

# 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	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 – September 14, 2022

### Major Messages From Minor Prophets

#### Hosea: God's Persistent Love

#### Lesson 1:

#### A Share In God's Pain

#### Hosea 1:1--2:13



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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.**

<p><b>FOUR</b></p>  <p><b>MAJOR PROPHETS</b></p> <p>ISAIAH JEREMIAH EZEKIEL DANIEL</p>	<p><b>TWELVE</b></p>  <p><b>MINOR PROPHETS</b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>HOSEA</td> <td>NAHUM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>JOEL</td> <td>HABAKKUK</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AMOS</td> <td>ZEPHANIAH</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OBADIAH</td> <td>HAGGAI</td> </tr> <tr> <td>JONAH</td> <td>ZECHARIAH</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MICAH</td> <td>MALACHI</td> </tr> </table>	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
<b>OBADIAH</b>	840 - 830?	Edom		 <b>ASSYRIA</b> 883 - 609 B.C.
<b>JOEL</b>	830 - 820	Judah	Joash	
<b>JONAH</b>	785 - 775	Assyria	Shalmanezar IV	
<b>AMOS</b>	765 - 755	Israel	Jeroboam II	
<b>HOSEA</b>	755 - 715	Israel	Last kings beginning with Zachariah	
<b>ISAIAH</b>	739 - 690	Israel	Pekah, Hoshea	
		Judah	Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah	
<b>MICAH</b>	735 - 700	Israel	Pekah, Hoshea	
		Judah	Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah	
<b>NAHUM</b>	650 - 620	Assyria	Ashurbanipal	
<b>ZEPHANIAH</b>	635 - 625	Judah	Josiah	
<b>JEREMIAH</b>	627 - 575	Judah	Last kings beginning with Josiah Josiah	<b>BABYLON</b> 625 - 539 B.C.
<b>HABAKKUK</b>	620 - 610	Judah		
<b>DANIEL</b>	605 - 536	Babylon, Persia and all nations		
<b>EZEKIEL</b>	593 - 560	Judah	Zedekiah & Jews in Babylon	<b>PERSIA</b> 539 - 330 B.C.
<b>HAGGAI</b>	520 - 505	Jews (after the return)		
<b>ZECHARIAH</b>	520 - 490	Jews (after the return)		
<b>MALACHI</b>	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 1:1 – 2:1**

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1. What unusually difficult commands did God give Hosea, and how did he respond?

### God's Unusual Commands

**Unusual Specificity:** God was very specific about what Hosea was to do to marry an adulterous woman and have children by her.

**Unusual Sacrifice:** Hosea would be called upon to make an unusual and unprecedented personal sacrifice.

**Unusual Spirituality:** God has higher purpose in mind for Hosea's suffering – to show His Character and restore His people.

*“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:8-9.*



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### Hosea's Unusual Response

**Unquestioned Obedience:** When called to do something difficult – He didn't argue or question God.

**Unwavering Agreement:** Hosea agrees with God's way and will – despite the pain and cost.

**Uncompromising Compliance:** Hosea despite knowing the pain he would face obeyed God in spite of it all.

*“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”*



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2. While unfaithful to him, Gomer gave birth to 3 children (1:3, 6, 8). What mixed feelings would Hosea have had?

- **Passion and Uncertainty:** Given Gomer's infidelity, Hosea must have wondered if they were truly his.
- **Pride and Uneasiness:** The names God gave them: illustrated unfaithfulness and rebellion.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5 – 6*



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3. How does marriage to an adulterous spouse illustrate God's relationship with sinful humanity?

Through Hosea, the Lord tells the story of Israel's disobedience, His discipline, and His steadfast, faithful love:

- **Rejection And Betrayal.** Hosea's wife, Gomer, leaves him for another—just like Israel has left God to worship idols.
- **Rejection And Discipline.** Just as Israel rejected Him, God will reject her. Israel and Judah will fall to other empires and be taken away from their promised land.
- **Restoration And Reconciliation.** Hosea brings back his adulterous wife and loves her again. In an even greater way, God will not forget his love His people and will restore them.



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4. In this passage how does God proclaim to Israel both his justice and his mercy?

### God's Mercy Promised

- **Merciful Re-Growth:** God has promised to expand the number and impact of His people (v.10a)
- **Merciful Reconciliation:** God will reconcile with His people – even they have disobeyed Him. (v.10b)
- **Merciful Restoration:** God has promised to send a leader from their midst to lead them home (v.11)



*Note: God's Justice against sin is satisfied and His Mercy toward sinners is displayed perfectly at the Cross of Jesus.*

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### God's Judgement Proclaimed

- **Judgement of Discipline:** God's holiness and love moves Him to discipline His wayward people (v. 4)
- **Judgement of Distinction:** While He will punish Israel, God will show love and mercy to the more obedient Judah (vv. 6-7)
- **Judgement of Desertion:** As Israel deserted and disowned their God, God disowned them as His people.



*Note: While the passage is full of God's judgment, verses 1:10-11 reveal that God will not give up on his people.*

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## Read Hosea 2:2 – 13

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5. How would you describe the moods and emotions you detect in God's words about Israel?

- **Authoritative Mood:** God proclaims His judgement with all of the authority of the King of kings and Lord of lords
- **Disappointing Mood:** God was disappointed that His children, refused his eternal blessings for the temporary pleasure of sin
- **Hopeful/Loving Mood:** Although God know His discipline is painful and necessary – He looks forward to the reciliation with His people.



*“...the Lord,... slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion, and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished... Exodus 34:7*

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6. What were God's purposes in persistently punishing Israel (2:6-10)?

### Points To Ponder

The use of word therefore in this (vv. 2:6, 9 & 14) introduces God's purpose:

- To persuade Israel that they were still loved by Him.
- To show Israel that He longed to bring them back to Himself.

*Note: His methods seem harsh, but his purposes were for their ultimate good and for the sake of their relationship with him.*



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7. What would Israel lose because they had rebelled (2:9-13)?

- **God's Provision:** Israel will lose the favor that provided spiritual and physical needs (v. 9, 12)
- **God's Protection:** They would lose the protection from enemies and covering of sins and shortcomings. (vv.9b – 10, 11b)
- **God's Presence:** They would lose God's presence and their times of corporate worship of Him.

*Note: God promised Israel blessings for obedience and warned them of disaster if they disobeyed him (Deut. 28). The threats of 2:9-13 are only a fulfillment of God's historic warnings.*



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## 8. What does this passage reveal to you about how your own sin affects the Lord?

While our sin affects us and those around us – our sin primarily affects God. When we sin, we sin against Him:

- **It Grieves Him:** God who intently loves us, regrets when we reject His blessings for the sin that will ultimately destroy us (Eph.4:20).
- **It Hinders Receiving Blessings From Him:** God has to withhold His blessings, until we repent and put ourselves in position to receive.



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## 8. What does this passage reveal to you about how your own sin affects the Lord?

- **It Breaks Our Fellowship With Him:** Our prayer – life, worship and sweet communion is broken while unconfessed sin is in the way (1 John 1:6).
- **It Brings Discipline/Correction From Him:** As a loving Father, God will bring His stinging correction to bring us back to Him. (Heb 12:6 – 7)

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9*



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## Keys For Living

- Although the things God commands us to do are beyond our understanding, we can trust that His purposes are always our good and His glory.
- When God's people sin, it is an affront to His Holiness and grieves Him. He will do whatever is necessary to bring us to repentance and restoration.
- God's justice toward sin and His mercy toward sinners is shown most vividly in the Cross of Jesus Christ.



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