

# A Study of the "Minor" Prophets

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What should we gain from this study?

- The origin of Hosea
- The basic message of Hosea
- Why study Hosea?
- An outline of Hosea

# The origin of Hosea

- The book is named for the prophet whose work it contains
  - Hosea means "salvation"
  - The book emphasizes that salvation for Israel would be found only in God (1:7; 13:4, 10; 14:3)

# The origin of Hosea

- The author
  - Book claims to contain the words of God spoken to and through Hosea (1:1-2; 3:1)
  - Apostle Paul credits Hosea with recording the words of God (Rom 9:25-26; cf. Hos 2:23; 1:10)
  - Son of Beerli (1:1)
  - Apparently, a citizen of northern kingdom of Israel (7:5)
  - Married to an adulterous wife, Gomer (1:2-3)
  - Had two sons and a daughter (1:4-9)

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- Date
  - Pre-exile
  - During reign of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah (1:1)
  - During reign of Jeroboam son of Joash, king of Israel (1:1)
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## God's promise to Jehu

- Jehu – 28 years (2 Kng 10:36)
  - Jehoahaz – 17 years (2 Kng 13:1)
  - Joash – 16 years (2 Kng 13:10)
  - Jeroboam – 41 years (2 Kng 14:23)
  - Zechariah – 6 months (2 Kng 15:8)
- Jehu killed Ahab's house in Jezreel
  - Hosea's first son brings to mind God's judgment against Ahab (cf. 2 Kng 9:36-37; 10:11)
  - The end of Jehu's dynasty also stirred thoughts of God's judgment

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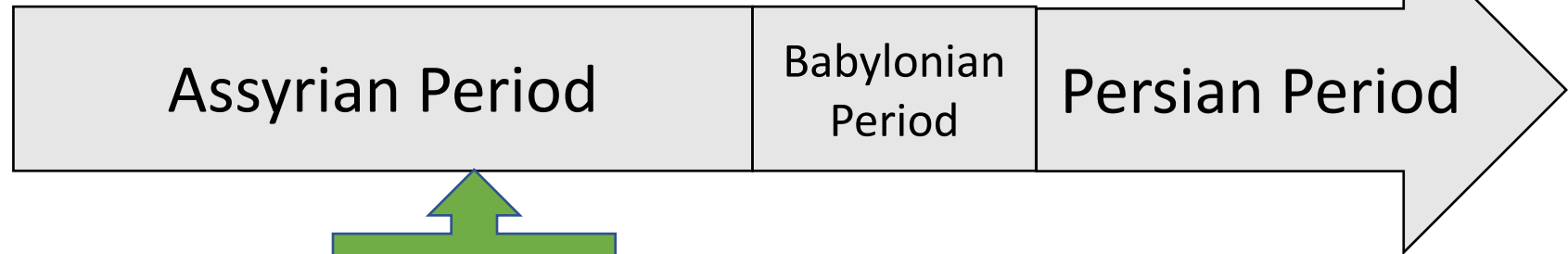


United Kingdom of Israel

Kingdom of Israel

Kingdom of Judah

Jerusalem Rebuilt



Hosea

Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah

Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

# The basic message of Hosea

- As a loyal husband, God loves Israel and seeks a restored relationship with his adulterous wife

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- Hosea deepens our understand of the New Testament

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  - Hosea's marriage illustrates God's love for His unfaithful people (1:2; 2:14f)
  - Israel's relationship with God is also described as being like rebellious children (11:1-4)
  - Israel's lack of knowledge of God was the cause of their destruction by God (4:1, 6)

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- Hosea strengthens our faith in God
  - God's love (3:1; 11:1-4, 8)
  - God's knowledge (5:3; cf. Deu 31:20)
  - God's mercy (2:14-15)
  - God's power (13:9-10, 14; 14:4-6)

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- Hosea reinforces Jesus as Messiah
  - Hosea speaks of “one head” (1:10-11) over God’s people, who would seek “David their king” (3:5), whose throne Jesus would occupy (cf. Luke 1:30-33)
  - Hosea 11:1 is applied by the Holy Spirit to Jesus’ time as a child in Egypt (Matt 2:13-15)

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  - Hos 1:10; 2:23 – Quoted by Paul (Rom 9:25-26) and alluded to by Peter (1 Pet 2:9-10)
  - Hos 6:6 – Quoted by Jesus (Mat 9:13; 12:7)
  - Hos 10:8 – Quoted by Jesus (Luk 23:30) and alluded to in one of the visions seen by John (Rev 6:15-16)
  - Hos 11:1 – Ultimately fulfilled in the life of Jesus

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  - Hos 12:8 – Jesus seems to allude to Hosea's words in His rebuke of the church in Laodicea (Rev 3:17)
  - Hos 13:14 – Quoted by Paul in describing the Christian's victory over death (1 Cor 15:55)
  - Hos 14:2-3 – Similar to language used in Heb 13:15 to describe praise offered to God



# Outline of Hosea

- Harlotry of Israel (1:1-3:5)
- Case against Israel (4:1-13:16)
- Restoration of Israel (14:1-9)

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For next  
week...

- Read Joel
- Look for the term "day of the LORD"
- Complete Lesson 3