



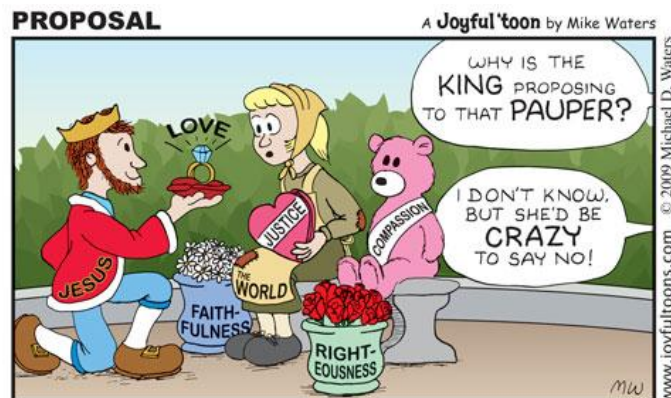
Hebrews 4:12 “For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart.”

## Course Text: Hosea

Hosea 1:1 identifies the author of the book as the Prophet Hosea. It is Hosea’s personal account of his prophetic messages to the children of God and to the world. Hosea is the only prophet of Israel who left any written prophecies which were recorded during the later years of his life. Hosea, the son of Beerai, prophesied for quite some time, from 785 to 725 B.C. The Book of Hosea was likely written between 755 and 725 B.C.

*Purpose of Writing:* Hosea wrote this book to remind the Israelites—and us—that ours is a loving God whose loyalty to His covenant people is unwavering. In spite of Israel’s continual turning to false gods, God’s steadfast love is portrayed in the long-suffering husband of the unfaithful wife. Hosea’s message is also one of warning to those who would turn their backs on God’s love. Through the symbolic presentation of the marriage of Hosea and Gomer, God’s love for the idolatrous nation of Israel is displayed in a rich metaphor in the themes of sin, judgment, and forgiving love.

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I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion. I will betroth you in faithfulness, and you will acknowledge the LORD.  
- HOSEA 2: 19,20 NIV

## Suggested methodology:

1. Let the students have a copy of the lesson well before the class meets. (Perhaps the previous meeting)
2. The students read the Bible book and answer the questions in this lesson before the group meets.
3. At the class meeting allow time for greetings and fellowship. (Save most of this for the end)
4. Take prayer requests (Try to keep it from becoming a competition to see who has the most or the worst.)
5. Pray (The idea here is to leave our troubles with God so we can give His word our attention with a clear mind.)
6. Discuss the questions on the page 7. Let those who prefer to listen, listen. My answers, when provided, are just one opinion; you may have a better answer. It might be good to establish the norm that only those who have actually read the book should discuss it aloud.
7. Discuss whatever other questions people have on their mind about the Hosea.
8. Close in prayer (It is best to call on others to pray, but try to get their permission ahead of time.)
9. Fellowship (Leave this as open ended as possible for the time and place you meet.)

Depending on the number of people, this class is expected to take about two hours.

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## HOSEA Chapters 1 to 7

Please read Hosea Chapters 1 through 7  
and answer these questions:

[1A] What did Hosea name his first son?  
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[1B] What did Hosea name his first daughter?  
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[1C] What did Hosea name his second son?  
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[2A] On whom will God have compassion?  
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[2B] When God says, "You are My people," how  
will they respond? \_\_\_\_\_

[3A] How long will the sons of Israel be without a  
ruler or place of worship? \_\_\_\_\_

[3B] When will they return to Lord their God?  
\_\_\_\_\_

[4A] What three things is the land without? \_\_\_\_\_  
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[4B] Besides cycles of revenge violence what five things are listed as reasons for the land mourning and languishing? \_\_\_\_\_  
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[5A] What prevents Israel from returning to God? \_\_\_\_\_

[5B] How long will God's people be separated from God? \_\_\_\_\_

[6A] What does God prefer over sacrifice? \_\_\_\_\_

[6B] What does God prefer over burnt offerings? \_\_\_\_\_

[7A] How many of their kings had fallen and failed to call on God? \_\_\_\_\_

[7B] God would redeem them but instead they speak what? \_\_\_\_\_



## HOSEA Chapters 1 to 7

[1A] What did Hosea name his first son?

