

Meet the Prophets

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Hosea

Lesson Six

Hosea son of Beeri

The word of the LORD that came to Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel. (Hos 1:1)

Kings of Israel

And in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel and in the days of Zechariah son of Jeroboam, Shallum, Menachem, Pekakiah, Peka, and Hosea.

Jeroboam II: 2 Kings 14:23-29

Descendant of Jehu
Contemporary with Amos and Jonah
Israel's Golden Age of Expansion

Hosea and Gomer

A Prophet Sign Act
The Marriage Metaphor
Three Significant names (cf. Isaiah 7-8)

- Jezreel – Planting of God (1:4-5)
- Lo-ruhamah – No Compassion (1:6)
- Lo-ammi – Not My People (1:9)

Future Restoration
The jealous husband

Syncretism and Idolatry Hosea 2:5-23

The Lovers: Hosea 2:5
Reversing Agricultural Fertility
And in that day, declares the LORD, you will call me 'My Husband (ishij),' and no longer will you call me 'My Baal (my master).' (Hosea 2:16)
Ba'al = master
Title for Canaanite Phoenecian deities
I will betroth you to me ...

Zechariah son of Jeroboam: 2 Kings 15:8-12

Line of Jehu
"Jezreel" (Hosea 1:4-5)

Shallum: 2 Kings 15:13-15

Assassinates King Zechariah

Knowledge of the LORD

Hosea 4:1-6
Destroyed for Lack of Knowledge
Knowledge of the LORD = Torah
I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD. (Hosea 2:20)

The Calf at Bethel:

Hosea 10:1-10
Beth Aven (House of Iniquity)

Menahelem: 2 Kings 15:16-22

Assassinated Shalum
Assyria
"Pul" = Tiglath-Pileser III
Tiglath-pileser III in 742 BCE; he campaigned against Tyre and Damascus in 742 BCE and then returned to campaign through northern Israel, Philistia and Transjordan between the years 734–732 BCE.

Pekakiah son of Menahelem: 2 Kings 15:23-26

Pekah son of Remaliah: 2 Kings 15:27-31

Pekah assassinated Pekakiah
First Assyrian Deportation
Anti-Assyrian Coalition
Conspiracy with Egypt
Hosea 7:1-12, 8:9-9:3
Isaiah 7
In the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah the king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to wage war against it, but could not yet mount an attack against it. (Isa 7:1)

Hoshea son of Elah: 2 Kings 17:1-23

Hoshea assassinated Pekah
Concessions with Assyria
Assyrian Deportations
Ninth year = sixth year of Hezekiah

Repentance and Redemption: Hosea 14

Repent O Israel
"Bulls of our Lips"
Cf. Hebrews 12:15
"From me comes your fruit"
*4 For the sons of Israel will remain for many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar and without ephod or household idols.
5 Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king; and they will come trembling to the LORD and to His goodness in the last days. (Hos 3:4)*