

SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Online Only Via Facebook Live Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm



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Bible Study Schedule Sept – Nov/Dec 2022

Date	Lesson Title	Scripture
9/14/2022	A Share in God's Pain	Hosea 1:1—2:13
9/21/2022	A Vision of the Possible	Hosea 2:14—3:5
9/28/2022	Back to the Present	Hosea 4
10/5/2022	Sins of the Leadership	Hosea 5
10/12/2022	A Temporary Repentance	Hosea 6:1-10
10/19/2022	No Place to Hide	Hosea 6:11—7:16
10/26/2022	Substitute Gods	Hosea 8:1—9:9
11/2/2022	Recalling Young Love	Hosea 9:10—10:15
11/9/2022	Mercy Overrules	Hosea 11:1-11
11/16/2022	Yet Justice Prevails	Hosea 11:12—12:14
11/23/2022	Thanksgiving Break	No Study
11/30/2022	The Sign of Love	Hosea 13
12/7/2022	God's Final Promise	Hosea 14

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This Week's Lesson – October 26, 2022

Major Messages From Minor Prophets

Hosea: God's Persistent Love

Lesson 7:

Substitute Gods

Hosea 8:1—9:9



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Major & Minor Prophets

NOTE: THE TWO CLASSIFICATIONS, MAJOR AND MINOR ARE BASED ON THE SIZE OF THE BOOKS AND NOT ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HIS MESSAGE.

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<u>MAJOR PROPHETS</u>	<u>MINOR PROPHETS</u>
ISAIAH JEREMIAH EZEKIEL DANIEL	HOSEA NAHUM JOEL HABAKKUK AMOS ZEPHANIAH OBADIAH HAGGAI JONAH ZECHARIAH MICAH MALACHI



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The Writing Prophets - Part 2				
The Writing Prophets in the Old Testament are so-called because their writings are recorded in the Bible				
PROPHET	B.C. DATE	KINGDOM	KING	WORLD POWER
OBADIAH	840 - 830?	Edom		 ASSYRIA 883 - 609 B.C.
JOEL	830 - 820	Judah	Joash	
JONAH	785 - 775	Assyria	Shalmanezar IV	
AMOS	765 - 755	Israel	Jeroboam II	
HOSEA	755 - 715	Israel	Last kings beginning with Zachariah	
ISAIAH	739 - 690	Israel	Pekah, Hoshea	
		Judah	Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah	
MICAH	735 - 700	Israel	Pekah, Hoshea	
		Judah	Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah	
NAHUM	650 - 620	Assyria	Ashurbanipal	
ZEPHANIAH	635 - 625	Judah	Josiah	
JEREMIAH	627 - 575	Judah	Last kings beginning with Josiah Josiah	BABYLON 625 - 539 B.C.
HABAKKUK	620 - 610	Judah		
DANIEL	605 - 536	Babylon, Persia and all nations		
EZEKIEL	593 - 560	Judah	Zedekiah & Jews in Babylon	PERSIA 539 - 330 B.C.
HAGGAI	520 - 505	Jews (after the return)		
ZECHARIAH	520 - 490	Jews (after the return)		
MALACHI	435 - 415	Jews (after the return)		

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Introduction to Hosea

Author: Hosea, the son of Beeri

Date of Writing: Between 755 and 725 B.C.

Purpose of Writing: To remind Israel (and us) that Our God's loving covenant with His people is unwavering.

Practical Application:

- Hosea shows us of God's unconditional love. But it is shows us how God feels when His Children sin.
- When we do sin, if we repent God, will bring us back and show His never-ending love to us (1 John 1:9).
- As we remember all God has done for us in Christ we will rejoice and obey the One who give us eternal life instead of the hell we deserve.



**The Prophet
Hosea**



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The Prophet Hosea & His Wife Gomer

- Gomer was the unfaithful wife of Hosea the prophet.
- God gave Hosea an unusual command: **“Go, marry a promiscuous woman...for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord”** (vs. 1:2).
- After bearing 3 children, Gomer left Hosea to live with another man. But God Commanded Hosea to buy her back (3:1)
- The Lord used their relationship to show how God remains faithful even when His people don't (2:19–20, 14: 4 – 7).



Hosea & Gomer



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Read Hosea 8

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1. What evidence did the Lord offer that Israel did not really acknowledge him as Lord?

- **Failure To Acknowledge His Authority:** They disregarded God's laws as not serious (vv. 1 – 3).
- **Failure To Acknowledge His Exclusivity:** By blatantly creating a calf idol to worship instead of God (vv. 5 – 6).
- **Failure To Acknowledge His Priority:** They became enamored with their own desires instead of (v.8).
- **Failure To Acknowledge His Morality:** They rejected His holiness and call to be His holy people (vv. 9 – 14)



"...Isaiah ... prophesied about you: "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Matt. 5:7 – 9

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2. Why did they feel confident that they were still good Israelites, committed to God (8: 11-13)?

