercy for Israel

Lo-Ammi – You (Israel) are not my people. I am not your God

However, there is a day coming when Judah and Israel will be gathered together, with one head, and come up out of the land. Great will be that day.

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## Chapter 2

God states His anger with His people

Bring charges

She is not my wife

I am not her Husband

Let her put away her harlotries

I will not have mercy on her children

The central theme is found in vs 5

For she said, "I will go after my lovers, Who give me my bread and my water, My wool and my linen, My oil and my drink."

God's people have turned to another for their support.

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## Chapter 3 – 14

God calls for repentance

God brings charges against them

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The charge God continually brings:

Israel's futile reliance on other Nations and other gods.

The relief God continually offers:

Return and be blessed by Me.

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## Chapter 11 : 1 – 4

God's love for His people

As a child, I loved him, I called My son

I taught them how to walk

I led them with love

I fed them

God was a Father to them from infancy.

“...out of Egypt I called My son.”

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## Chapter 11 : 5 – 7

But what was the problem?

They refused to listen

They are bent on backsliding

They call out to Me, but non exalt Me

Assyria will their king

The sword will slash their cities and consume them

Doesn't this sound like a loving Father? One with a rebellious child?

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## Chapter 11 : 6 – 9

However...

How can I give up on you

How can I hand you over

How can I make you like Admah or Zeboiim

I can't

My heart churns, My sympathy is stirred

I am not like a man

A Father's love never fails!

Parable of the Lost Son – Luke 15 : 11 - 32

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## The Prophet Hosea

### God views disobedience as adultery

‘naaph’ (h) – to commit adultery; figuratively to apostize

An abandonment of what one has professed; a total desertion, or departure from one's faith or religion

“...I called My son.”

In what way or in what sense did He call them?

God chose them from Abraham to be His people. His prize. His chosen generation. They were to be His.

Our God is a jealous God (Exodus 20 : 5)

Years later...Ephesians 5 : 22 – 32

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God desires for us to come back to Him

“Come, and let us return to the Lord; “ (6:1)

‘shub’ (h) – to turn back (return to the starting point)

## II Peter 3 : 9

“...all should come to repentance.”

‘choreo’ – to give place, yield

‘metanoia’ – a reversal; a change of mind

God wants us to come back so badly, that it was necessary for His Son to die – Luke 24 : 45 – 47

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God loves us

“When Israel was a child, I love him,” (11:1)

‘ahab’ – to have affection for

God loves us as a father loves his child.

Proverbs 3 : 11 – 12

“For whom the Lord loves He corrects...”

Because of His desire for us to come to Him, and His love for us, His Son died – John 3 : 16