

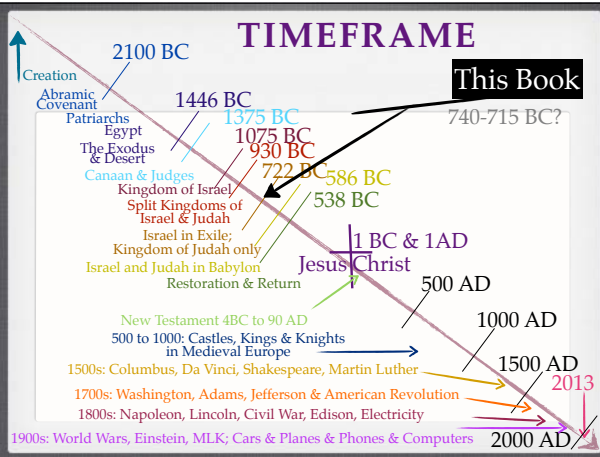
HOSEA

Book of Loyal Love

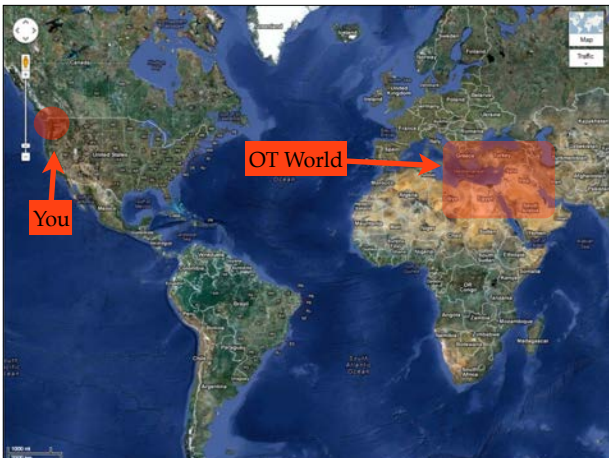


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TIMEFRAME



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TYPE OF BOOK

- Moses' Torah / Pentateuch
- History
- Poetry & Wisdom
- Major (Long-book) Prophets
- Minor (Short-book) Prophets ✓

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AUTHOR

- Hosea
- 1:1

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READERS & RECIPIENTS

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- Original Recipients: Israel--Hosea reminds Israel of the Lord's loving faithfulness and calls them away from unfaithfulness to a new life (LSB 1427)

STORYLINE

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- "Hosea is a collection of oracles without a clear, logical sequence." LSB 1428
- Chapters 1 through 3: The Adulterous Wife and the Faithful Husband (God's love is capable of working through all of our sin)
- Chapters 4 through 14: The Adulterous Israel and Faithful Lord (God's love is capable of working through all of our sin)

Major OT Themes found in this Book:

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1. God is Love
2. God Creates
3. Israel (we) are supposed to be God's Obedient Servants
4. Israel (we) are Sinful
5. God is Angry with His People for Rejecting Him
6. God Forgives and Blesses those who Follow Him
7. Israel (we) are God's Chosen Examples
8. God Speaks through His Prophets
9. God is Always with His People
10. God is Just and Merciful
11. God Keeps His Promises
12. Israel (we) are Redeemed and Restored by the Blood of Christ
13. Israel (we) are JoGoFd
14. Israel (we) will Inherit the Kingdom of God

THEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTION

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- "...Hosea includes tender expressions of steadfast love among this prophet's descriptions of judgment. Hosea ranks with Deuteronomy and the Gospel of John as major biblical treatises on the love of God." CBH 155

SECULAR CONTRIBUTION

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KEY VERSES

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- 14: 4-7
- "I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily; he shall take root like the trees of Lebanon..."ESV
- "The Lord's tone changes here. He begins to announce good news to Israel. Specifically, He promises to heal the people, love them freely, and turn away His righteous anger. The imagery contrasts with the heat and dryness of judgment in 13:15." LSB 1445

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REQUIRED READING

- 1, 2, 3, 4, 14

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WHEN TO TURN HERE

- I've been sinful. Why should God help me? I deserve nothing but trouble in my life.

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LUTHER SAYS:

- Hosea “preached vigorously against the idolatry of his time and bravely rebuked the people, together with the king and princes and priests. It was surely for this reason that he, like the others, tasted death. He had to die as a heretic against the priests and rebel against the king, for that is a prophetic and apostolic death, and in this way Christ himself had to die.” LSB 1427

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MR. MARTIN SAYS:

- "In Hosea the grace of God is illustrated in the personal life of [Hosea]..., which in turn symbolizes God's relationship with Israel. Hosea's faithfulness to his adulterous wife Gomer, whom he later forgives and redeems from the slave market, is symbolic of God's love for his people, whose willful unfaithfulness merits the judgment of God, who ultimately will restore and save his wayward people."
- CSSB 1324

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HOMEWORK

- Read your required reading; it's chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, and 14.

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LIFE LESSONS FROM HOSEA

Hosea:
 This book challenges us to be faithful to God. What faith challenges do you face in your life?

ACTIVITIES

Name: _____

Date: _____

The Short-Book Prophets

The last twelve books of the Old Testament are often referred to as the "Minor Prophets". However, "minor" is a bit of misnomer, since "minor" refers to the fact that the books are short, and not that the books are, as is the contemporary meaning, "lesser".

These books as a whole mainly discuss two themes, which will become clear as you read them. They clearly emphasize God's plan for humankind, as laid out in Genesis 12: 1-3. We see God dealing very clearly with his people—there are clear consequences for their actions. Also, several of these books point toward the coming Messiah through the building of the temple in Jerusalem. This will be the same temple that Jesus visits in John 2:14, and the "temple of which he took as Jesus' death in Matthew 27:11. These bold prophets speak directly with God and often have to tell the people of his terrible judgments against them. Sometimes, they have the honor of telling of God's blessings.

The following are some key verses for each of the twelve short-booked prophets. Read the verses and try to determine the major theme of the book. Feel free to read more verses from the book if you need more help. Please use at least two complete sentences for each. Since there is not enough space below, please answer these using your own lined paper.

- Hosea: 4: 1-14
- Josai: 2:1-2; 3:1-2
- Amos: 3:2; 9:10-10
- Obadiah: 1:1, 9-15
- Jonah: 1:1-2; 3:7-10
- Micah: 2:1, 12
- Nahum: 1:2-6
- Habakkuk: 1: 1-6
- Zechariah: 1: 1-4; 2: 11-17
- Haggai: 1:1, 1:13-15
- Malachi: 1: 9-13 ; 2:14
- Malachi: 1:4; 4:1-6
