

WEEK 3: Prophet Hosea



[WARMUP]

[READ]

(Chapters 1-3) Hosea & Gomer

Ch. 1

(Chapters 4-14) The LORD & Israel (also called “Ephraim” in this book)

Ch. 4

Ch. 6

Ch. 14

[THINK]

Q: What is Hosea actually calling the people to do?

“[In an affair] they’re actually ‘falling in love’ with the *fantasy* (in their very own mind) about the other person... The affair partner is simply a construct, a made-up image—someone, they imagine, who will meet their every need.”

—R. Scott Gornito

“The 3 Main Reasons Why People Have Affairs”

Psychology Today, Dec. 2015

KEY THEMES & VERSES:

- Harlotry/Whoredom, Faithfulness/Love
- Hosea 2:19-20

"Hosea" by Andrew Peterson
Resurrection Letters, Vol. II © 2008 Centricity Music

Well every time I lay in the bed beside you
Hosea, Hosea
I hear the sound of the streets of the city
My belly growls like a hungry wolf
And I let it prowl till my belly's full
Hosea, my heart is a stone

So please believe me when I say I'm sorry
Hosea, Hosea
You loveable, gullible man
I tell you that my love is true
Till it fades away like a morning dew
Hosea, leave me alone

Here I am in the Valley of Trouble
Just look at the bed that I've made:
Badlands as far as I can see
Well there's no one here but me
Hosea

Well I stumbled and fell in the road on the way home
Hosea, Hosea
I lay in the brick street like a stray dog
You came to me like a silver moon
With the saddest smile I ever knew
Hosea carried me home again
Home again

You called me out to the Valley of Trouble
Just to look at the mess that I've made
A barren place where nothing can grow
One look and my stone heart crumbled
It was a valley as green as jade
I swear it was the color of hope
You turned a stone into a rose
Hosea, Hosea, Hosea

Well I sang and I danced like I did as a young girl
Hosea, Hosea
I am a slave and a harlot no more
You washed me clean like a summer rain
And you set me free with that ball and chain
Hosea, I threw away the key

I'll never leave
Hosea, Hosea