



Hosea 5-8 Series Study Sheet

In Hosea 1-3 we saw the real life example of Hosea's Marriage to the prostitute Gomer compared with God's relationship with his people. This focuses on both the betrayal of the unfaithful nation of Israel but above all that God has unfailing Love for his people and will stop at nothing to return them to him.

From Chapter 4 we see more direct accusations and warnings for the nation of Israel and prophecies of their downfall. For example in chapter 4 it was said there was "no knowledge in the land", Knowledge in Hebrew is "Yada" which refers to more than just intellectual knowledge but a relationship which is lacking.

Today as we work through Hosea 5-8 I would like us to consider Deuteronomy 4:27-30, this prophesies the scattering of Israel and ultimately a promise for his people today if they turn to him and are obedient to him.

In Hosea 5-8 we see the warnings that God has for his nation of Israel which as we know went unheeded in the old testament. Scattered throughout these warnings are also promises that God is faithful and now through his Son he offers redemption to those who will seek him. Presuming we are God's people in the latter days trying to be obedient to him these warnings may still be relevant to our lives today.

Hosea Chapter 5 & 6 - A Proud Nation's Chance at Redemption

In chapter 5-6 Israel/Ephraim is a land without the knowledge of God and is seeking after other gods to replace the true God. But if God withdraws we see how people are driven to cry to God in their misery. Our merciful God is faithful and offers redemption but their goodness is like an early dew that quickly disappears.

Read the 10 commandments in Exodus 20 and discuss which are relevant to Hosea 5:3-4?

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Read Matthew 9:10-13 - Jesus teaches us of how we are to have a heart of repentance. The Pharisees considered themselves as righteous and were too arrogant to receive their foretold Messiah. What is the warning that is in Hosea 5:5 that applies here? how can we safeguard against this (Hosea 6:3)?

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Hosea Chapter 7 – Warnings to the Nation of Israel

Following on from chapter 6 even after being healed Israel continue to practice deceipt. But as it says in 1 Samuel 16:7, God looks at the heart. We are presented a series of examples of the shortcomings of their actions.





Here is our current parliament prayer -

"Almighty God, we humbly beseech Thee to vouchsafe Thy blessing upon this Parliament. Direct and prosper our deliberations to the advancement of Thy glory, and the true welfare of the people of Australia"

Read god's warnings in Hosea in Hosea 7:1-2 and 7:14 and then read Matthew 12:36-37. What advice do you think should be given to our MPs when becoming part of a government that clearly seeks God's guidance.

God is clear about the punishment of hypocrites and those who offer empty promises, it is not good enough to swear an oath to uphold our constitution and government but then blatantly create laws that go against God.

Hosea Chapter 8 – In the day of Trouble and scattering of Israel

In this chapter we read how Israel is attacked, they cry out for God but he doesn't know them. Their kings, gods and alters have been setup in opposition to the true God. His great Law which was to give them life has become a strange thing to them and they are destroyed and scattered into nations.

Consider this quote:

David Koch Sunrise 22/07/19 "There are weird things in there that are just not relevant to today's society and make Christians look bad,"

Then read Hosea 8:12, 2 Timothy 3:15-17 and John 1:1.

How could we respond if someone was to say comment this to us?

Discuss the bible and its historical accuracy, 5 points from Greg Koukl stand to reason (prophecy, unity, answers to big questions, historically accurate, tried and tested social blue print and changes lives)