Jezreel Hs 1:4 Jezreel is a Hebrew term meaning "God scatters."

[1B] What did Hosea name his first daughter? Loruhamah Hs 1:6 Loruhamah means "no mercy."

[1C] What did Hosea name his second son? Loammi Hs 1:9 Loammi means "not my people."

[2A] On whom will God have compassion? She who had not had compassion before. Hs 2:23

[2B] When God says, "You are My people," how will they respond? You are my God Hs 2:23

[3A] How long will the sons of Israel be without a ruler or place of worship? Many days Hs 3:4

[3B] When will they return to Lord their God? In the last days Hs 3:5

[4A] What three things is the land without?

no faithfulness, no kindness, and no knowledge of God Hs 4:1 (In any order)

[4B] Besides cycles of revenge violence what five things are listed as reasons for the land mourning and languishing? swearing, deception, murder, stealing and adultery Hs 4:2-3 (In any order)

[5A] What prevents Israel from returning to God? A spirit of harlotry within them Hs 5:4

[5B] How long will God's people be separated from God?

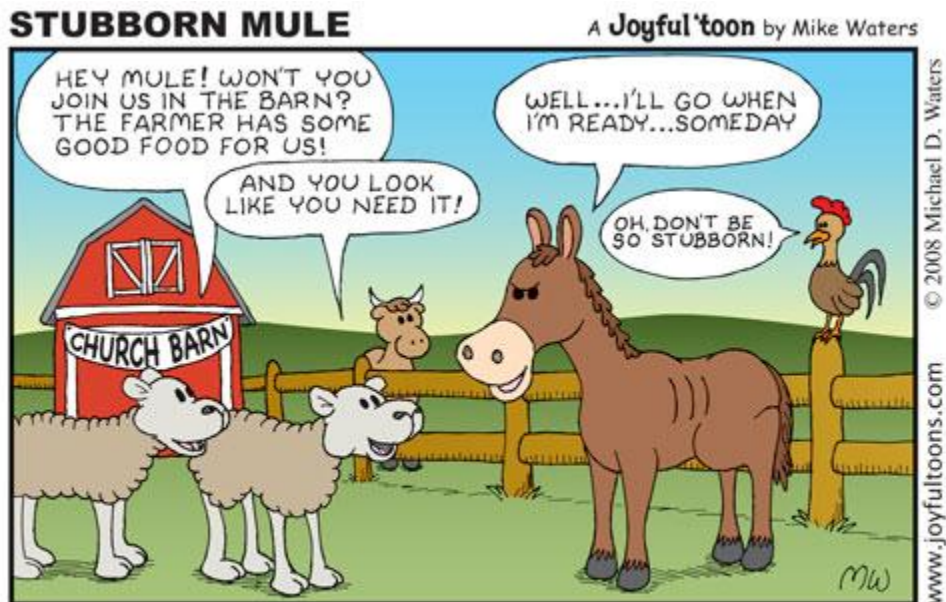
Until they admit their guilt and seek Him Hs 5:15

[6A] What does God prefer over sacrifice? Loyalty Hs 6:6

[6B] What does God prefer over burnt offerings? Knowledge of God Hs 6:6

[7A] How many of their kings had fallen and failed to call on God? All of them Hs 7:7

[7B] God would redeem them but instead they speak what? Lies against Him Hs 7:13



The Israelites are stubborn, like a stubborn heifer. How then can the LORD pasture them like lambs in a meadow?

