

The **W** **H** **O** **L** **E** Story

STUDY GUIDE WEEK 47

Nov. 19

HOSEA 1-4

1. In Hosea 1, whom does Hosea marry, and what does this marriage symbolize?

2. What names are given to Hosea's children, and what do they represent?

3. How does Hosea 2 describe Israel's punishment and eventual restoration?

4. What does Hosea accuse Israel of in Hosea 4?

Discussion: Reflect on the themes of unfaithfulness and restoration in Hosea's marriage and God's relationship with Israel.



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Nov. 20

HOSEA 5-7

1. What does Hosea predict about Ephraim and Judah in Hosea 5?

2. In Hosea 6, how do the people respond to their affliction, and what is God's critique of their response?

3. What is Israel's main sin according to Hosea 7?

Discussion: Discuss the nature of superficial repentance and the need for genuine return to God as depicted in Hosea 5-7.

Nov. 21

HOSEA 8-10

1. What warning does God give through Hosea about Israel's foreign alliances in Hosea 8?

2. How does Hosea describe Israel's kings in Hosea 9?

3. What does Hosea use to symbolize Israel's initial fruitfulness and subsequent iniquity in Hosea 10?

Discussion: Reflect on the consequences of Israel's political and spiritual infidelity as described in Hosea 8-10.

Nov. 22

HOSEA 11-14

1. How does God describe His relationship with Israel in Hosea 11?

2. What plea does God make to Israel in Hosea 12?

3. What promises does God make to Israel if they repent in Hosea 14?

Discussion: How does repentance bring about healing, love, and prosperity in our own lives today?

Nov. 23

JOEL

1. What natural disaster is described at the beginning of the book of Joel?

2. What does Joel prophesy will come after the locust plague in Joel 2?

3. In Joel 3, what does Joel say will happen in the Valley of Jehoshaphat?

Discussion: Discuss the themes of judgment and restoration in Joel, and the implications of "the day of the Lord" for Israel and the nations.

Nov. 24

AMOS 1-5

1. What is the pattern of judgment proclaimed against the nations in Amos 1-2?

2. In Amos 3, what reason does God give for punishing Israel?

3. What does Amos say about worship and justice in Amos 5?

Discussion: Reflect on the pattern of judgement Amos presents, the call for justice, and the relationship between worship and ethical behavior.

Nov. 25

AMOS 6-9

1. What warning does Amos give to those who are complacent in Zion and Samaria in Amos 6?

2. What vision does Amos see in chapter 7, and what is its significance?

3. What does Amos see in his vision of ripe fruit in chapter 8?

Discussion: Discuss the themes of social complacency, divine judgment, and the call for righteousness in the latter of Amos, and how these messages are relevant today.



HOSEA

1-3 HOSEA'S MARRIAGE TO GOMER

THE MARRIAGE
THE ADULTERY
THE RESTORATION

PROPHECIC SYMBOL OF GOD'S RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL
CONTAMINATED BY HIS SIN
DOUBT - ANXIETY
REASON: GOD'S LOVE, COMPASSION, & FATHERLINESS (1:2-3)

1:5
CRIMINAL DEEDS & ENDS
HOME RESTORATION & HOPE
WITNESSING GOD'S BLESSING

4-11 ACCUSATIONS & WARNINGS FOR ISRAEL

1:2-3 INTRODUCE HOSEA'S MAIN THEMES:
 ISRAEL HAS REBELLED & GOD WILL BRING SEVERE CONSEQUENCES...
 BUT GOD'S LOVE & MERCY ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN ISRAEL'S SIN

1:10 CAUSE & EFFECT OF ISRAEL'S UNFAITHFULNESS
1:11 THERE IS NO KNOWLEDGE OF GOD IN THE LAND
KNOWLEDGE GOD JAMES HAS GOTTEN TO KNOW HIM & EXPERIENCE HIS LOVE
HEBREW'S SYNTAX MOST HAVE *not* *known* GOD
WILDERNESS RESTORATION

