

2025_6_01 Hosea

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2. Forth-tell: speak God's truth to the present, calling people back to the covenant

Foretell: announce what's to come through judgement or blessing

3. Three Categories of Old Testament Prophecy:

1. Near-term fulfillment: Prophecies that came true within the prophet's or their audience's lifetime—often conditional on covenant faithfulness.

2. Middle-term fulfillment: Prophecies fulfilled centuries later—such as those pointing to Jesus.

3. Far-term fulfillment: Prophecies that remain in the future—even for us—like God's final judgment (e.g., Joel 3v9–16; Zeph. 3v8).

4. There are two types of covenants in the Old Testament:

Unconditional covenants

Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12v1–3; 15v18–20)

Davidic Covenant (2 Samuel 7v12–16)

Conditional covenants

Mosaic Covenant (Exodus 19v5, Leviticus 26, Deuteronomy 28–30)

5. God's love is relentless.

6. When the LORD first spoke to Hosea, he said this to him:

Go and marry a woman of promiscuity, and have children of promiscuity, for the land is committing blatant acts of promiscuity by abandoning the LORD.

Hosea 1v2 (CSB)

7. Then the LORD said to me, "Go again; show love to a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, just as the LORD loves the Israelites though they turn to other gods and love raisin cakes."

8. So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and nine bushels of barley. I said to her, "You are to live with me many days. You must not be promiscuous or belong to any man, and I will act the same way toward you."

Hosea 3v1-3 (CSB)

9. Settling for lesser loves is reckless.

10. Yes, their mother is promiscuous;
she conceived them and acted shamefully.
For she thought, "I will follow my lovers,
the men who give me my food and water,
my wool and flax, my oil and drink."

Hosea 2v5 (CSB)

11. Hear the word of the LORD, people of Israel,
for the LORD has a case
against the inhabitants of the land:
There is no truth, no faithful love,
and no knowledge of God in the land!

Hosea 4v1 (CSB)

12. God's grace and love redeems and restores.

13. Israel, return to the LORD your God,
for you have stumbled in your iniquity.
Take words of repentance with you
and return to the LORD.

14. Say to him, "Forgive all our iniquity
and accept what is good,
so that we may repay you
with praise from our lips.

15. Assyria will not save us,
we will not ride on horses,
and we will no longer proclaim, 'Our gods!'
to the work of our hands.
For the fatherless receives compassion in you."

16. I will heal their apostasy;
I will freely love them,
for my anger will have turned from him.

17. I will be like the dew to Israel;
he will blossom like the lily
and take root like the cedars of Lebanon.

18. His new branches will spread,
and his splendor will be like the olive tree,
his fragrance, like the forest of Lebanon.

19. The people will return and live beneath his shade.
They will grow grain and blossom like the vine.
His renown will be like the wine of Lebanon.
Hosea 14v1-7 (CSB)

20. God loves you with a love that won't let go.

21. Let whoever is wise understand these things, and whoever is insightful
recognize them. For the ways of the LORD are right, and the righteous walk in
them, but the rebellious stumble in them.
Hosea 14v9 (CSB)

22. Remember - Repent - Rejoice