- HOSEA 4:16 NIV

## HOSEA Chapters 8 to 14

Please read Hosea Chapters 8 through 14 and answer these questions:

[8A] What did they make the idols out of? \_\_\_\_\_

[8B] They sowed the wind and reaped what? \_\_\_\_\_

[9A] What will they eat in Assyria? \_\_\_\_\_

[9B] Why will God cast them away that they become wanderers among the nations?  
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[10A] When it is time for them to seek the Lord, what will He rain down on them? \_\_\_\_\_

[10B] How many of their fortresses will be destroyed? \_\_\_\_\_

[11A] From where will He call His son? \_\_\_\_\_

[11B] From where will His people return? \_\_\_\_\_

[12A] What does Ephraim multiply? \_\_\_\_\_

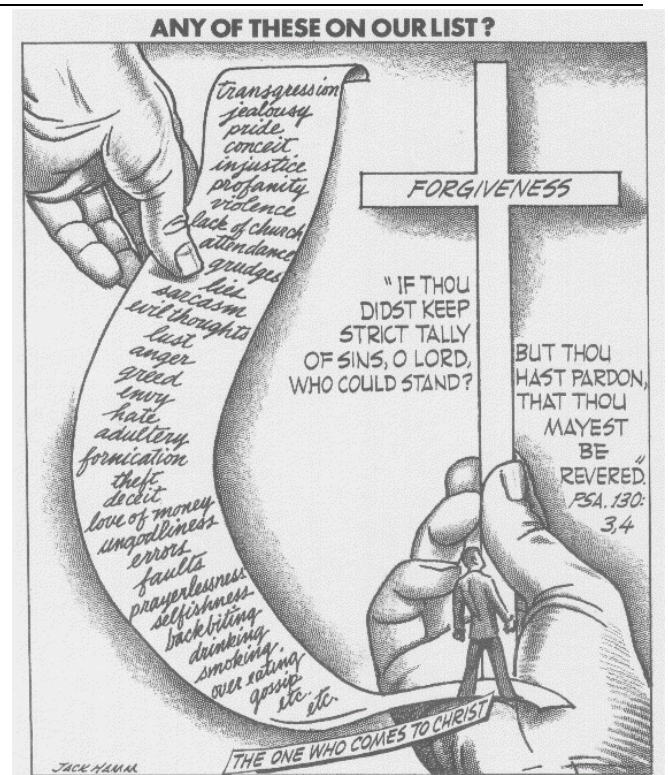
[12B] His people are to return to God and do what three things? \_\_\_\_\_

[13A] Besides sacrificing to their calf idols what else did they do?  
\_\_\_\_\_

[13B] What happened to their hearts? \_\_\_\_\_

[14A] What happens to the righteous in the way of the Lord?  
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[14B] What happens to transgressors in the way of the Lord?  
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## HOSEA Chapters 8 to 14

[8A] What did they make the idols out of? Silver and gold Hs 8:4

[8B] They sowed the wind and reaped what? The whirlwind Hs 8:7

[9A] What will they eat in Assyria? Unclean food Hs 9:3

[9B] Why will God cast them away that they become wanderers among the nations?

Because they have not listened to Him. Hs 9:17

[10A] When it is time for them to seek the Lord, what will He rain down on them?

Righteousness Hs 10:12

[10B] How many of their fortresses will be destroyed? All of them Hs 10:14

[11A] From where will He call His son? Out of Egypt Hs 11:1 (See Matthew 2:15)

[11B] From where will His people return? The west, Egypt and Assyria Hs 11:10-11

[12A] What does Ephraim multiply? Lies and violence Hs 12:1

[12B] His people are to return to God and do what three things?

Be kind, be just, and wait on God all the time. Hs 12:6 (In any order)

[13A] Besides sacrificing to their calf idols what else did they do? Kissed them Hs 13:2

[13B] What happened to their hearts? They became proud Hs 13:6

[14A] What happens to the righteous in the way of the Lord? He walks in righteousness Hs 14:9

[14B] What happens to transgressors in the way of the Lord? He will stumble. Hs 14:9

It is a historical fact, Assyria did capture Samaria (aka Israel, Ephraim, or the Northern Kingdom), in 722 BC. All the members of the upper classes and many of the ordinary people were taken captive and carried off to live as prisoners of war. Even now, over 2,700 years later, they are still finding their way back to the land of Israel. There was a group recently (2007) from India, who looked so Indian due to intermarriage with the locals that they had to prove they were Jewish by DNA testing, before they were allowed to come back to the land by the Israeli government.

