

The Book of Hosea

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



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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 - From the New International Version

The name Obadiah means, "servant of Jehovah," Nothing more is known about this prophet than this short book containing his prophecy.

Obadiah is a book of prophecy against the nation of Edom. This country had invaded and plundered Jerusalem at least four times, so Obadiah announced God's judgment against them and prophesied that their kingdom would be destroyed.

The Edomites are heard of no more after the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

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SHORT ANSWERS

1. Where did Edom live? _____ . Verse _____
2. What will happen to the hidden treasures of Esau? _____ . Verse _____
3. Why would everyone in Esau's mountain be cut down? _____
_____ . Verse _____
4. What day was near for all nations? _____ . Verse _____
5. Who will occupy the mountains of Esau? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

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

6. _____ Edom did not think anyone could bring them down.
7. _____ It will be their friends who deceive Edom.
8. _____ Edom would be condemned for not coming to the aid of Israel.
9. _____ The nation of Edom would get back what they had done to others.
10. _____ The house of Jacob will flourish but the house of Esau will be stubble.

YES OR NO

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

11. _____ Was pride the cause of Edom's fall?
12. _____ Would those who steal grapes steal ALL of them?
13. _____ Edom would be covered with shame because of their violence against their brother Jacob (Israel).
14. _____ Would there be deliverance on Mount Zion?
15. _____ Will the kingdom belong to the Lord again?

THINK FOR YOURSELF

16. What is the main theme of this chapter and why do you think so? (Can you do one word?)
17. What is the key verse and why do you think so?
18. What did you learn?

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY: (The following questions could be used in place of or in addition to the ones in the lessons for those who are more advanced in Bible knowledge.)

1. What does this chapter teach about Jesus?
2. What does this chapter teach about God?
3. What does this chapter teach about the Holy Spirit?
4. Does this chapter contain promises to be received, commands to be obeyed or warnings to be heeded?