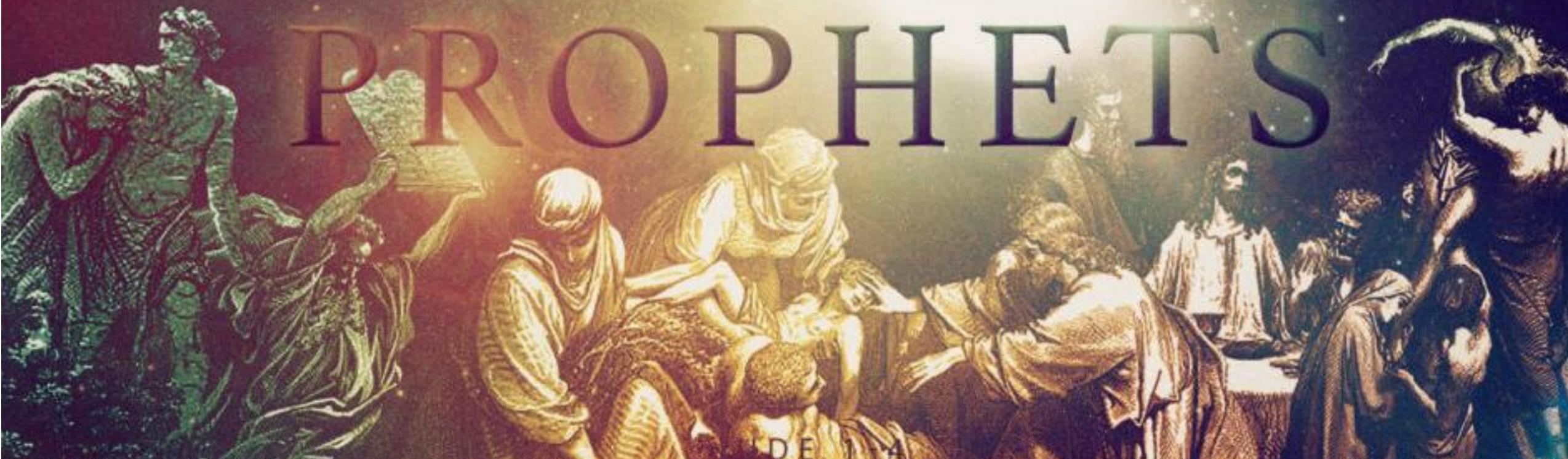


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POINT 1 – GOD’S LOVE PURSUES THE UNFAITHFUL

Hosea 1:2 – The shocking picture

“When the Lord began to speak through Hosea, the Lord said to him, ‘Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her, for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord.’”

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Hosea 3:1 – Love that goes again

“The Lord said to me, ‘Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes.’”

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Hosea 11:1–2 – A Father whose children walk away

“When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. But the more they were called, the more they went away from me...”

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POINT 2 – God’s Love Wounds in Order to Heal

Hosea 2:6–7 – Roadblocks of grace

“Therefore I will block her path with thornbushes; I will wall her in so that she cannot find her way. She will chase after her lovers but not catch them...

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POINT 2 – GOD’S LOVE WOUNDS IN ORDER TO HEAL

Hosea 2:6–7 – Roadblocks of grace

Then she will say, ‘I will go back to my husband as at first, for then I was better off than now.’”

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Hosea 2:9–10 – Love that takes away shame

“Therefore I will take away my grain when it ripens, and my new wine when it is ready... I will expose her lewdness before the eyes of her lovers...”

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Hosea 5:15–6:1–3 – Stricken so we return

“Then I will return to my lair until they have borne their guilt and seek my face— in their misery they will earnestly seek me.” (5:15)

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Hosea 5:15–6:1–3 – Stricken so we return

“Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds.” (6:1)

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POINT 3 – GOD’S LOVE REFUSES TO GIVE US UP

Hosea 11:3–4 – Tender, parental love

“It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love...”

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Hosea 11:8–9 – Love’s Commitment

“How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, Israel? ...
My heart is changed within me;
all my compassion is aroused.

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Hosea 11:8–9 – Love’s Commitment

I will not carry out my fierce anger,
nor will I devastate Ephraim again.

For I am God, and not a man—
the Holy One among you.

I will not come against their cities.”

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POINT 4 – GOD’S LOVE RESTORES, HEALS,
AND MARRIES US AGAIN

**Hosea 2:14–15, 19–20 – Wilderness
courtship and new vows**

“Therefore I am now going to allure her;
I will lead her into the wilderness
and speak tenderly to her.

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**Hosea 2:14–15, 19–20 – Wilderness
courtship and new vows**

...There she will respond as in the days of her youth, as in the day she came up out of Egypt.” (2:14–15)

“I will betroth you to me forever;

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Hosea 14:1–2, 4–7 – Return, and I will heal

“Return, Israel, to the Lord your God. Your sins have been your downfall! Take words with you and return to the Lord.” (14:1–2a)

“I will heal their waywardness and love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them. I will be like the dew to Israel;

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**Hosea 14:1–2, 4–7 – Return, and I will heal
he will blossom like a lily...” (14:4–5)**

“People will dwell again in his shade; they will flourish like the grain, they will blossom like the vine—Israel’s fame will be like the wine of Lebanon.” (14:7)

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Hosea 3:5 – Future hope

“Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the Lord their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the Lord and to his blessings in the last days.”



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