

## HOSEA STUDY

### Lesson One: "Grace That Confronts"

#### Hosea 1:1-2:1

## INTRODUCTION

Hosea means "SALVATION."

He ministered to the Northern Tribe of ISRAEL for 50 years.

OUTWARDLY, the nation was enjoying a time of PROSPERITY and GROWTH.

INWARDLY, there was MORAL CORRUPTION and SPIRITUAL ADULTERY.

We will see FIVE THINGS in this first chapter:

1. Is There Any Word From The Lord? (1)
2. Unbroken Love From A Broken Heart. (1)
3. Shocking Words. (2)
4. Hosea's Children and God's Children. (4-5)
5. Restoration and New Life. (1:10-2:1)

## IS THERE ANY WORD FROM THE LORD? (Hosea 1:1)

### 1. "THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO HOSEA." (1:1)

- We long to know what God has to say.
- We long for God's guidance, wisdom and vision.

### 2. GOD IS CALLING

- We have been called to be a people who belong first and foremost to God.
- God constantly SPEAKS – we are to LISTEN.
- God is calling us to HOLINESS, PURITY and FAITHFULNESS.
- God is calling us to LIVE IN HOSEA'S HEART.

### 3. THE ACTUAL CALL OF GOD

- When the Word of God came to Hosea, it was not just a MESSAGE to proclaim.
- When the Word of God came to Hosea, it was a CALL to experience the UNBROKEN love of God, from His BROKEN heart.

### UNBROKEN LOVE FROM A BROKEN HEART. (Hosea 1:1)

1. Words don't just communicate INFORMATION or INSTRUCTION. They are AGENTS OF POWER.
2. GOD'S WORD ACCOMPLISHES HIS WILL.
3. HEARING GOD'S WILL IS AN ENCOUNTER WITH GOD.
4. GOD SPEAKS TO HOSEA IN THE CONTEXT OF A VERY SPECIFIC NEED, AT A PARTICULAR TIME IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY.
5. GOD'S WORD COMES TO US TODAY AT A VERY SPECIFIC TIME, FOR A VERY SPECIFIC NEED:

HOLINESS, PURITY, FAITHFULNESS.

### SHOCKING WORDS. (Hosea 1:2)

1. HOSEA IS CALLED TO MAKE THE SAME CHOICE THAT WAS BEFORE GOD.
2. BOTH HOSEA AND GOD WERE CONFRONTED WITH THE CHOICE TO BE FAITHFUL TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, WHO WERE COMMITTING SPIRITUAL ADULTERY BY DEPARTING FROM GOD.

### 3. THE CENTRAL THEME OF HOSEA:

- UNQUALIFIED GRACE.
- UNBROKEN LOVE from a BROKEN HEART.
- God chooses to choose us, even when we have rejected His faithfulness.

### HOSEA'S CHILDREN AND GOD'S CHILDREN. (Hosea 1:4-9)

#### 1. JEZREEL (Hosea 1:3-5)

Means:

#### 2. LO-RUHAMA (Hosea 1:6)

Means:

#### 3. LO-AMMI (Hosea 1:8-9)

Means:

### 4. AS WE DRIFT FROM GOD, WE GO THROUGH STAGES:

- We begin with PRIDE.  
(Refusing to accept our spiritual emptiness.)  
(We don't admit our need.)
- We begin to believe we have nothing to CONFESS.  
(We justify our actions. We blame others. We try harder.)
- We become CLOSED to God's Spirit.  
(We resist the resource of God.)

5. EPHESIANS 4:30

- What Grieves God?
  
- What Is the Purpose Of His Judgment?

RESTORATION AND NEW LIFE. (Hosea 1:10-2:1)

1. HOSEA 1:10-11

- The news of God's JUDGMENT prepares the way to hear the news of God's RESTORATION.
  
- God will not forget His PROMISES. God will not forget His PEOPLE.

2. ROMANS 9:25-26

3. I PETER 2:9-10

4. IS THERE ANY WORD FROM THE LORD?