- **Confident in their Extravagant Buildings:** Israel built many elaborate altars for the worship of God – but really for themselves.
- **Confident in their Exuberant Worship:** They an external show of worship to God, without a true heartfelt devotion.
- **Confident in the Extensive Knowledge:** They were overly self-confident in their knowledge of the Word.



"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, But to Your name give glory, Because of Your mercy, Because of Your truth." Psalm 115:1 (NKJV)

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3. What are some common idols people today trust in instead of God?

- **Self:** We are a self-obsessed people – we forget that We belong to an all-knowing, all-loving, all-powerful Savior.
- **Security:** We attempt to fill our need for significance or security, in our own strength, apart from God.
- **Relationships:** When we seek fulfillment from others, we elevate those relationships above God.
- **Comfort:** We choose modern comforts over crossing the street to initiate a conversation with a neighbor.



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- **Success:** Insecurity or pride causes us to listing pursue accomplishments to prove our worth or gain respect.

“You shall have no other gods before Me. “You shall not make for yourself a carved image— you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. Exodus 20:



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4. What would be the tragic results of Israel's insincerity (8:7, 10, 13-14)?

- **Loss of God's Protection:** When we stray away from God we lose His protection from Satan and the world
- **Leads to God's Punishment:** Deceit leads to engaging in rebellious acts that God in His holiness will judge.
- **Lack of God's Preservation:** Deceiving ourselves about our sins robs us of the opportunity for healing and restoration.



"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" Romans 6:23 (KJV)

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Read Hosea 9:1 – 9

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5. What warning does God give to Israel concerning their harvest?

- **Warning Against Pride:** God warned the people not to rejoice in the harvest, because it would not last.
- **Warning of Poverty:** God warned them of the loss of provisions from God's blessings use to their idolatry.
- **Warning To Heed the Prophet:** They were to Obey His Prophet (Hosea) instead ones that were not telling the truth
- **Warning Of Punishment:** God warned them of the consequences of their sin and rejection of Him.



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6. What would happen to Israel's sacrifices, and why (9:1-4)?

What Would Happen To Their Sacrifices

- **They Would Become Unfulfilling:** Their sacrifices would not nourish them physically or spiritually (vv.1 – 2)
- **They Would Become Unavailable:** They would be banished from God's Land and into pagan territory.
- **They Would Be Replaced With The Unholy:** Their sacrifices would be replaced the unclean pagan sacrifices.



“And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice, Is it not evil? And when you offer the lame and sick,? ... Would he accept you favorably?” Malachi 1:8 (NKJV)

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Why God Cursed Their Sacrifices

- **Their Self-Righteousness:** Israel, despite their disobedience and Idolatry, boasted that they were right with God (v. 1a).
- **Their Unfaithfulness:** God had been faithful to them, Israel has been unfaithful to follow God's Word and Will (v.1b).
- **Their Uncleaness:** By following the sinful practices of the ungodly cultures around them God gave them over (vv. 2 – 4).



"... although they knew God, ... nor were thankful...Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts"
Rom. 1:2, 24 (NKJV)

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7. Describe the contrast between how God viewed the prophet and how the people viewed the prophet (9:7-8).

God's View Of The Prophet

God called the prophet a watchman over Ephraim.

God decreed that the prophet deserved honor

God sent the prophet with His authoritative Word.

The People's View of the Prophet

The people saw him as out of touch with reality and even dangerous.

The people treated him with disdain and even hostility.

They discredited him - claiming his prophecies are the ravings of a madman



As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace ...But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" Rom 10:15 – 16 (NKJV)

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8. Where do you need to have stricter guidelines to steer away from idolatry and keep God first in your life?

7 Practical Ways to Put God First

1. **Spend Time with God:** Shifting our focus more to God, we will do better at acknowledging Him every moment of every day
2. **Pray Daily:** God wants to hear from us, and one way to do that is through prayer.
3. **Thank God Continually:** Scripture exhorts us to give thanksgiving for the salvation and the life He has given us. (1 Thes.5:18).
4. **Ask God How You Can Serve:** We need to be opens us knowing more about God's will for our lives.



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5. **Read Scripture Daily:** God's Word is the first place we should to discern how God wants us to live (2 Tim 3:16).
6. **Confession:** Repent of any idols that hinder your relationship with God and ask Him to show you any Idols you may not be aware of.
7. **Obey Him Always:** When we put and God first obey His Word, in the end we will not be disappointed.

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" Matt. 6:33 (NKJV)



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Keys For Living

- *Despite our emotional enthusiasm, God will never be pleased with worldly worship mixed with His worship.*
- *If we continue to cling to our idols, despite God's warnings, the Lord will bring His judgement that will force us to let them go.*
- *God deserves our worship because He alone is worthy, and it is the very best thing for our lives.*



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