

The Book of Hosea

A study using 18 questions per chapter
The purpose of this study is to find out
What the Bible says.



THE WORD FOR THE WORLD
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INSTRUCTIONS

or suggestions as to how to conduct this study.

I can only suggest how this study was originally conducted and it was very successful. First of all, we tried to arrange a very informal atmosphere with the folks sitting in a loose circle. We would begin the session by having tea, or cokes and an informal time of fellowship. Then we would have a prayer time with everyone suggesting names of those for whom we should pray. It was also mentioned each session that we expected that each individual have at least one person for whom they would agree to pray for in regards to that person's salvation.

To actually begin the study the entire chapter would be read aloud with each one willing to read, taking the number of verses and dividing it by the number of people present and each one reading a portion.

Then the first one on the left (a habit of mine) would begin by reading the first question and giving their answer. The verse where their answer was found must also be given. Then the leader asks if everybody agrees. Let discussion carry on as necessary but not too long. Then go to the next question and the next person until all of the fifteen questions are answered.

For the discussion questions (numbers 16-17-18) each person present should give their answer once again going from the first one on the left and so on. Answer one question at a time, with each person present giving their reasons for their answer to each question. Discussion can be long or short depending on how the group feels. Do not carry the class session on too long.

Encourage each one to prepare his answers BEFORE the session begins if at all possible only because they will get more out of the discussion if they have thought about it.

INTRODUCTION

The prophet Hosea lived in the northern kingdom, which he consistently called Ephraim. He probably began his ministry before King Jeroboam II died in 753 B.C. and could have given his messages just before the fall of Samaria in 722 B.C.

Chapters 1-3 tell about Hosea's love for his wife, Gomer who was unfaithful. Her unfaithfulness is a picture of Israel's unfaithfulness in her covenant relationship with God. Instead of responding in thankfulness and love to God for all their blessings, the Israelites were using their crops as offerings to idols. The injustice and mistreatment of even their own people reflected their lack of love for God.

THE BOOK OF HOSEA - Chapter 1
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Who were the Kings of Judah when Hosea gave his prophecies? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. Why did Hosea marry a woman he knew would be unfaithful? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. Where would Israel's bow be broken? _____ . Verse _____
4. Why was Hosea's daughter named Lo-Ruhamah? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. How did Hosea say God would show his love for Judah? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Jehoash was king over Israel during the time of Hosea.
7. _____ When the nation of Israel departed from the Lord it was called adultery.
8. _____ Hosea had three children, all boys.
9. _____ A great army would save the kingdom of Judah.
10. _____ Hosea prophesied that the two kingdoms would be reunited again.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Did ALL of Hosea's children have names that meant something special?
12. _____ Was King Jehu a good king?
13. _____ Did Hosea say that God was going to disown Israel?
14. _____ Were God's people going to be a large number?
15. _____ Did Hosea say that there will always be two kings over his people?

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THE BOOK OF HOSEA - Chapter 2
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Why would God not show love to her children? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. Who did Gomer say had given her food, water, wool and linen, oil and beer drink? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. What did his wife claim was pay from her lovers? _____ . Verse _____
4. What does the Lord say he will give back to her? _____ . Verse _____
5. When God says, "You are my people", how will the people respond? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Hosea wanted to divorce his wife.
7. _____ God says that HE is the one who gave Israel the things she needed.
8. _____ Israel was guilty of burning incense to the Baals.
9. _____ God says the weapons of war would be abolished.
10. _____ Hosea says that the skies will respond to the earth.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Does Hosea say that his wife would stray but then come back to him?
12. _____ Were the crops used as a sacrifice to Baal?
13. _____ Would the Sabbath days be taken away?
14. _____ Would Israel no longer invoke the name of Baal?
15. _____ Would the restoration be complete?

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THE BOOK OF HOSEA - Chapter 3
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What was Hosea told to show to his wife? _____. Verse _____
2. How much did Hosea pay to buy back his wife? _____. Verse _____
3. How long was Gomer to live with Hosea? _____. Verse _____
4. How long would Israel live without a king? _____. Verse _____
5. Afterward who would the Israelites seek as their king? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Hosea was to show his love for Gomer as the Lord showed his love for Israel.
7. _____ Gomer had become a slave and had to be bought back.
8. _____ Gomer was told she could no longer be a prostitute.
9. _____ The Israelites would again seek the Lord.
10. _____ The Israelites would come trembling.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Did someone else love Gomer?
12. _____ Were sacred raisin cakes a part of idol worship?
13. _____ Was Gomer prohibited from being intimate with any man?
14. _____ Was Israel to be without Ephod OR idol?
15. _____ Did Hosea speak about the last days?

