

# Book of Hosea

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## Hosea's Directive:

1. To expose **Israel's** breach of **Obedience** or **Sin**.
2. To announce **God's** intention to implement **Curses** for **Disobedience**, from **Deut 28:15-68**
3. To affirmed **God's Covenant** promise of **Israel's** ultimate **Restoration**, from **Deut 30:1-10**

## Three Major Themes:

**Sin**, **Judgment**, and **Restoration**

- A. **Israel's Sin**: idolatry (3:1, 4:17; 8:4, 6; 10:5; 11:2; 13:2), Baal worship (2:8, 13; 11:2; 13:1), Broke Covenant and rebelled against the Law, (6:7, 8:1)
- B. **Israel's Judgment**: (1:2-9, 2:2-13, 4:1-5:14, 6:4-11:7, 11:12-13:16)
- C. **Israel's Restoration**: (1:10-2:1, 2:14-3:5, 5:15-6:3, 11:8-11, 14:1-9)



## Theme Verse:

Whoever is wise, let him understand **these things** (things of **Lord**, prophesied by **Hosea**);  
Whoever is discerning, let him know **them** (these things).

[**WHY?**] For **the ways of the LORD** are right, And the righteous will walk in **them** (ways of **LORD**)  
But transgressors will stumble in **them** (ways of **LORD**), **Hosea 14:9**

## Bible Text Interpretation > Process

**First** > Read the Book thoroughly

**Second** > Develop your own [**Book Outline**]

- I. [**Book Sections**]
  - A. [**Sub-Sections**]
    1. [**Paragraphs**]
      - a. [**Sub-Points**]

Creating your own **Outline**, instead of using someone else's, requires You to:

- Break the TEXT down into its Major and Minor Points and Sub-Points.  
It helps You to SEE the CONTEXT of the PASSAGE.
- Once Completed You are then better able to SEE what the TEXT is saying,  
which is the TEXT INTERPRETATION, Your Goal.

## Working Outline > Hosea 2:1-7

IV. Say to **your** brothers, **Ammi**, **your** sisters, **Ruhamah**, 2:1-7 ¶ (2:1-7)

A. Say to **your** brothers, **Ammi** (My people, 1:8), **your** sisters, **Ruhamah** (My Loved one, 1:6), 2:1

B. Contend (Plead) with **your Mother** (Israel), Contend (Plead), 2:2

1. **For** (because) **she** (Israel) is not **My wife** and **I** (the Lord) **am not her** (Israel's) **husband**

2. Let **her** (Israel) put away **her harlotry** from **her** face and **adultery** from **her** breasts, 2:2

a. **OR I will** strip **her** naked and expose **her**, as on the day when **she** was born, 2:3

b. **I will** also make **her** like a wilderness, like desert land and slay **her** with thirst, 2:3

c. "Also, **I will** have no compassion (**Lo-ruhamah**) on **her** (Israel's) children, 2:4

i. **Because** (Reason) **they** are **children of harlotry**, 2:4

3. **For** (because) **their** (children of Israel's) **mother** (Israel) has played **the harlot**;

a. **She** (Israel) who conceived **them** (children of Israel) has acted **shamefully**.

4. **For** (because) **she** (Israel) said, '**I will** go after **my lovers**,

i. Who give me **my** bread and **my** water, **My** wool and **my** flax, **my** oil and **my** drink, 2:5

b. **Therefore** (because of that, 2:5), behold (observe), (Judgement)

i. **I** (the Lord) **will** hedge up **her** way with thorns,

ii. And **I will** build a wall against **her**

1. **so that** (Reason) **she** cannot find **her** paths, 2:6

iii. **She** (Israel) will pursue **her lovers**, but **she** will not overtake **them**;

iv. And **she** will seek **them**, but will not find **them**.

v. Then **she** (Israel) will say, '**I will** go back to **my** first **husband** (the Lord),

vi. **For** (because) it was better for **me** then than now !, 2:7 (What Parable? Luke 15:17-18)

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In Verses 2:1-2a, **The Lord** spoke to **Hosea**

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**The Lord** says, tell your fellow **Israelites** that **they** are "**My people**" and "**My Loved One**".

## **The Lord** brings **Charges, Advice, Judgements, and Justification** for **Charges** against **Israel**

Then **Israel** will feel **Repentance** (Regret)

(Charge) **For** (because) **she** (Israel) is not **my wife** and **I** (the Lord) **am not her** (Israel's) **husband**

(Advice) Let **her** (Israel) put away **her harlotry** from **her** face and **adultery** from **her** breasts, 2:2

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## Metaphor > the Lord's Marriage and Divorce of Israel, Hosea 2:1-5

The Lord > Marries/Husband to His Wife – Israel, 1446BC, Jer 31:32

The Lord  
Faithful Husband

Marries  
By Covenant

Israel  
Wife of Harlotry

Israel > is Rebellious Wife – from day they left Egypt, Deut 9:7

Israel as Wife, is Adulteress and Harlot, Hos 2:2, 4

Israel as Wife, goes after other lovers, Hos 2:4, 5

Therefore > she (Israel) is not My Wife and I am not Her Husband, Hos 2:2

The Lord > Divorces His Wife - Israel, Hos 2:2, Jer 3:8, Isa 50:1

The Lord, Gives N. Israel, Writ of Divorce, Jer 3:8, Isa 50:1

The Lord, sends away N. Israel (722BC), Jer 3:8, Isa 50:1

The Lord, Gives S. Judah, Writ of Divorce, Jer 3:8

The Lord, sends away S. Judah (605BC), 2 Kings 24:1-2

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Writ of Divorce Law – allowed, if “indecent” of Wife, Deut 24:1-2

Writ of Divorce – Husband “sends away” Wife, Deut 24:1

The Lord – sends away Wife Israel, “dispersed”, Deut 28:64-65, 4:27

The Lord Husband – separated from Wife Israel

The Lord will have No Compassion for Israel's Children, Hos 2:4-5

Israel Pursues other lovers, Hos 2:7

## Working Outline > Hosea 2:8-13

- IV. Because of **Her** Not knowing it was **I the Lord, I will Punish Her, 2:8-13** ¶ (2:8-13) (Judgement)
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1. and no one will rescue **her** out of **My hand, 2:10**
- d. **I will** also put an end to all **her**, gaiety, 2:11  
i. **her** feasts, **her** new moons, **her** Sabbaths, and **her** festal assemblies, 2:11
- e. and **I will** destroy **her** vines and fig trees, 2:12 (Judgement)  
i. Of which **she** said, ‘These are **my** wages (payment for work done)  
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- f. And **I will** make them (vines) a forest, And the beasts of the field will devour them., 2:12
- g. **I will punish her** for the days of **the Baals, 2:13** (Judgement)  
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ii. And adorn **herself** with **her** earrings and jewelry,  
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