

Allen Temple Baptist Church
Sunday School Live 

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**Title: Hosea Preaches God's
Accusation Against Israel**

Text: Hosea 4:1-4, 7:1-2, 12:8-9

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LESSON INTRODUCTION

Israel under the reign of King Jeroboam II (786–746 BC) became prosperous, they forgot about YAHWEH and began to worship idol gods. Hosea summons Israel to hear the charge from God concerning their immoral and corrupt behavior. God’s complaint identifies the absence “Faithfulness, Love, and the acknowledgement of God in The Land.

KEY PERSONS, PLACES & EVENTS

- 1). Who was Hosea?**
- 2). What was Hosea's early command from God?**
- 3). The charge from God on Israel's behavior.**
- 4). The unfaithfulness and betrayal of Israel.**
- 5). How did Hosea's marriage help his ministry?**

KEY PERSONS PLACES & EVENTS

- 1). Hosea, a Prophet of God ministered to the northern kingdom of Israel from 753 to 715 B.C.**
- 2). Hosea served under Kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah of Judah, and Jeroboam II of Israel.**
- 3). Hosea's Ministry lasted 60 -70 years, making him one of the longest-serving prophets in the Bible.**

LESSON CONTEXT

- God instructs Hosea to take an adulteress wife (Gomer), who is a reflection to the unfaithfulness Israel has by loving other idol gods. ***“UNFAITHFUL”***.
- Israel’s Infidelity continues, God speaks Punishment & Redemption. ***“GOD IS FAITHFUL”***
- God instructs Hosea to continue loving his unfaithful wife, just as The Lord loves the people of Israel.

LESSON CONTEXT

The nation of Israel was suffering from continued apostasy, moral and spiritual decay, unholiness. God was not pleased that the religious leaders of Israel had not turned the people from idolatry. The people did not have faith in God. Instead, they turned to Baal, a false god. *“UNFAITHFUL”*

HOSEA 4:1-2 NRSV

- 1). Hear the word of the LORD, O people of Israel, for the LORD has an indictment against the inhabitants of the land. There is no faithfulness or loyalty and no knowledge of God in the land.**
- 2). Swearing, lying, and murder, and stealing and adultery break out; bloodshed follows bloodshed.**

HOSEA 4:3-4 *NRSV*

- ³ Therefore the land mourns and all who live in it
languish; together with the wild animal and the
birds of the air,
even the fish of the sea are perishing.**
- 4) Yet let no one contend and let none accuse,
for with you is my contention, O priest.**

Questions to Consider

- 1). How many of the Ten Commandments had Israel disobeyed (v. 2)?
- 2). Did Hosea's Marriage help or hurt his mission for God's command.
- 3). Who Did God Hold Accountable for Israel's behavior?

HOSEA 7:1 NRSV

1). When I would heal Israel,
the corruption of Ephraim is revealed,
and the wicked deeds of Samaria,
for they deal falsely; the thief breaks in,
and the bandits raid outside.

HOSEA 7:2 NRSV

2). But they do not consider
that I remember all their wickedness.
Now their deeds surround them;
they are before my face.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1. God does not accept behavior that opposes His Authority & Lordship.**
- 2. Israel abandoned GOD & worshipped idols.**
- 3. Leaders are held accountable to provide instruction and correction.**

HOSEA 12:8-9 NRSV

Ephraim has said, "Ah, I am rich;
I have gained wealth for myself;
in all of my gain
no offense has been found in me
that would be sin." ^[b]

HOSEA 12:9 *NRSV*

9). I am the LORD your God
from the land of Egypt;
I will make you live in tents again,
as in the days of the appointed festival.

Liberating Lesson

In today's lesson, the prophet Hosea experiences the same relationship God had with Israel. As Christians, we must avoid the temptations of the world and live for God, who desires a faithful relationship with each one of us. All blessings come from God, but we cannot worship the blessings. We must always strive to sustain a faithful relationship with God.

Liberating Lesson

Although we sin, God loves us and desires to have an intimate relationship with us. When we sin, we create a barrier to our relationship with God. As believers, we must not compromise with the standards of society. We are accountable to God. The world may be selfish, but we stand on the foundation of our Heavenly Father, who is able to sustain us. We base our standards on the Word of God, our “instruction book” for life.

Application for Activation

Set a standard that exceeds *worshipping* wealth materialism, they are tools not gods. Believers can make a difference when we pray to God for direction and take action. God We must set our standards according to God's Word. Seek God's guidance in discussing trends and standards of the world. Give God's response to the things that keep us from being faithful to Him.

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