FAITH

The Book of Hosea: The holiness and heart of God.

Hosea 1:1 (ESV)

"The word of the Lord that came to Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel."

Hosea 4:1a (ESV) "Hear the word of the Lord, O children of Israel, for the Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land."

Hosea 4:1b-3a (ESV) "There is no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land; there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed. Therefore the land mourns..."

Hosea 4:11 (ESV) "whoredom, wine, and new wine, which take away the understanding."

Hosea 4:12 (ESV)"My people inquire of a piece of wood, and their walking staff gives them oracles.For a spirit of whoredom has led them astray, and they have left their God to play the whore."

Hosea 4:17 (ESV) "Ephraim is joined to idols; leave him alone."

Hosea 4:18 (ESV) "When their drink is gone, they give themselves to whoring; their rulers dearly love shame."

Hosea 13:2 (ESV) "they sin more and more, and make for themselves metal images"

Hosea 1:2-3 (ESV)

"the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord." So he went and took Gomer... and she conceived and bore him a son."

Hosea 3:1-2 (ESV)

"Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the Lord loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins." **2** So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech [3 bushel] of barley."

Hosea 3:4 (ESV)

"For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods."

Hosea 3:5 (ESV)

"Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the Lord and to his goodness in the latter days."

Hosea 2:14-17 (ESV)

"I will allure her,

and bring her into the wilderness,

and speak tenderly to her.

And there I will give her her vineyards

and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope.

And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth,

as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt.

"And in that day, declares the Lord, you will call me 'My Husband,' and no longer will you call me 'My Baal.' For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be remembered by name no more."

Hosea 6:1-2 (ESV)

"Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him."

1 Corinthians 15:4 (ESV)

"he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures"

Ephesians 5:25 (ESV) "Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her"

2 Corinthians 11:2 (NIV) "I promised you to one husband, to Christ"

1 Corinthians 6:20 (NIV) "You are not your own, for you were bought with a price"

1 Peter 1:18-19 (ESV)

"you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot."