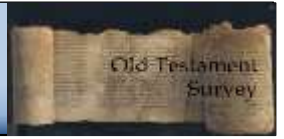




Hosea – Study Guide



Bible Reading (Other chapters may be read for extra credit/benefit)	Textbook Reading (Other material may be read for extra credit/benefit)
Hosea	Ch. 32
☐ 1:1-2:1 ☐ 4:1-9 ☐ 6:1-11 ☐ 11:1-11 ☐ ch. 14	☐ Major Themes of the Book (Hosea)

Study Guide for Hosea

Chapter 1:1-Chapter 2:1

- When did the Word of the Lord come to Hosea? What does this tell us about the historical setting of this book, according to what you have learned from the earlier historical books?
- What did God tell Hosea to do? What reason did He give? How did Hosea respond?
- What did God tell Hosea to name his first child? What reason did He give?
- What did God tell Hosea to name his second child? What reason did He give? What does this tell us about what was about to happen to the house of Israel and the house of Judah? How does this fit with the history you have learned?
- What did God tell Hosea to name his third child? What reason did He give? How does this compare with promises God had given His people?
- What do you think is the significance of the names given to Hosea's children? What does this say about the spiritual state of God's people at that time?
- How does this section end? How does this message compare to the message of the earlier part of this passage? What do you think is the reason for the change in tone? How does this compare with what you have learned about the character of God? How should we respond?

Chapter 4:1-9

- Describe the charges that God brought against Israel. What did He say they were like? What had they done? What was the result? What did God say to those who would accuse others?
- What did God say He would do because they rejected knowledge? From the context, what did He mean by "rejected knowledge"? How did the punishment fit the crime? What can we learn from this?
- How did God describe the priests? What did they do? What was the result for all the people? What difference does this make? How can we apply this warning today?

Chapter 6:1-11

- What does this passage counsel the people to do? Why? What hope does it give? How should we respond?

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- How does God describe Ephraim and Judah? To what did He compare their love? What point was He making? What can we learn from this?
- What did God promise to do to Ephraim and Judah? What reasons did He give? How did they not live up to His desired standards? What does this passage tell us about what God desires from His people? How should we respond?

Chapter 11:1-11

- How did God describe His historical relationship with the nation of Israel? What did He emphasize about their attitudes and actions toward Him? How did He describe His own attitudes and actions toward them?
- What does this passage say about God's promised punishment for this kind of behavior? How does this compare with what you have seen in the earlier Old Testament?
- How does God's tone switch in the middle of this passage? What emotions are shown in this portion? What does this demonstrate about God's character?
- What did God resolve not to do? What reason did He give? What does this demonstrate about God's character and plan? How should we respond?
- What did God promise to do for His people? How is this significant?

Chapter 14

- What does this passage counsel God's people to do? What would that look like in that time? What would that look like today?
- Describe the kind of attitude that would result if God's people wholeheartedly obeyed these commands? How would their thinking and actions change? What would be the motivation for this change? How does this apply?
- What does God promise to do for His people? How does He describe their blessing? What does this demonstrate about God's character and plan? What difference does this make?
- What point does the end of this chapter make about the wise and discerning person? What will they do? How will they respond? What lessons should we learn from this? How will you respond?

Study Guide for Textbook chapter 32

Hosea: Sharing God's Heartache

Major Themes of the Book

- What point does the textbook make about marriage and how adultery defiles it? How does it apply that point to explain the message of Hosea?
- How was Hosea's unfaithful wife an illustration of what Israel had done to God? How does the book of Hosea communicate this? What should we learn from this? How should we respond?
- What is the point the textbook made about the Christian life? How is this connected with the message of Hosea? What difference should this make for us?
- What does the textbook say about God's love and how it is displayed in the book of Hosea? How does this fit with what we know about God from the rest of the Bible? How does this apply?

Review the Study Questions and Summary at the end of the chapter