

Hosea chapter 1

What did God tell Hosea about what kind of woman he was to marry? and why? What did God tell Hosea about the children his wife would bear? Did Hosea obey? Isn't it cool to be a prophet?

What did the names of Hosea's children symbolize? Compare 2 Kings 9-10; Numbers 14:19; Leviticus 26:3,12 .

In what way(s) do verses 9-10 reverse or restore the judgments associated with the children's names?

Hosea chapter 3

Chapter 2 describes an unfaithful wife who is sent away by her husband (and into the arms of her lovers). Eventually she longs to return to her husband.

Some time has passed, and God speaks to Hosea again; what instruction was given this time?

Complete the comparison: unfaithful wife is like _____?

Have Hosea's prophecies been fulfilled?

Hosea chapter 11

How does the father describe his child in verses 1-4? Does his feeling change in 5-7? What about Egypt: are they coming or going?

What two overwhelming emotions are expressed in 8-9?

Why does the lion roar? What ultimately happens to the wayward child? [10-11]

What comparison is made in verse 12?

Compare this chapter to Gomer's return to Hosea in chapter 3. Chapters 4-13 consistently and repeatedly pronounce judgment against Israel; is it reasonable to describe the book of Hosea as a love story?

Next week: Joel chapters 1, 2, and 3.