



Hosea

Background

- Hosea is the first book in the _____ Prophets.
- Hosea wrote the book during the reigns of several kings of Israel and Judah (1:1), covering the years 755 to 715 BC. His contemporaries were Amos, Isaiah, and Micah.
- He was primarily a prophet to the Northern Kingdom. It was a kingdom in disarray. The relatively tranquil reign of Jeroboam II was followed by the rapid succession of six kings who came to the throne through various plots of assassination and revolution.
- He has been called the Jeremiah of the Northern Kingdom.

Roadmap

1. Faithful Love to an Unfaithful _____ (1-3)
 - A. An Unfaithful Wife (1)
 - B. A Faithful Husband (2-3)
 - i. He pleads with her (2:1-5).
 - ii. He punishes her (2:6-13).
 - iii. He makes promises to her (2:14-23).
 - iv. He purchases her (3:1-5).
2. Faithful Love to an Unfaithful _____ (4-14)
 - A. Message 1: Ruin (4-10) and Restoration (11)
 - B. Message 2: Ruin (12-13) and Restoration (14)

Landmark

The theme of Hosea is "_____ love for _____ people." Hosea's ruined yet restored marriage is a picture of the relationship between God and Israel. "It is a heartfelt message from a heartsick prophet about a heartbroken God."

Must See

- Like Christ, Hosea is a bridegroom who redeems his bride (Eph. 5:25).
- Christ is the "Head" who will gather scattered Israel and bring them back into the land (1:10-11).
- He is the Redeemer who will ransom His people from the power of the death (13:14)

Takeaway

1. Sin is _____ to God. It does not just break His law; it breaks His heart.
2. You are _____ to God. He paid redemption's price for you.
3. We are _____ to God. Your relationship with God centers on His faithfulness, not yours.