

The Book of Hosea

Introduction – Chapter 7

Author and Date

Who wrote the book? What time period was it written and who did Hosea prophesy to?

Place in the canon

Is Hosea a canonical book of Scripture?

Structure

What is the structure of the Book of Hosea?

The Prophet and His Time

What circumstances were prevalent during the prophetic time of Hosea?

The Message of the Prophet

What are the themes and characteristics of the book?

Read 1:1 Where did Hosea live? (Note 1:1)

Read 1:2 What prophetic action does Hosea's marriage symbolize? (Note 1:2)

Read 1:3-9 What are the meanings of the names of Hosea's three children? (Note 1:3-9) (Note 1:3) (Note 1:4) (Note 1:6) (Note 1:9)

What do verses 1:10-2:1 speak about? (Note 1:10-2:1)

Read 1:10-11 How does God gather back the ten northern tribes? (Note 1:10) (Note 1:11)

Word Study Baal What is the Cult of Baal?

Read 2:11 Why did God enact a curse of the covenant? (Note 2:11)

Read 2:12 How did prostitution in the Biblical world differ from the modern practice? (Note 2:12)

Read 2:18-19 How does the imagery of marriage and betrothal relate to God and His people? (Note 2:18) (Note 2:19)

Read 2:21-23 What is the meaning of the change of names for Hosea's children? (Note 2:21-23)

Read 3:5 How does the reunion of both northern and southern tribes under a single Davidic king become manifest with the advent of the Messiah? (Note 3:5)

Read 4:1-4 Are the priests accountable for not teaching the people? (Note 4:1) (Note 4:2) (Note 4:4)

Read 4:5-8 How did the priest feed on the sin of God's people? (Note 4:8)

Read 4:13-14 Why is idolatry described as harlotry in the Bible? (Note 4:14)

Read 5:13–15 What is meant by the phrase "Ephraim went to Assyria"? (Note 5:13)

Read 6:1–2 Does this passage anticipate Jesus' resurrection? (Note 6:2)

What does God mean when He says, "I desire mercy not sacrifice"? (Note 6:6)

What do verses 7:1-16 address? (Note 7:1-16)

Read 7:7 What happened toward the end of the Northern Kingdom of Israel? (Note 7:7)

Read 7:14 What is the meaning of self-laceration? (Note 7:14)

Read 7:16 How does Moses foresee the curse of the covenant regarding Egypt? (Note 7:16)