

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 Overrides	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 – November 9, 2022

Major Messages From Minor Prophets

Hosea: God's Persistent Love

Lesson 9:

Mercy Overrides

Hosea 11:1-11



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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.

FOUR  MAJOR PROPHETS	TWELVE  MINOR PROPHETS												
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Barnes Bible Charts

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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 11:1 – 11

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1. What does this passage tell you about the heart of God?

- **His Loving Heart:** God not only loves, He is love – He continues to love His people even before they loved Him.
- **His Lamenting Heart:** God's heart grieves when His people forget all He has done and has promised and choose to sin.
- **His Longing Heart:** God's must bring judgement upon His people, He longs for the day they will repent and return to Him.

Note: Here God speaks some of the tenderest "human" language, in the entire Bible - revealing God's deep love for humanity along with his righteous judgment.



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2. How does God describe his care for the Israelites during the time of the Exodus (vv. 1-4)?

- **Parental Care:** God guided them out of bondage like a parent walks their children across a dangerous street.
- **Patient Care:** He was patient with their continual disobedience, despite His instructions and blessings.
- **Providential Care:** Although they worshipped false gods, It was God who has held, healed and helped them all along.

"...do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ...For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things." (Matt. 6:31 –



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3. What had the nation of Israel forgotten (or neglected) both at that time and in the intervening years (vv. 2-3, 7)?

- **Their Calling From God:** Israel forgot that God called them to be His special people for His special purpose.
- **The Care of God:** They forgot all of things that God had done – and is continuing to do for them.
- **Their Commitment To God:** Israel outwardly worshipped and praised God – yet they continued to disobey.

“Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits” (Psalm 103:1 – 2)



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4. As the Lord stated repeatedly through Hosea, what would be the consequences of Israel’s rebellion (vv. 5-7)?

- **Personal Regression:** They would regress to the sorry state they were before they were called by God.
- **Enemy Oppression:** The Assyrians they had once defeated will now rule over them because of their refusal to repent.
- **Idolatry Extermination:** God will destroy all of idol and human plans that turn His people away from Him.
- **Spiritual Demotion:** God would no longer use His power to lift them up above their circumstances.



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5. Even in the midst of righteous anger, what pain and longing did God express (vv. 8-9)?

Points To Ponder:

- **Pain of Punishment/Longing For Restoration:** God would punish His people they would not be as Admah and Zeboim were.
- **Pain of Abandonment/Longing For Compassion:** God's change keeps with His purpose for Israel people even their rebellion.
- **Pain of Judgement/Longing For Restoration:** God while executing Judgement also holds out restoration by his mercy.



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6. The Lord states that "I am God, and not man." (v.9) What are the deeper implications of the statement?

- **Confidence In God:** God does not deal with us like man would: wrath under awful provocation – but with mercy.
- **Reliance on God's:** Unlike man He does like man, God does not change even, when we fail on our end (Nu 23:19).
- **Patience Of God:** Human beings lose patience. God's love is patient and cannot be weighed on balance scales.

"God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? (Num. 23:19)



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7. How would God demonstrate his mercy to Israel (vv. 10-11)?

- **Restraining Mercy:** God's justice demanded that Israel be punished but they would not to be forever cast off.
- **Warning Mercy:** God's awful judgments on their foes would be used to call His "children" back home and back to Him.
- **Establishing Mercy:** Even in wrath God would remember mercy and bring them back to the land He promised them.

"Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness." (Lam 3:22 – 23)



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8. What ways can we offer someone your mercy (and through you, the mercy of God)?

- **Be Patient With The Shortcomings Of Others:** We all personal quirks so we need to show mercy to those you love out of reverence for Christ. (Eph. 4:2)
- **Help Anyone Hurting Around You:** Jesus often made the point that helping the hurting around you is the meaning of mercy (Luke 10).
- **Do Good To Those Who Hurt You:** The Bible says that we should be kind and merciful to those who hurt us - forgiving others as God forgave us (Eph. 4:31-32).



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8. What ways can we offer someone your mercy (and through you, the mercy of God)?

- **Be Kind To Those Who Offend You:** Our Godly response to those who offend or disagree can lead to God's changing their life.
- **Build Bridges Of Love To The Overlooked:** Intentionally reaching out the unpopular to build a bridge of love in Jesus' name.

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. (Luke 6:36 – 37)



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Keys For Living

- *When we stray away from the path and purpose God has for us, He will often use hardship and trouble to get our attention.*
- *It is never too soon to repent and return to God for forgiveness and restoration – but it can be too late.*
- *Because of God's great love for us – demonstrated in Jesus Christ, His arms are open to us when we want to come home.*



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