

Hosea

God's love for spiritual whores



Children's talk: In PG terms, what is a whore?

Introduction

Not on the reasonable scale

Not on the retreat

The Man

Where was Hosea?

When was Hosea?

Why 'Hosea'?

The Message

God's people are worse than spiritual adulterers

God punishes by withdrawal

God's people repent & renege

God punishes by dispersion & destruction

God promises to heal their waywardness

The Method

Hosea must marry her

Hosea must endure her

Hosea must redeem her

The Main point

Resolute love

Redeeming love

Reconciling love

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1-3 A real life parable: An unfaithful wife and a faithful husband

1 ¹⁻³	Hosea's faithfulness	1 ¹ 1 ^{2,3}	Introduction Hosea marries a whore (Gomer)
1 ³⁻⁹	The children's punishment	1 ³⁻⁹	The children of whoredom
1 ¹⁰ - 2 ¹	The children's restoration	1 ¹⁰ - 2 ¹	Prophecy concerning the children
2 ²⁻⁵	Gomer's unfaithfulness	2 ²⁻⁵	Gomer plays the whore again
2 ⁶⁻¹³	Gomer's punishment	2 ⁶⁻¹³	Gomer deserted by her lovers
2 ¹⁴ - 3 ⁵	Gomer's restoration	2 ¹⁴ - 2 ³ 3 ¹⁻⁵	Hosea resolves to allure back his wife Hosea re-redeems her from whoredom

4-14 Real life history: Unfaithful Israel and the faithful Lord

4 ¹⁻¹⁹	Israel's unfaithfulness	4 ¹⁻⁶ 4 ⁶⁻¹⁰ 4 ¹¹⁻¹⁹	The people do not acknowledge God The priests reject knowledge of God The people have turned to idols
5 ¹⁻¹⁴	Israel's punishment	5 ¹⁻¹⁴	The Lord has withdrawn from them
5 ¹⁵ - 6 ⁶	Israel's restoration	5 ¹⁵ 6 ¹⁻³ 6 ⁴⁻⁶	Restoration prophesied Restoration begun Restoration aborted
6 ⁷ - 8 ¹⁴	Israel's unfaithfulness	6 ⁷⁻¹¹ 7 ¹⁻¹⁶ 8 ¹⁻¹⁴	Wilful breaking of the covenant Wilful refusal to return to the Lord Wilful idolatry
9 ¹ - 10 ¹⁵	Israel's punishment	9 ¹⁻⁹ 9 ¹⁰⁻¹⁷ 10 ¹⁻¹⁵	Dispersion Barrenness Destruction
11 ¹ - 14 ⁹	Israel's restoration	11 ¹⁻¹¹ 11 ¹² - 13 ¹⁶ 14 ¹⁻³ 14 ⁴⁻⁹	Because the Lord cannot be unfaithful Reasons to return to the Lord How to return to the Lord Because the Lord will love them freely