

Relentless

A Series on Hosea



IMPORTANCE OF STUDY

- Hosea is more than theology, it is practice!
- The call is an EMOTIONAL appeal
- Teaching is based in LIFE EXAMPLE:
- *"I love you, and want you to be mine and mine alone."*
- *"I love you, even when you are unfaithful to Me."*

GOD'S HEART REVEALED

- Hosea is a book of :
 - Warning – sin is sin, judgement is coming!
 - Unfaithfulness to the Lord , idolatry = Adultery
 - False gods, twin golden calves
 - Picture of marriage is strong!
 - God's Relentless Love, unyielding commitment
 - The Cost of Restoration

4 THEMES

- 1) **Great Love of God for His People**
- 2) **Unfaithfulness of the human race**
- 3) **Faithfulness of God to save and restore**
- 4) **Required obedience of His servants**

THE ATTACK ON MARRIAGE

- **Hosea and Now!**
 - Adultery has become a way of entertainment
 - We watch the rise and fall of stars
 - Adultery is condemned all through scripture
 - See 1Cor 6:9-11 – completely! Heb 13:4
 - Eph 5:22-33 – Christ and the Church

AN AGE OF ADULTERY

- Writes prior to fall of Israel in 722 BC
- Judah and Israel - 5 kings ministry
 - 4 kings of Judah, 1 of Israel – Jeroboam II
 - Why? Judah's Kings are the legitimate rulers
- Times of prosperity, political turmoil, and moral corruption.