

# The Book Of Hosea

## DATE & AUTHOR

**Date: 760-722 B.C**

**Author: Hosea**

Collection of 25 years of prophecies to the northern kingdom of Israel mostly

## THEME

God has made a covenant with Israel in which He will be their God and they will be His obedient people. Israel has betrayed this covenant which we see exemplified in the broken marriage of Hosea and Gomer. God ultimately restores the unfaithful nation and renews his covenant with them.

## KEY VERSES

**1:2 (Gomer and Israel are unfaithful)**  
**4:6 (The people reject God)**  
**6:6 (what God wants from the people)**  
**11:8-9 (God's faithful love for his people)**

## Hosea 1-3

**Hosea, Faithful Husband  
Gomer, Unfaithful Wife**

1:1-9

Marriage of Hosea and Gomer  
Three Children

- Jezreel (son)

valley associated with idolatry and murder (1 Kings 21:1-16)

- Lo-ruhamah "No Mercy" (daughter)

- Lo-ammi "Not My People" (son)

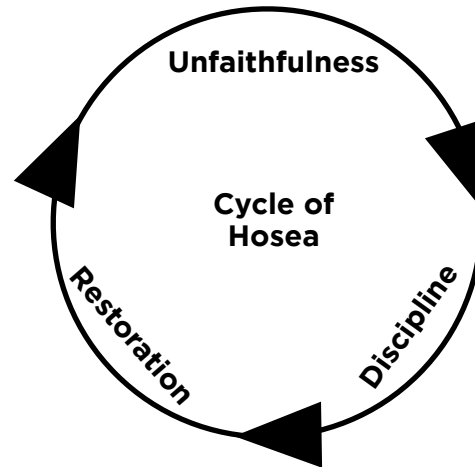
1:10-11 - Restoration promised

2:1-23 - Poem focusing on the unfaithfulness of the nation and God's coming judgement and restoration.

3:1-5 - Hosea restores Gomer

## Hosea 4-13

**Faithful God, Unfaithful Nation**



**Hosea 4:1-6:3**  
**Hosea 6:4-11:11**  
**Hosea 11:12-14:8**

## Hosea 14

**Final Restoration**

14:1-3 - A loving call to return to God

14:4-7 - Healing and blooming of a restored people

14:8-9 - A reminder of the wisdom found in following God, not idols

**Hosea is from Israel (7:5)**

## Historical Notes

**Written at similar time as Amos**

**Jeroboam II King of Israel (Bad King)**

**Hosea's prophecies are more intense than Amos's**

## Other Themes

**Knowing God - Hebrew "yada" to know relationally (2:20, 5:9, 6:3, 7:9, 8:2, etc)**

**God's loyal love "Hesed" for his people is rejected (2:19, 4:1, 6:4, 6:6, 10:12)**

**Baal - Canaanite false god that was a main source of apostasy and idolatry in Israel.**

