

Bible Study

God's Redeeming Love (Outline)

The Book of Hosea

Introduction:

The book of Hosea is truly a love story that depicts God as a loving husband and Israel as an unfaithful wife. In this saga of love, unfaithfulness, and restoration, Hosea symbolically represents a loving God; while his wife Gomer portrays the nation of Israel as an unfaithful spouse. The book of Hosea was written to remind the nation of Israel, and believers of every generation that our God is loving and loyal to His people. The Lord commanded Hosea to marry a prostitute, and to redeem her out circumstances. Hosea's story is designed to assist us in being reconciled, and ultimately being restored to a faithful relationship with the Lord our God. As we study the book of Hosea, our understanding will be enhanced by keeping in mind the analogy of Hosea and Gomer illustrates God's relationship with Israel.

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