

Hosea: God's Message to the Northern Kingdom of Israel
Woodmont Hills Wednesday Evening Class (January-May)
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Jan 7	Introduction to Hosea (1:1 and 14:9)
Jan 14	Marriage and Children (1:2-11)
Jan 21	Divorce Proceedings (2:1-13)
Jan 28	Renewal of Covenant Relationship (2:14-23)
Feb 4	John Mark absent
Feb 11	Renewed Marriage (3:1-5)
Feb 18	Ash Wednesday (no class)
Feb 25	God Indicts Israel (4:1-19)
Mar 4	The Verdict (5:1-15)
Mar 11	Israel-Yahweh Dialogue (6:1-11a)
Mar 18	The Crimes of Israel (6:11b-7:16)
Mar 25	Israel's Hypocrisy (8:1-14)
Apr 1	Warnings about Worship (9:1-17)
Apr 8	Unfaithful Israel (10:1-15)
Apr 15	Israel's Hope: Divine Compassion (11:1-11)
Apr 22	Dependence on Political Allies (11:12-12:14)
Apr 29	Retelling the History (13:1-16)
May 6	Israel's Hope: A Blessing for the Nations (14:1-8)
May 13	Make Up Date if Needed
May 20	Make Up Date if Needed

Outline of Hosea

Superscription (Hosea 1:1)

A. The Meaning of Hosea's Personal Story for Israel (1:2-3:5).

1. Marriage and Children (1:2-11).
2. Divorce Proceedings (2:1-13).
3. Renewal of Covenant Relationship (2:14-23).
4. Renewed Marriage (3:1-5).

B. First Collection of Prophetic Oracles (4-11).

1. Israel's Unfaithfulness (4-10).
 - a. The Indictment (4:1-19).
 - b. The Verdict (5:1-15).
 - c. Israel-Yahweh Dialogue (6:1-11).
 - i. Israel's Appeal (6:1-3).
 - ii. Yahweh's Response (6:4-11).
 - d. The Crimes of Israel (7:1-16).
 - e. The Coming Judgment (8:1-10:15).
 - i. Israel's Hypocrisy (8:1-14).
 - ii. Warnings about Worship (9:1-9).
 - iii. Similes for Unfaithful Israel (9:10-10:15).

2. Israel's Hope: Divine Compassion (11:1-11).

C. Second Collection of Prophetic Oracles (11:12-14:8).

1. Israel's Unfaithful History (11:12-13:16).
 - a. Dependence on Political Allies (11:12-12:1).
 - b. Retelling Israel's History (12:2-14).
 - c. Worshipping Other Gods (13:1-8).
 - d. Rejecting their Only Hope (13:9-16).

2. Israel's Hope: A Blessing to the Nations (14:1-8).

Postscript (14:9)