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THE BOOK OF HOSEA - Chapter 4
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What was missing in the land of the Israelites? _____ . Verse _____
2. In what way were the people and the priests alike? _____ . Verse _____
3. Why was God going to reject the priests? _____ . Verse _____
4. What sins are the daughters and the daughters in law accused of? _____ . Verse _____
5. What oath were they forbidden to use? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Because of the sins of the people the entire land suffers.
7. _____ The term "mother" in verse 5 refers to the nation.
8. _____ The priests will be repaid for the deeds they have done.
9. _____ The prostitute, the harlot and the adulterer are all sexual sinners.
10. _____ Winds blows away the chaff on a threshing floor and the whirlwind will blow away the people of Israel.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was it Hosea who brought a charge against Israel?
12. _____ If people are not instructed in God's Word could they be destroyed because of lack of knowledge?
13. _____ Does wine take away the understanding?
14. _____ Mountain tops are the places of idol worship, did Israel participate?
15. _____ Were the Isrealites stubborn?

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THE BOOK OF HOSEA - Chapter 5
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Ephraim and Israel are names for the same nation, who will discipline them? _____ . Verse _____
2. What will the festive New Moon Festival do to the people? _____ . Verse _____
3. Where is Beth Aven? (See Joshua 7:2) _____ . Verse _____
4. What is God going to pour out on his people? _____ . Verse _____
5. How long will God stay in his own place? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Nothing in Israel or Judah is hidden from God.
7. _____ If the People persisted in their sin, they could not return to their God.
8. _____ The ram's horn trumpet is used in battle.
9. _____ In the past Manahem and Hosea paid tribute to Assyria but that did not help Israel now.
10. _____ God will be like a great lion to tear Judah to pieces.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Did Hosea predict that God would discipline ALL of his people?
12. _____ Were both the kingdom of Israel and of Judah guilty of prostitution?
13. _____ Were Judah's leaders guilty of moving boundary stones?
14. _____ Are the moth and rot both things that consume?
15. _____ Was God certain that his people would come back to him?

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THE BOOK OF HOSEA - Chapter 6
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What was Israel's expectation concerning God? _____ . Verse _____
2. What did the people believe would happen on the third day? _____ . Verse _____
3. What was the love of the people compared to? _____ . Verse _____
4. What did God desire? _____ . Verse _____
5. Does the term Adam in verse 7 refer to the man Adam, or to mankind in general? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The people realized that it was God who was punishing them.
7. _____ There is not even a hint of repentance on the part of the people.
8. _____ The early morning dew is temporary and so was Israel's response to return to God.
9. _____ Bands of priest were accused of lying in ambush to commit murder.
10. _____ The nation of Judah also faced judgment.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Did they think that God would bind up their wounds?
12. _____ Did they want to live in the Lord's presence?
13. _____ Did God say he would use his prophets to cut them to pieces?
14. _____ Were broken covenants a problem for God?
15. _____ Were shameful crimes done even by the priests?

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THE BOOK OF HOSEA - Chapter 7
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What happened when God would restore and heal Israel? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. What happens to the king and the princes on the day of the festival? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. Who does Ephraim mix with? _____ . Verse _____
4. Who was it that like a dove called to Egypt and Assyria? _____ . Verse _____
5. Even after God trained them and strengthened them what did they do? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The people did not realize that God would remember ALL their evil deeds.
7. _____ After the dough is kneaded it rises.
8. _____ All of their kings fall and none call upon God.
9. _____ They called out to God from their hearts but he did not hear them.
10. _____ Their leaders would fall by the sword.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Do sickness and lies delight the king and the princes?
12. _____ Are fire and flames used to show their love for God?
13. _____ Is Israel arrogant?
14. _____ Does God long to redeem his people?
15. _____ Is a faulty bow a good thing to have in a battle?

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THE BOOK OF HOSEA - Chapter 8
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What will happen to Israel since he has rejected what is good? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. What did they do with their silver and their gold? _____ . Verse _____
3. Who made the calf of Samaria? _____ . Verse _____
4. Ephraim built altars for sin offerings, what had they become? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. What will happen to the fortified towns and fortresses? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The eagle, like a vulture, is the symbol for the enemy about to attack the house of the Lord.
7. _____ The kingdom of Israel did not consult God when appointing their kings.
8. _____ If you sow the wind you reap the whirlwind.
9. _____ When Israel became like the other nations she became worthless to God.
10. _____ Israel had forgotten his maker.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Even though Israel cried out to God, did they accept what was good?
12. _____ Was Israel incapable of purity?
13. _____ Can a stalk of wheat without a head produce anything?
14. _____ Did the people regard God's law as something alien?
15. _____ Was God going to use a flood to destroy the fortified cities and fortresses?

