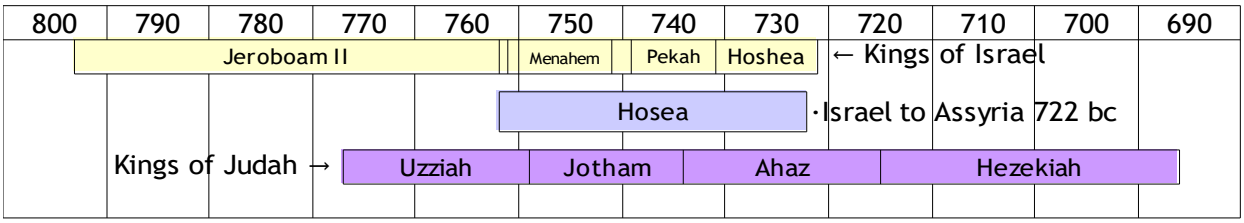
Hosea - Outline

Author: Hosea, who prophesied mainly to the northern tribes in Israel. He addresses them as Ephraim because it was a leading tribe among the northern tribes.[1] He was a contemporary of the prophets Isaiah (Isaiah 1:1), Amos (Amos 1:1), Jonah (Jonah 1:1; 2Kings 14:25), and Micah (Micah 1:1).

Date: Hosea prophesied during the reigns of the following kings of Israel and Judah (1:1), beginning in 752 BC and continuing until the fall of Samaria to the Assyrians in 722 BC, while Hoshea was king in Israel. Since Hezekiah of Judah is referenced in 1:1, it could be that his prophetic ministry extended beyond the taking of Israel by Assyria, although any further prophecies aren't recorded here.

- **Israel**: Jeroboam II (793-752 BC), Zechariah (752 BC), Shallum (751 BC), Menahem (751-741 BC), Pekahiah (741-739 BC), Pekah (739-732), Hoshea (732-722 BC)
- **Judah**: Uzziah (767-750 BC), Jotham (750-735 BC), Ahaz (735-716 BC), and Hezekiah (716-687 BC) (was king in Judah when Israel fell



Occasion: Hosea is called to prophesy because God has become displeased with the rampant idolatry that is practiced among the northern kingdom and with their alliances with surrounding nations to provide security, both of which displayed their lack of dependence on and trust in God care for them. It was a practice of the Assyrians to deport conquered peoples to other countries and then repopulate the lands with foreigners, which Hosea speaks about in his prophecies.

Summary: In the first three chapters we are introduced to Hosea and his family and are given and preview of the rest of the book. After those we have prophecies concerning Israel's unfaithfulness, God's judgment on their sins, God's love for His people, God's anger over their sins, and finally, God's promise of restoration of a faithful remnant.

Group[2]	C	V	Description
Hosea's Wife and Children	1	1	Introduction
		2-9	Hosea is told to marry a wife of harlotry and have children to symbolize the actions of Israel worshiping Idols; He marries Gomer and they have children: (D=daughter; S=son) • D — Diblaim (no meaning given) • S — Jezreel → foretelling the end of Israel • D — Lo-ruhamah → God's end of compassion for Israel • S — Lo-ammi → "you are not My people, and I am not your God"
		10-11	Future reunification of Israel and Judah
Israel's Unfaithfulness Condemned	2	1-7	Hosea's family and illustration of God and Israel
		8-13	God took better care of Israel than any other could
Restoration of		14-20	God will draw Israel back to Him

1 (Galan et al. 129–131)
2 (*NASB*) "Group" column from the headings in the NASB text.

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Israel		21-23	You are My people!...Your are my God!
Hosea's Second Symbolic Marriage	3	1-5	Hosea is told by God to again marry, this time an adulteress, which is to be symbolic of God's relationship with Israel
God's Controversy with Israel	4	1-3	God's case against Israel
		4-6	The prophet told to be silent
		7-10	The priesthood is held accountable
		11-14	Idolatry's deception is condemned
		15-19	Warning to Judah to not follow Israel
The People's Apostasy Rebuked	5	1-7	Hosea rebuke Israel for its apostasy
		8-15	Hosea sounds the alarm of God's coming wrath & a way of returning
The Response to God's Rebuke	6	1-3	Hosea's call to repentance
		4-11	God's judgment is sure and thorough
Ephraim's Iniquity	7	1-7	Israel's sins are clearly seen by God
		8-16	Israel is chastised for looking to Egypt for help instead of God
Israel Reaps the Whirlwind	8	1-7	God's rejection compared to a whirlwind
		8-10	Israel's captivity by Assyria assured
		11-14	Idolatry and rejection of God is the reason
Ephraim Punished	9	1-6	Israel will be punished and no longer participate in worship in the temple
		7-9	Israel punished for their depravity
		10-14	Israel's sin results in infertility and infant mortality
		15-17	God will punish idolatry
Retribution for Israel's Sin	10	1-2	Israel's idolatry increased as they harvests increased
		3-10	Israel is without a leader because of idolatry
		11-15	It is time to seek a new crop – righteousness rather than idolatry
God Yearns over His People	11	1-4	God's care for Israel
		5-7	Israel's refusal results in captivity in Assyria
		8-11	God will call them back
		12	God's people, Israel and Judah, have rebelled against the Holy One
Ephraim Reminded	12	1-11	Israel's contending with God reviewed
		12-14	God will deal with Israel's sins
Ephraim's	13	1-3	Israel's sins continue to build and grow

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Idolatry		4-8	God took care of Israel
		9-11	God gave Israel a king and took him away again
		12-14	Israel's time of release is not yet come
		15-16	Though the nation may flourish for a time, God's judgment comes
Israel's Future Blessing	14	1-3	Hosea instructs Israel how to repent
		4-8	God's promised response
		9	Call to Understanding

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