

# THE REBELLIOUS REDEEMED

## A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF HOSEA

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Session 1: PROLOGUE

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### ***STUDY...***

Where does Hosea fit in the Bible as a whole?

- Hosea is the first of \_\_\_\_\_ prophets.
- The terms major and minor do not indicate degree of content, but \_\_\_\_\_.

Where does Hosea fit in time?

- Hosea 1:1 helps us see that his ministry in Israel occurred between 2 Kings 14-20.
- Hosea's ministry likely lasted upwards of \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- From 740-722 BC Assyria systematically overtook Israel making Hosea the \_\_\_\_\_ prophet to minister to the Northern Kingdom.
- In 586 BC, the Southern Kingdom was taken by Babylon, and the Israelites in Judah were in exile for 70 years. This is where we meet \_\_\_\_\_.

Where does Hosea fit in God's overall plan?

- Prophets were God's \_\_\_\_\_, and also known as seers.

What did he do and say?

- Hosea married a \_\_\_\_\_ in order to display to the nation of Israel their adulteress actions and attitude toward their Creator God.
- Therefore there are layers to this prophetic book. Chapters 1-3 tell of Hosea's \_\_\_\_\_ life, and the whole of the book, his \_\_\_\_\_ ministry.

### ***DISCUSS...***

1. Share your favorite off-the-wall Bible story – one where the person/people involved might have asked, "Why me?!"
2. Read 2 Kings 17:13-20. What stands out to you about the condition of the kingdoms?

3. Prophets were God's mouthpiece to His people. Describe a time you believe someone was God's messenger in your life. It could be a forthtelling or a foretelling.
4. Imagine being in Hosea's sandals when God gave him his marching orders. How would you have responded? What would it take for you to obey an ask so great?
5. Pray for insight and discernment as we study the words of Hosea the prophet. Though these cries for repentance were for a specific people in a specific time, they may apply to us as well. Pray for ears to hear and a heart to respond.

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Session 2: REBELLION

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### ***STUDY...***

#### ➤ Hosea's personal life...

- 1:3 – He married a promiscuous woman named \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1:4 – His first son was named Jezreel which means \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1:6 – His first daughter was named Lo-Ruhamah which means \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1:9 – His second son was named Lo-Ammi which means \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2:2-5, 8-10 – Gomer returned to past lovers/owners and Hosea declared divorce.

#### ➤ Hosea's public ministry...

Israel was:

- Apathetic
  - The priests and kings forgot the Lord and led the people to do the same.
  - 4:6 – The word for “knowledge” is not just information, but \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 6:1-6 – Their repentance was like a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Afraid
  - In fear, Israel turned to foreign nations for political alliances and protection. But this backfired and they were conquered.
  - 7:8 – Flat loaf not turned over...
  - 7:11 – Doves, easy prey...
  - 7:16 – Faulty bow...
- Adulterous
  - 2:12 – Jugs of wine...
  - 6:3-4 – Gods of rain and sun...
  - 8:1-5 – Polytheistic worship...

***DISCUSS...***

1. What is the significance or meaning of your name or the names of your loved ones?
2. Review all of the imagery Hosea uses to teach and reproach the people of God. What illustration stands out to you most and why?
3. How do you see apathy, fear, and adulterous hearts playing out in our present culture?
4. Name two or three practices you can put in place, both individually and corporately, to ensure that you do not fall into similar rebellion?
5. Share some lyrics from your favorite hymn or worship song as your closing prayer.

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Session 3: REDEMPTION

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### ***STUDY...***

- Hosea and Gomer...
  - 3:1-3 – Gomer on the auction block...
  - 3:2 – The price Hosea paid...
  - Hosea's mixed emotions...
  
- God and Israel...
  - 2:14 – He allures her...
  - 2:16 – He renews His vows...
  - 2:17, 18, 20 – A reversal of her rebellion...
  - 2:21, 23 – The children redeemed...

