

Old Testament PowerPoint presentation

Hosea

Suggested Bible Reading: Hosea 11: 1-12

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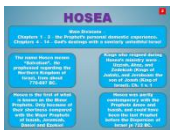
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– The constant theme of Hosea can be said to be ≠ RETURN. Mentioned at least 17 times, in different ways in this book (NKJV). ≠ to open →

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– Some background information. ≠ The main divisions – Chapters 1-3 = the prophet's personal domestic experience. Chapters 4-14 = God's dealings with a similarly unfaithful Israel. ≠ the name "Hosea" means Salvation. He prophesied regarding the Northern Kingdom of Israel, about 770-697BC. ≠ During his ministry, Uzziah, Ahaz and Zedekiah (Judah) reigned. Also Jereboam (Israel) son of Joash reigned. See chapter 1 vs.1. ≠ Hosea is the first of the Minor prophets – only because of their shortness, compared with the Major prophets – Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel and Ezekiel. ≠ Hosea was partly contemporary with Amos and Isaiah. He could have been the last prophets before Israel went into dispersion among the nations in 722BC. ≠ to open →

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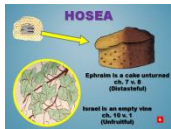
– God tells ≠ Hosea to marry Gomer, “a wife of harlotry”. ≠ Marriage vows - ≠ Love, ≠ Loyalty, ≠ Fidelity. However, Gomer ≠ spurns all these and leaves her husband, Hosea. This is a picture of Israel and how they have spurned and rejected God's love, and given their love to idols. Later Hosea buys her back – see chapter 3: 2. ≠ to open →

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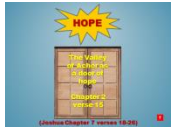
– Israel (Ephraim) ≠ has joined themselves to ≠ idols. Chapter 4: 17. ≠ They should have been “joined” to Jehovah. ≠ to open →

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- The result of being joined to idols is ‡ that Israel has become distasteful – like a cake not turned. ‡ (7: 8) And like an unfruitful vine. (10: 1) ‡ to open →

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– However, there is yet hope for the people of Israel. There is a ‡ door of hope – the valley of Achor, chapter 2: 15. Refer back to the ‡ incident recorded in Joshua 7: 18-26. Explain briefly what happened. ‡ to open →

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– There is a door of hope because - ‡ if SIN is CONFESSED and JUDGED, and FORSAKEN, then healing can follow and a right relationship restored. ‡ to open →

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– Hosea's message to Israel is ‡ that they can be healed. ‡ I will heal their backsliding, chapter 14: 4. ‡ to open →

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- God so loved the world* - In spite of Israel's backsliding and waywardness, they are still God's chosen people, His love prompts His ever to seek their good and their restoration, even at a cost to Himself. We experience that same love as we consider the cross. ‡ God declared that He would redeem Israel (13:14) i.e a payment made, and ‡ that he would ransom them (13: 14) i.e. deliver them. ‡ Chapter 14: 4 – “I will love them freely”, applies to us, as well as to Israel.

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*John chapter 3: 16 – For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.