

God's Love for National Israel

The Story of the World Part 22

Hosea; Coast Community Church Pastor's Class; 6-3-18

Hosea, Prophet to Israel

- Hosea's name means 'salvation'
- Prophet to the northern kingdom, Israel (also called Ephraim after its largest tribe)
- Prophesying from 758-722 BC (his prophetic ministry dated by Judean kings: Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah)
- Hosea was a contemporary of Isaiah, who prophesied in the southern kingdom of Judah
- Longest book of the 12 minor prophets
- The genre of the book is prophecy with mostly oracles of judgment in poetic satire presented as a legal or judicial indictment by God against his covenant people
- Off and on threat of the Assyrian empire
- Hosea prophesied during the last hours of Israel, since the northern kingdom was taken into exile by Assyria in 722 BC
- Began ministry at the end of the prosperous reign of Jeroboam II and during the most turbulent reigns of six kings who followed in rapid succession – within about 30 years (Zechariah to Hoshea; four were murdered and one was taken into exile)
- Passionate writing with striking metaphors

Outline

1-3 Adulterous Wife and Faithful Husband

4-14 Adulterous Israel and Faithful God

Themes:

1. Life imitates spiritual realities.

Hosea 1:2

2. God's legal case against national Israel.

Hosea 4:1

3. The sin of idol worship.

Hosea 8:4-7; 13:1-2

4. Idolatry viewed as spiritual adultery.

Hosea 2:2-13; 5:4; 9:1

5. The sin of dependence on pagan nations.

Hosea 5:13; 7:11

6. The sin of social injustice.

Hosea 4:2

7. They don't know God.

Hosea 4:6; 5:4; 6:6

8. They don't give attention to God's Word.

Hosea 8:12

9. The call to repentance.

Hosea 6:1-3; 10:12; 12:6; 14:1-3

10. The judgment of God on sin.

Hosea 1:3-9; 10:5-8

11. The mercy of God on a remnant.

Hosea 1:10-11; 14:1-9

12. Redemption of a wayward spouse.

Hosea 2:14-23; 3:1-5

13. God's love for national Israel.

Hosea 3:1; 1:3-9; 9:7-9, 15-17; 11:1-12; 13:4-9