

THE MINOR PROPHETS

Part 3: Hosea – The Story of Betrayal
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HOSEA TELLS THE STORY

1. OF _____

Hosea 1:2 (NET) Go marry a prostitute who will bear illegitimate children conceived through prostitution, because the nation continually commits spiritual prostitution by turning away from the LORD.

The first mention of a broken heart in the bible: it was God's.

Genesis 6:6 (NCV) He was sorry he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.

2. OF MAN'S _____

Hosea 2:5-8 (ESV) For she said, I will go after my lovers, who give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink. ...And she did not know that it was I who gave her the grain, the wine, and the oil, and who lavished on her silver and gold, which they used for Baal.

Hosea 2:13 (ESV) And I will punish her for the feast days of the Baals when she burned offerings to them and adorned herself with her ring and jewelry, and went after her lovers and forgot me, declares the LORD.

Hosea 4:1-2 (ESV) There is no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land; there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.

3. OF GOD'S _____

Hosea 1:4-8 The Children's names: Jezreel, Lo Rahamma, Lo Ammi.

Hosea 1:7 (NCV) But I will show pity to the people of Judah. I will save them, but not by using bows or swords, horses or horsemen, or weapons of war. I, the LORD their God, will save them.

4. OF GOD'S _____

Hosea 2:19-20 (ESV) And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD.

Hosea 2:23 (ESV) And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, You are my people; and he shall say, You are my God.

Hosea 3:1 (NLT) Go and love your wife again, even though she commits adultery with another lover. This will illustrate that the LORD still loves Israel, even though the people have turned to other gods and love to worship them.

Hosea 3:5 (NLT) But afterward the people will return and devote themselves to the LORD their God and to David's descendant, their king. In the last days, they will tremble in awe of the LORD and of his goodness.