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THE BOOK OF HOSEA - Chapter 9
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Where was Ephraim going to return to? _____ . Verse _____
2. What will happen to their treasures of silver? _____ . Verse _____
3. What was it like when God found Israel? _____ . Verse _____
4. Because of their wickedness where was God going to drive them? _____
_____ . Verse _____
5. Where were they going to be wanderers? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The threshing floor and the winepress would no longer feed them.
7. _____ They would eat all of their food and not bring any into the temple.
8. _____ They would consider the prophet a wise man.
9. _____ Baal Peor is called a worthy idol.
10. _____ God said he was going to kill their cherished offspring.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Do sacrifices always please God?
12. _____ Was this punishment going to come upon them very soon?
13. _____ Did God say that he did not remember their wickedness?
14. _____ Did God say that EVERY child would die?
15. _____ Was God going to reject them because of their disobedience?

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THE BOOK OF HOSEA - Chapter 10
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What did Israel do when his fruit increased? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. What did Hosea say that kings did? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. What will they say to the mountains and the hills? _____ . Verse _____
4. If they sowed righteousness what would they reap? _____ . Verse _____
5. What will happen to the king of Israel? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Hosea quotes God as saying that HE would demolish their altars.
7. _____ Lawsuits would be common among them.
8. _____ God punishes when it pleases HIM.
9. _____ When they planted wickedness they reaped love.
10. _____ Both mothers and their children would be dashed to the ground.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Can hearts be deceitful?
12. _____ Does the calf-idol of Beth Aven have its own priests?
13. _____ Will Samaria be taken away like a twig?
14. _____ Had they been depending on their own strength?
15. _____ Bethel means "house of God" but had it become a place of wickedness?

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THE BOOK OF HOSEA - Chapter 11
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Where was Israel when God called them? _____ . Verse _____
2. Where would Ephraim return to and why? _____ . Verse _____
3. What were the people determined to do? _____ . Verse _____
4. What is aroused in God? _____ . Verse _____
5. What would happen if his children followed the Lord? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Instead of coming closer to God, when He called them out of Egypt they went farther away from Him.
7. _____ Assyria would be ruling over them.
8. _____ The heart of God can be changed.
9. _____ God is God, not a man.
10. _____ The Holy One is always faithful

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Did God lead them with cords of human kindness?
12. _____ Did God say he would no longer exalt them?
13. _____ Can God's compassion be aroused?
14. _____ Was a prediction made that Israel would return to their land?
15. _____ Was the kingdom of Judah condemned as well as the kingdom of Israel?

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THE BOOK OF HOSEA - Chapter 12
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What did Ephraim do with Assyria and Egypt? _____ . Verse _____
2. Where did Jacob find the angel and struggle with him? _____ . Verse _____
3. What is said about the merchant? _____ . Verse _____
4. How did God speak through the prophets? _____ . Verse _____
5. How did Ephraim react to the leading that God provided? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

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6. _____ Both Judah and Israel are condemned in this chapter.
7. _____ Being rich means that you do not have any sin.
8. _____ God is called Lord God Almighty in this chapter.
9. _____ Moses is referred to in this chapter.
10. _____ Ephraim's contempt will be repaid.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Ephraim paid tribute to Egypt and Assyria.
12. _____ Would they be repaid according to their deeds?
13. _____ Do love and justice have to be maintained?
14. _____ Would the people be allowed to stay in their stone houses?
15. _____ Are any of the prophets condemned in this chapter?

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THE BOOK OF HOSEA - Chapter 13
SHORT ANSWERS

1. How was Ephraim treated in Israel? _____ . Verse _____
2. How did they use their silver? _____ . Verse _____
3. Besides kissing the calf-idol what other sin did they commit? _____ . Verse _____
4. What happened to the people once they were satisfied? _____ . Verse _____
5. What did God do in his anger? In his wrath? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ When people begin to sin, they sin more and more.
7. _____ The morning mist does not last very long.
8. _____ God is called Savior in this chapter.
9. _____ God keeps a record of sins.
10. _____ The promise of a resurrection is found in this chapter.

YES OR NO

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11. _____ Will those who worship idols last very long?
12. _____ Does God prohibit them from having any other god?
13. _____ Does God say that Israel will be destroyed?
14. _____ Will God have compassion on those who worship idols?
15. _____ Will horrible things happen to women?

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THE BOOK OF HOSEA - Chapter 14
SHORT ANSWERS

1. To what does God contribute Israel's downfall? _____. Verse _____
2. What will happen if Israel asks God to forgive their sins? _____. Verse _____
3. How will God love them if they return to him? _____. Verse _____
4. Where does their fruitfulness come from? _____. Verse _____
5. Who is it that walks in the ways of the Lord? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Hosea tells the people what God would like them to say.
7. _____ Things that their hand made, they called their gods.
8. _____ The fatherless would find compassion in them.
9. _____ If they returned to God their splendor would also return.
10. _____ The "Ways of the Lord" cause the rebellious to stumble.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Does what we say have anything to do with how God treats us?
12. _____ Are there conditions attached to God turning his anger away from them?
13. _____ Does he tell Ephraim to have nothing to do with idols?
14. _____ Will he that realizes these things be wise?
15. _____ Will the righteous obey what Hosea says?

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