

Books of the Prophets 6 - Hosea

1. Author and Date

2. Overview of Hosea

3. Training of the Prophet
 - Home life
 - Marriage with Gomer (1:2)

 - The children (1:3-9)
 - Jezreel
 - Lo-Ruhamah
 - Lo-Ammi

 - Triumph of grace (1:10-2:1)

 - Domestic tragedy (2:2-23)

 - A command and a revelation (3:1-5)

4. The Teaching of the Prophet

A. National Pollution and its Cause (4:1-6:3)

- Findings of the judge and pronouncement of the sentence (4:1-19)
- Warning to priest, people and king: the snare of idolatrous shrines (5:1-15)
- Exhortation to repent (6:1-3)

B. National Pollution and its Punishment

- God returns to his case against Israel (6:4-10:15)
Matt 9:13; 12:7
- Mercy prevented by persistent rebellion, adultery, drunkenness (7:1-16)
- Judgment pronounced (8:1-9:17)
- Recapitulation and appeal: the empty vine (10:1-15)

C. The Love of Jehovah

- His inalienable love in dealing with wayward Israel (11:1-11)
- Exile: God's only alternative because of stubborn rebelliousness (11:12-12:14)
- Guiding principles and eventual outcome of exile (13:1-16)
- Final appeal to repent; promise of ultimate blessing (14:1-9)

5. Summary

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