

OUTLINE OF HOSEA

Central text: Hos. 4:6

Golden text: Hos. 11:1

I. Introduction- 1:1

II. The charge to Hosea-1:2-3:5

- A. "Marry a wife of harlotry."
 - 1. The first child- Jezreel
 - a. "God will sow."
 - b. God will avenge the blood shed at Jezreel.
 - 2. The second child- LoRuhamah
 - a. "No mercy"
 - b. God will no longer have mercy on Israel.
 - 3. The third child- LoAmmi
 - a. "Not My people"
 - b. God disavows connection to Israel.
 - 4. God restores the remnant to fellowship with Him.
- B. The prophet's life mirrors God's dealings with Israel.
 - 1. The wife's sins
 - 2. The discipline
 - 3. The effort to gain the wife's love once more.
- C. The prophet told to rescue Gomer and marry her again
 - 1. Hosea redeems Gomer out of slavery.
 - 2. Hosea seeks to help Gomer be faithful to him.

III. The message to Israel- 4:1-14:8

- A. Sinful Israel described
 - 1. The state of Israel
 - 2. The sinful leaders of Israel
 - 3. The Lord's emotional love over Israel
 - 4. Israel's ignorance of God
 - 5. Israel's sinful worship
 - 6. Judgment to come
 - 7. Israel's response to God's judgment
 - 8. God's love rejected by Israel
 - 9. God compares the nation to its founding patriarch
 - 10. God determines to destroy idolatry from Israel
- B. The restoration of Israel promised
 - 1. God will be Israel's king.
 - 2. God will be Israel's ransom.

IV. Conclusion- 14:9

Highlights of Hosea

- I. Christ foreshadowed
 - A. God's Son brought from Egypt- 11:1
 - B. Israel's ransom from the grave- 13:14

- II. New Testament references
 - A. God's salvation to the Gentiles- Rom. 9:25, 26
 - B. Jesus' lesson to the Pharisees- Matt. 9:13; 12:7
 - C. The final destruction of Jerusalem- Luke 23:30
 - D. Jesus in Egypt- Matt. 2:15
 - E. Jesus to rise from the dead on the third day- I Cor. 15:4
 - F. Death itself to die- I Cor. 15:55

- III. Practical application
 - A. God agonizes over the sinner.
 - B. God will not overlook sin.
 - C. God remembers His love and covenant, even if we do not.
 - D. God will help us to do better.
 - E. God will redeem us from our failures.
 - F. God will conquer death for us.