(1) Compare the world of today with the Israelites described in Hosea 4:1-3. How are they alike? How are they different?

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_  
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(2) In the Old Testament days to atone for their sins and show their love for God they brought sacrifices to the temple. Compare Hosea 6:6; Hosea 8:13; and Hosea 9:4 with Psalm 51:17; Matthew 9:13 and Romans 12:1-2 and then tell what you believe God thinks about animal sacrifice.

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_  
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(3) Compare Hosea 1:4-5 (Jezreel means "God Scatters"), Hosea 13:3, Hosea 4:19, Hosea 8:7, Hosea 12:1, Hosea 13:15. What can you say about all these verses?

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_  
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(4) How would you describe Hosea to someone who has not read it?

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_  
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(5) What did you learn while reading Hosea that you might apply to your own life?

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_  
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(6) What questions do you have for your classmates?

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Question 1) **THEN & NOW:** It is pathetic how that people want to worship anything except the Living and True God (1 Thessalonians 1:9). Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry (1 Samuel 15:23). People today are given over to covetousness, which is idolatry (Colossians 3:5). Many seem to attend “church” services to only get a new bottle of milk, and have their diapers changed. And so much of what is called “worship” is little more than sensual emotionalism and entertainment with almost no spiritual enlightenment.

(2) **ANIMAL SACRIFICE:** Jehovah said to Israel, "I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices: But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey My voice." (Jeremiah 7:22-23).

(3) **HOSEA WITH HOSEA:** Yes, God held Israel accountable for their sins— I will punish you yet seven times for your sins (Lev. 26:24); But with all of their rebellion, and their dispersion (scattering) among the nations, God hath not cast away His people which He foreknew (Rom. 11:2). Israel shall be saved (Rom. 11:26). We, also, shall give account of ourselves to God (Rom. 14:12; II Cor. 5:10).

(4) **HOSEA SUMMARY:** The Book of Hosea can be divided into two parts: (1) Hosea 1:1-3:5 is a description of an adulterous wife and a faithful husband, symbolic of the unfaithfulness of Israel to God through idolatry, and (2) Hosea 4:1-14:9 contains the condemnation of Israel, especially Samaria, for the worship of idols and her eventual restoration.

The first section of the book contains three distinctive poems illustrating how God’s children returned time after time to idolatry. God commands Hosea to marry Gomer, but after bearing him three children, she walks away from Hosea to her lovers. The symbolic emphasis can be seen clearly in the first chapter as Hosea compares Israel’s actions to turning from a marriage to life as a prostitute. The second section contains Hosea’s denunciation of the Israelites but followed by the promises and the mercies of God.

The Book of Hosea is a prophetic accounting of God’s relentless love for His children. Since the beginning of time God’s ungrateful and undeserving creation has been accepting God’s love, grace, and mercy while still unable to refrain from its wickedness.

The last part of Hosea shows how God’s love once again restores His children as He forgets their misdeeds when they turn back to Him with a repentant heart. The prophetic message of Hosea foretells the coming of Israel’s Messiah 700 years in the future. Hosea is quoted often in the New Testament.

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(5) **LIFE APPLICATION:** The Book of Hosea assures us of God’s unconditional love for His people. But it is also a picture of how God is dishonored and angered by the actions of His children. How can a child who is given an abundance of love, mercy, and grace treat a Father with so much disrespect? Yet, we have done just that for centuries. As we consider how the Israelites turned their backs on God, we need to look no further than the mirror in front of us to see a reflection of those same Israelites.

Only by remembering how much God has done for each us will we be able to avoid rejecting the One who can give us eternal life in Glory instead of the Hell we deserve. It is essential that we learn to respect our Creator. Hosea has shown us that when we do make a mistake, if we have a sorrowful heart and a promise of repentance then God will again show His never-ending love to us (1 John 1:9).

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