### ***DISCUSS...***

1. Share a favorite redemption story. (Could be a movie, sports-related, etc.)
2. Discuss the various historical and cultural details regarding Gomer's situation and Hosea's rescue and response. What was surprising, confusing, or alarming?
3. Read Hosea 2:13-20. As you're reading/listening, choose a word, phrase, or image that stands out to you. What does this mean to you and why?
4. Reflect on a time that you had to forgive someone for a grievous betrayal. Or perhaps you were the one who needed forgiveness. How was redemptive work in that relationship difficult? How was it made possible? How has it brought healing/change?
5. Offer prayers of thanksgiving for God's redemptive work in your life.

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Session 4: RESTORATION

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### ***STUDY...***

#### ➤ The Picture...

- Ch. 11 – A Father and His Child...
  - A recollection of God rescuing his people out of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - “Taking them by the arms” could be translated, “Taking them into his arms.”
- Ch. 12 – A Father and His Rebellious Teenager...
  - A recollection of God’s relationship with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - God left Jacob with two reminders of his power and plan.
    - His name was changed to \_\_\_\_\_.
    - A permanent injury to his \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Jacob was \_\_\_\_\_ to both his brother and his God.

#### ➤ The Promise...

- Ch. 13 – Israel will face the consequences of her actions...
- Ch. 14 – Restoration is possible...
  - A recollection of the promise made to \_\_\_\_\_ in Gen. 12.
  - Restoration will not come through Israel’s actions, but by God’s \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ch. 11 – God’s heart is changed—his compassion aroused.
  - He is a lion...
  - They are like doves...

#### ➤ The Parable...

- Luke 15 – The son wasted....
- Luke 15 – The father waited...

#### ➤ The Prophecy...

### ***DISCUSS...***

1. When you think of “home,” who or what comes to your mind?
2. List out moments from the Exodus story that depict the father/son relationship alluded to in Hosea 11.

3. Share a “rebellious teenager” story from your life that ended in restoration. How has that shaped your life moving forward?
4. How have you experienced the compassion of our Heavenly Father? How have you responded to his patient, watchful care?
5. Pray for any rebellious way in you to be removed that you might be restored in relationship to the Father and/or to your family, friends, or community.



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Session 5: EPILOGUE

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### ***STUDY...***

- Typology – The study of people and patterns in the \_\_\_\_\_ that point to what Christ would do in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Skimming the Surface...
  - Both the names Hosea (Hebrew) and Jesus (Greek) mean the same thing - - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - God called both the Israelites and Jesus out of the land of \_\_\_\_\_. (Hos. 11:1, Matt. 2:14-15)
  - Hosea 3 references a descendant of King David. In Matthew 21, Jesus is called the Son of David.
  - Hosea speaks of the relationship between God and Israel as a \_\_\_\_\_ covenant. Matt. 9 & 25, Eph. 5, and Rev. 19 refer to Christ and the Church in the same way.
  - Hosea bought Gomer for the equivalent of \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of \_\_\_\_\_ – the same price Judas was paid for betraying Jesus.
- Deeper Dive...
  - Rebellion (Ro. 3:23, Ro. 6:16, John 8:34)...
  - Redemption (Eph. 2, 1 Cor. 6, 1 Peter 1)..
    - Hosea paid a high price, but what Jesus paid was priceless.
  - Restoration (Hos. 13:14, 1 Cor. 15)..
    - *“Where, O death, is your victory? Where O death, is your sting?”*

### ***DISCUSS...***

1. Think through some of the Old Testament stories you know. What other “types of Christ” can you think of?
2. Looking back through the “dashboard lights”— the indicators that Hosea’s story is a typology—had you already noticed any Christ connections? Which ones did you see, and what crossed your mind when you made the connection?
3. On the back of your paper, make a T-chart and write “Death” over one side and “Life” over the other. Read back through Ephesians 2:1-5 and write all of the words you see that fit in each column.

4. What does it mean to you to know that the sting of death has been swallowed up in the victory of Christ?
5. Close this study in a prayer of awe and wonder. Look back over the contrast in your T-chart and thank Jesus for redeeming your rebellious heart by praying some of these specific words.