

Series "Route 66"

"Hosea"

Book-28

Introduction to The Minor Prophets Hosea- Malachi

As Jeremiah's message was to Judah's last hours, so the message of Hosea was to Israel in her last hours.

The Minor Prophets cover a period of 400 years.

1. Hosea, Amos, and Micah Speak of the fall of Israel (Samaria) and of the overthrow that already threatened Judah.
2. Obadiah, Jonah and Nahum who prophesy against certain Gentile nations; mainly Edom and Nineveh.
3. Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi, who were post-captivity prophets, the first two dealing with the restored exiles, and the last bearing witness to the failure of the people and the coming of the Messiah and His forerunner.
4. Joel, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah, have a peculiar character such that it marks them off from the rest. They speak of the end, the closing scenes, and the great crisis toward which the world is fast hastening.

In each of these books, you will usually find a three-fold lesson:

1. Historical
2. Prophetical
3. Practical

The Author – Hosea 1:1

When was it Written – 1 Kings 12; 2 Chronicles 26-32 Hosea ministered in the Northern Kingdom from about 760 to 720 B.C.

Where it was Written – The Northern kingdom of Israel.

Theme – "Loyal Love Of God" Unconditional love

Key Words – God's Loyal Love for Israel

Key Chapter – Hosea 4

Key Passage – Hosea 4:1

Outline –

1. Hosea 1-3 Israel's Unfaithfulness Described:
2. Hosea 4-7 Israel's Sins Denounced:
3. Hosea 8-10 Israel's Judgment Determined:
4. Hosea 11-14 Israel's Restoration Declared:

1. Hosea 1-3 Israel's Unfaithfulness Described:

Hosea 1:1-11 God commanded Hosea to marry a woman who would be unfaithful to him:

Hosea 1:2-4

Jezreel - "Jezreel" was the city where Jehu had slaughtered the family of King Ahab, and symbolized a similar destruction about to come on all Israel.

Hosea 1:5-8

Lo-Ruhamah - means "not loved," or "not an object of compassion."

Hosea 1:9

Lo-Ammi - means "not My people." The nation that had rejected God would soon be rejected itself.

Hosea 2:1-13 Israel has Been Unfaithful to God:

Hosea 2:14-23 Restoration Will Come To Israel:

Hosea 3:1-5 God is Love:

2. Hosea 4-7 Israel's Sins Denounced:

Hosea 4:1-11 Ignorance:

Hosea 4:5-11 Hosea Detailed the Sins of Priests:

Hosea 4:12-5:15 Idolatry: Hosea 4:13-14

Hosea 6:1-7:16 Insincerity:

3. Hosea 8-10 Israel's Judgment Determined:

Hosea 9 The Nation Scattered:

Hosea 9:7 The Prophet is Considered a Fool:

Hosea 10 Reaping What They Have Sown: Hosea 10:12-13

4. Hosea 11-14 Israel's Restoration Declared:

Hosea 11 God's Past Mercies:

Hosea 11:12-12:14 According to his Ways:

Hosea 12-13 God's Present Disciplines: Hosea 13:4-9

Hosea 14 God's Future Promises: Hosea 14:1-4

Application:

1. She deserved abandonment, yet an unquenchable love moved Hosea to restore her. Just as God's unquenchable love will move the Lord, after letting Israel taste the consequences of her spiritual adultery, to rescue Israel and also bring her home.
2. The genuine character of God's love.
3. Hosea was called by God to act out on earth the realities of heaven. Just so, you and I are to respond to others not as they deserve, but as God in grace has responded to us.
4. Like Hosea, each of us who knows Jesus is to be a living example of His unending love.

