

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 19, 2022

Major Messages From Minor Prophets

Hosea: God's Persistent Love

Lesson 6:

No Place to Hide

Hosea 6:11- 7:1 – 16



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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>FOUR</p>  <p>MAJOR PROPHETS</p> <p>ISAIAH JEREMIAH EZEKIEL DANIEL</p>	<p>TWELVE</p>  <p>MINOR PROPHETS</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
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 6:11—7:16

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1. What element of Israel's character does each comparison point out (7:4-8, 11-12, 16)?

Note: The diverse images share the qualities of instability and unreliability.

- **A Hot Oven:** The heat shows the intensity of Israel's pursuit of wickedness. As a nation Israel was literally "half-baked!"
- **A Dove:** A bird that flits in indecision snared in the net of political ambitions of Egypt and Assyria.
- **An Unreliable Bow:** Israel is a bow likely to break. If it was not kept in a case, it loses its strength and reliability.

"a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea ... and they are unstable in everything they do." James 1:6 – 8 (NLT)



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2. How did Israel (also called Samaria and Ephraim) imagine they were fooling God (7:1-2)?

- **Deceitfulness Of Heart:** The people thought that since they could deceive on another, they could also deceive God.
- **Sneakiness Of Deeds:** Thieves break in when people are not watching – they thought that the Lord did not see.
- **Lawlessness Of Actions:** Their evil deeds were in the open, but since no immediate punishment came, they thought they fooled God.

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction" Gal. 6:7 – 8 (NKJV)



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3. How were they actually deceiving themselves (7:2, 9-10, 14)?

- **Deceived By Spiritual Perception:** They were deceived thinking that God didn't see their sins – but they are always before Him (vs. 2).
- **Deceived In Spiritual Condition:** They ignored the physical effects of their spiritual condition, because a false sense self-sufficiency (v.9).
- **Deceived In Spiritual Rejection:** Although the answer is to return to the Lord, they deceive themselves and reject truth (v. 9).
- **Deceived Into Spiritual Depression:** The people lay awake wailing – cutting themselves, instead of seeking the Lord in prayer (v. 14).



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- **Deceived Into Spiritual Misdirection:** They looked gods they made for help instead of looking to the God who made everything.

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:23 (KJV)



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4. Why does deceit lead to destruction (7:13)?

- **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.



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5. In spite of everything, what did the Lord continue to desire to do for Israel (7:1, 13, 15)?

- **Desire To Heal:** God desires to heal His people from the pain and anguish of their own disobedience.
- **Desire To Redeem:** God restores the things we've lost as the result of our sins (time, relationship, resources...).
- **Desire To Provide Wisdom and Strength:** God has blessed them despite their shortcomings.



“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest ... and you will find rest for your souls.” Matt. 11:28 – 29 (NKJV)

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6. What does God's persistence tell you about his love?

What is God's love like? What does scripture tell us about God's love for us?

- **God's Love Is Faithful And Merciful. (Lamentations 3:22-23).**
- **God's Love Is Unfathomable. (Ephesians 3:18-19).**
- **God's Love Is Forgiving And Full Of Grace. (Nehemiah 9:17).**
- **God's Love Is Eternal. (Isaiah 54:10).**



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6. What does God's persistence tell you about his love?

- **God's Love Is Sacrificial. (1 John 4:9-10).**

*And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. **God is love**, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. 1 John 4:16 (NKJV)*



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7. What are some ways that people today imagine they can get away with things God does not see?

- **Rationalizing Sinful Behavior:** Everybody else is doing it; God knows my heart; Times have changed God made this way...
- **Minimizing Sinful Behavior:** People minimize their behavior by comparing it to others who have done or are doing “worse”.
- **Trivializing Sinful Behavior:** Because God has not brought his Judgement, people believe that God does not care about it.

“But if you do not do this, you will certainly sin against the LORD— and be assured that your sin will find you out.” Numbers 32:23 (BSB)



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8. How will you plan to live more transparently before God this week?

Note: God knows us infinitely better than we could ever know ourselves (Jeremiah 17:10; Hebrews 4:13)

- Recognize That God Knows And Sees The Real You (Ps. 139:1 – 6)
- Acknowledge Your Own Brokenness Before God (Ps. 51:3 – 5)
- Be Truthful And Vulnerable As You Read The Word And Meet The Lord In Prayer (Ps. 119:133; Ps. 5:1 – 4)
- Ask The Lord To Raise Up Trusted People To Help Hold You Accountable (Prov. 27:17).
- Living A Transparent Life For Christ Is Walking In Obedience (John 14:15).



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8. How will you plan to live more transparently before God this week?

When we are transparent with God, we experience the blessings of being:

- Brought to a place of deeper trust in Him (Ps. 91:2)
- Reminded that we are loved unconditionally by Him (1 Jn. 4:10)
- Restored to a right relationship with Him (1 Jn 1:9)
- Assured we can bring our petitions before Him (1 Jn. 3:21-22)
- Reminded of the seriousness of our sin to Him (Rom. 3:23)

God is personal, approachable, and knowable (Matt. 11:28). complete transparency with Him brings us lasting joy, and freedom.



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Keys For Living

- *We need to live as though the Lord is watching us 24/7 - because in reality, He is! (Cf. Psalm 139:7 – 12).*
- *When God's Word and Spirit points out an area in lives that needs correction, we deceive ourselves when we think we are "O.K".*
- *Despite our failings and shortcomings, once we become God's children by faith in Christ, He never gives up on us.*



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