1:2 HYPOCRISY OF ISRAEL'S WORSHIP
1:3 GOD'S LOVE FOR ISRAEL AND ISRAEL'S UNFAITHFULNESS
1:4 ISRAEL'S POLITICAL ALLIANCES WITH OTHER NATIONS
1:5 ISRAEL'S POLITICAL ALLIANCES WITH OTHER NATIONS
1:6 ISRAEL'S POLITICAL ALLIANCES WITH OTHER NATIONS

1:7 HATE FOR THE FUTURE
1:8 GOD-LOVING FATHER
1:9 UNFAITHFUL SON
1:10 GOD IS ESSENTIALLY LOVE
1:11 GOD CAN GIVE YOU OF HIS MERCY
 ALL THE COMPASSION IS ABOVE *

AUTHORS CONCLUDING NOTE:
 "GOD IS LOVE & MERCY... TO UNDERSTAND ALL THAT THE CARDS OF THE LORD ARE ABOUT, THE REVEALING BARK IN THEM, BUT THE ACQUITTAL SIMPLE IN THEM" **1:11**

12-14 MORE ACCUSATIONS & WARNINGS

12-13 HOSEA'S WORST LESSON

JACOB'S LYING TREACHERY
12:1 SEE GENESIS 27:25
ISRAEL'S WILDERNESS REBELLION
12:2-20 SEE NUMBERS 12:15-20
ISRAEL'S CHOICE OF KING SAUL
12:415 SEE 1 SAMUEL 12:415

14 MORE FOR THE FUTURE
14:1 REPENT!
14:2 GOD'S PROMISE
14:3 WITNESSING GOD'S BLESSING AND RESTORATION'S LOVE
 authors' note *

• HOSEA'S POETRY REVEALS DEEP TRUTHS ABOUT GOD'S CHARACTER & HUMAN NATURE.
 • GOD'S ULTIMATE PURPOSE IS TO *Save*

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The Answers

NOV. 19

1. Hosea marries Gomer, a woman of promiscuity, symbolizing Israel's unfaithfulness to God.
2. His children are named Jezreel (God scatters, Lo-Ruhamah (not loved), and Lo-Ammi (not my people), representing Israel's impending judgment and lost status before God.
3. Israel will be punished for Idolatry and unfaithfulness but will eventually be restored and betrothed to God in righteousness and justice.
4. He accuses Israel of lacking faithfulness, love, and acknowledgment of God, leading to widespread sin and destruction.

NOV. 20

1. Hosea predicts that Ephraim and Judah will face God's judgement and wrath due to their deceit and unfaithfulness.
2. The people superficially seek God's healing but lack genuine repentance. God criticizes their love as fleeting as the morning mist.
3. Israel's main sin is their deceit, political alliances with foreign nations, and not turning to God despite His attempts to heal and restore them.

NOV. 21

1. God warns that their reliance on foreign nations and making idols will lead to their downfall and captivity.
2. Hosea describes Israel's kings as wicked and warns of their impending judgment.
3. Hosea uses the image of a luxuriant vine that initially produced fruit but eventually grew wickedness and deceit.

The Answers

NOV. 22

1. God describes His relationship with Israel as a loving parent to a child, recalling how He loved and called Israel out of Egypt.
2. God pleads with Israel to return to Him, uphold love and justice, and wait continually for God.
3. God promises healing, love, and prosperity.

NOV. 23

1. A devastating locust plague.
2. Joel prophesies the outpouring of God's Spirit and the coming of "the day of the Lord," a time of both judgment and blessing.
3. Joel predicts that God will gather all nations and judge them there, deciding the fate of His people and their oppressors.

NOV. 24

1. Amos declares God's judgment against various neighboring nations for their crimes, and then against Israel for its sins.
2. God punishes Israel because of their failure to recognize His warnings and their persistent injustice and idolatry.
3. Amos criticizes Israel's religious rituals, emphasizing that true worship of God must be accompanied by justice and righteousness.

NOV. 25

1. Amos warns of impending judgment and disaster for those who are complacent and indulgent, neglecting the plight of the poor and afflicted.
2. Amos sees a vision of a plumb line, symbolizing that God will no longer pass over Israel's sins, and their high places will be destroyed.
3. Amos sees a basket of ripe fruit, which symbolizes the end (ripeness) of Israel, indicating that their time for judgment has come.

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