

Hosea + Joel



St. Rose Community Church EQUIP

Hosea



Major prophets: generally greater in length.

Isaiah

Jeremiah

Lamentations

Ezekiel

Daniel

Minor Prophets - Lesser in length, combined all on the same scrolls.

- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

Context

Hosea 1:1, “The word of the Lord that came to Hosea, the son of Beerī, 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.”

Author: Hosea

Timeframe: Uzziah through Hezekiah (Same as Isaiah)

Place: Northern Kingdom of Israel (Isaiah was in Judah)

Outline

- I. Hosea 1:1-3:5 – Hosea’s Adulterous Wife, Gomer
 - A. Hosea, Gomer, and Their Children 1:2-2:1
 - B. The Lord’s Marriage to Israel 2:2-23
 - C. Hosea’s Restored Marriage 3:1-5
- II. Hosea 4:1-14:9 – Yahweh’s Adulterous Wife, Israel
 - A. Accusation, Judgment, and Mercy* 4:1-6:3
 - B. Accusation, Judgment, and Mercy 6:4-11:11
 - C. Accusation, Judgment, and Mercy 11:12-14:9

Outline

Chapters 1 through 3 give us the principles, or truths that Hosea is working with, and the rest of the book fleshes it out.

Part 1 - Hosea and Gomer

2 When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, 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.” 3 So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

Hosea 1:2-3

Part 1 - Hosea and Gomer

3 And the Lord said to me, “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 of barley. 3 And I said to her, “You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you.”

Hosea 3:1-3

Hosea's Children

3 So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. 4 And the Lord said to him, “Call his name Jezreel, for in just a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. 5 And on that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel.” 6 She conceived again and bore a daughter. And the Lord said to him, “Call her name No Mercy, for I will no more have mercy on the house of Israel, to forgive them at all.

Hosea's Children

7 But I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God. I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen.”

8 When she had weaned No Mercy, she conceived and bore a son. 9 And the Lord said, “Call his name Not My People, for you are not my people, and I am not your God.”

Hosea 1:6-9

And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people'; and he shall say, 'You are my God.'"

Hosea 2:23

Part 2 - Yahweh and Israel - Accusation

Hear the word of the Lord, O children of Israel, for the Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land.

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.

Isaiah 4:1-2

Part 2 - Yahweh and Israel - Judgement

Blow the horn in Gibeah, the trumpet in Ramah. Sound the alarm at Beth-aven; we follow you, O Benjamin! Ephraim shall become a desolation in the day of punishment; among the tribes of Israel I make known what is sure. The princes of Judah have become like those who move the landmark; upon them I will pour out my wrath like water. Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment, because he was determined to go after filth. But I am like a moth to Ephraim, and like dry rot to the house of Judah.

Hosea 5:8-12

Part 2 - Yahweh and Israel - Judgement

I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge
their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress
earnestly seek me.

Hosea 5:15

Part 2 - Yahweh and Israel - Mercy

“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. Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.”

Hosea 6:1-3

Hosea Points to Jesus

I shall ransom them from the power of Sheol; I shall redeem them from Death. O Death, where are your plagues? O Sheol, where is your sting? Compassion is hidden from my eyes.

Hosea 13:14

Hosea Points to Jesus

“When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.”

Hosea 11:1

Hosea Points to Jesus

10 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered.

And in the place where it was said to them, “You are not my people,” it shall be said to them, “Children of the living

God.” 11 And the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint for themselves one head. And they shall go up from the land, for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

Hosea 1:10-11

Joel



Context

Joel's name means *The Lord is God*

Joel prophesied to the Southern Kingdom of Israel

Joel's urges Judah to repent from their sin and return to God

“The Day of the Lord”

“The Day of the Lord” refers to:

- God’s ongoing judgement of Israel but that points to...
- The full, final day of judgment upon the nations

In each case, it indicates a time when the presence of the Lord brings judgement and/or deliverance and blessing, depending on the circumstances.

Outline of Joel

I. The Day of the Lord in Judgement

A. A Call to Lament

B. A Call to Repent

II. The Day of the Lord in Grace

A. Salvation is Coming

B. Justice is Coming

C. Restoration is Coming

I. The Day of the Lord in Judgement

Remember when reading judgement prophecy:

- God is in an ongoing relationship with His people.
- God has not abandoned or left His people.
- God wants to get His people's attention and wake them up from their sin and wicked ways, which destroy their souls.
- God's temporary punishment for His people is a gracious act of a loving **Father**.

The Call to Lament

Hear this, you elders; give ear, all inhabitants of the land! Has such a thing happened in your days, or in the days of your fathers? Tell your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children to another generation. What the cutting locust left, the swarming locust has eaten. What the swarming locust left, the hopping locust has eaten, and what the hopping locust left, the destroying locust has eaten.

Joel 1:2-4

The Call to Lament

Consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly.
Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the
house of the Lord your God, and cry out to the Lord.
Alas for the day! For the day of the Lord is near
and as destruction from the Almighty it comes.

Joel 1:14-15

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Romans 14:12

“The Lord utters his voice before his army,
for his camp is exceedingly great;
he who executes his word is powerful.
For the day of the Lord is great and very awesome;
who can endure it?”

Joel 2:11

The Call to Repent

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.

Joel 2:12-13

The Call to Repent

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Psalm 51:16-17

“The Lord utters his voice before his army,
for his camp is exceedingly great;
he who executes his word is powerful.
For the day of the Lord is great and very awesome;
who can endure it?”

Joel 2:11

2. The Day of the Lord in Grace

Joel 2:17c, “Why should they say among the peoples,
‘Where is their God?’”

2. The Day of the Lord in Grace

Then the Lord became jealous for his land
and had pity on his people.

Joel 2:18

Salvation is Coming

“You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God and there is no one else, and my people shall never again be put to shame.”

Joel 2:27

Salvation is Coming

“And it shall come to pass afterward,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
Even on the male and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

Joel 2:28-32

“And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Joel 2:28-31

Justice is Coming

“For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. And I will enter into judgment with them there, on behalf of my people and my heritage Israel...”

Joel 3:1-2

Restoration is Coming

“in that day the mountains shall drip sweet wine,
and the hills shall flow with milk,
and all the streambeds of Judah
shall flow with water;
and a fountain shall come forth
from the house of the Lord
and water the Valley...”

Joel 3:18

The Promise of Restoration

“And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Joel 2:32

What Do We Learn?

- We sin and rebel
- The Day of the Lord is Coming
- God wants us to repent of our sin truly and turn to him for salvation
- Not only will we receive salvation, but he will completely restore what was broken.

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Reflection & Groups

- Reflect on how the sin in your life is marital unfaithfulness to God
- Confess your sin to one another
- Rejoice in what God has done to rescue you
- Pray together as a group

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Joel 2:13

To Do

Watch the Bible Project Overview of Amos & Obadiah

Memorize Amos 5:24 & Obadiah 1:3