

**Bible Reading Class - The Book of Hosea**  
**October 20 - Chapters 1-3**

**Chapter 1**

1. Hosea identifies \_\_\_\_\_ as the author of the book that bears his name; Hosea prophesied during the days of what **kings of Judah [Southern Kingdom]**: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and what **king of Israel [Northern Kingdom]**: \_\_\_\_\_ (II) – the 13<sup>th</sup> king of Israel?
2. The **theme** of the book of Hosea is found in **Hosea 4:12**, where the prophet says to Israel, “For the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ has caused them to \_\_\_\_\_;” Israel had committed several great sins as described by the term **harlotry**: (1) did not following \_\_\_\_\_ (2 **Kgs. 17:16**), (2) turned to \_\_\_\_\_ for help in her times of need (2 **Kgs. 16:5-6; 17:4ff**) and (3) practiced \_\_\_\_\_ (2 **Kgs. 17:16**).
3. Biblical inspiration is seen in **v. 2** when it says, “the \_\_\_\_\_ began to \_\_\_\_\_ by Hosea;” God instructed the prophet to “Go, take yourself a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”
4. Israel was guilty of committing “great \_\_\_\_\_” that caused her to \_\_\_\_\_ from God (**v. 2**).
5. Hosea married \_\_\_\_\_; it’s believed that she was not a harlot at the time of the marriage, but eventually became one; she conceived and gave birth to \_\_\_\_\_ children that Hosea was not the father.
6. The first child was a \_\_\_\_\_ and God instructed the prophet to name the child \_\_\_\_\_ which means “God will \_\_\_\_\_”; Israel was going into captivity because of her \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and partly because of the sins of \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Jehu was the **10th king of Israel**; he punished the house \_\_\_\_\_ and avenged the blood of God’s prophets (**cf. 2 Kgs. 9:6-8**). Jehu did as God had \_\_\_\_\_ him (**cf. 2 Kgs. 10:1**), and the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ him (**cf. 2 Kgs. 10:30**); Jehu had the opportunity to change the way of the kings of Israel sinfully operated, but he made the

decision to participate in the same \_\_\_\_\_ as the previous kings (cf. 2 Kgs. 10:29-31).

8. Gomer conceived a second child, a \_\_\_\_\_, and God instructed Hosea to name her \_\_\_\_\_ which means “no \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_;” because of the sins of Israel and the sins of Jehu, Israel was going into \_\_\_\_\_.

9. In v. 7, God declared that He was going to have mercy on the house of \_\_\_\_\_; after the Assyrians led by Sennacherib defeated the Northern Kingdom of Israel, they prepared to attack the Southern Kingdom of Judah, but God sent an angel who killed \_\_\_\_\_ Assyrians saving Judah (cf. Isa. 37:36).

10. The harlotry of Gomer is also seen in v. 8 when she gave birth to a \_\_\_\_\_ child, a \_\_\_\_\_, and God instructed Hosea to name the child, \_\_\_\_\_ which means “For you are \_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_ and I will \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_.”

11. In vv. 10-11, God had informed Israel, the Northern Kingdom, that she was going into captivity, but it was not going to be \_\_\_\_\_; at an unspecified time, He was going to take those who were “not My people” and recognize them as “the sons of the \_\_\_\_\_;” both Paul (cf. Rom. 9:25-26) and Peter (cf. 1 Pet. 2:10) wrote of the restoration of the Northern Kingdom, Southern Kingdom, and Gentiles to God under \_\_\_\_\_ or one kingdom (cf. Acts 2:38ff; Acts 10:1ff).

12. So, despite the rejection and scattering of Israel by God, “the number of the children of Israel shall be as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, which cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ or numbered.”

## Chapter 2

1. The chapter opens with God speaking as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the nation of \_\_\_\_\_ (the unfaithful wife). The children [the people of God living in Israel] were to plead with their \_\_\_\_\_ “to put away \_\_\_\_\_ from her sight, and her \_\_\_\_\_ from between her breasts;” God says that “she is not My \_\_\_\_\_, nor am I her \_\_\_\_\_.”

2. In **v. 3**, God calls Israel to \_\_\_\_\_ [to change] or He was going to \_\_\_\_\_ her of all the \_\_\_\_\_ that He had given her; she was once a \_\_\_\_\_, but she had become a land “flowing with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_” (**cf. Deut. 32:8-13**).
3. God acknowledges that He was not going to have \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel because they were going to be just like their \_\_\_\_\_; Israel refused to repent, thus, God did take away His blessings and He allowed the \_\_\_\_\_ to destroy Israel and carry her away into \_\_\_\_\_ (**vv. 6-10**).
4. In **v. 11-13**, God says that He was going to take away “all her \_\_\_\_\_” refers to Israel’s \_\_\_\_\_; Israel’s \_\_\_\_\_ days, New \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ were all going to cease referring to her worship and harvest were going to cease in the land. Israel is described as decking herself with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for her lover – Baals and had \_\_\_\_\_ her \_\_\_\_\_, God.
5. **Verses 14-23** describe the future restoration of Israel or God having mercy on people who didn’t deserve it; she (**Israel**) is brought to the **Valley of \_\_\_\_\_** – as God had brought Israel out of Egypt into the wilderness of Sinai to give her a law and \_\_\_\_\_; so how was God going to bring Israel out of her \_\_\_\_\_ was through the door of \_\_\_\_\_. She was going to spend years in captivity to the \_\_\_\_\_, but God was going to \_\_\_\_\_ Israel.
6. In **v. 16**, the day was coming when Israel will return to God and call Him “My \_\_\_\_\_.”
7. God sees in the future when Israel will \_\_\_\_\_ or have a change of heart and no longer serve \_\_\_\_\_; in that day, God is going to make a new “\_\_\_\_\_” (**vows**); God is going to “\_\_\_\_\_” Israel to Himself.
8. This chapter is a prophecy related to God’s **blessings** to be bestowed on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that are described by Paul in the **Book of Ephesians 1:3ff**.

### Chapter 3

1. Hosea had separated himself from Gomer because of her continued harlotry; in the state of separation, Gomer had **two options** (**Deut. 24:1-4**): (1) to return to her husband Hosea, or (2) to be sold into slavery – [**Gomer was sold into slavery.**]

2. God instructed the prophet to “Go again, love a \_\_\_\_\_ who is \_\_\_\_\_ by a \_\_\_\_\_ and is committing adultery”; the woman Hosea is told to purchase is \_\_\_\_\_. The “loved by a lover” is \_\_\_\_\_; this indicates that \_\_\_\_\_ never stopped loving \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Just like Hosea never stopped loving Gomer, \_\_\_\_\_ never \_\_\_\_\_ loving the children of \_\_\_\_\_ who committed \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Hosea purchased Gomer for “\_\_\_\_\_ shekels of silver, and one and one-half homers of \_\_\_\_\_;” Gomer was to remain with \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ from a life of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. God, in **verses 4-5**, informs Hosea that \_\_\_\_\_ would one day return to Him; it would be in the “\_\_\_\_\_”; the **prophets Isaiah, Daniel and Joel** define the “**latter days**” as the day of Jesus (**cf. Isa. 2:2-3; Dan. 2:28, Joel 2:28**).
6. The “**latter days**” would be a time of God showing \_\_\_\_\_ on all people, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ through Jesus Christ; today, like then, God \_\_\_\_\_ loving His people.