

Lesson 9

Hosea: God's Enduring Love

Read Hosea 1-14. Complete the following:

1. Who was the king in Israel in Hosea 1:1? _____

*God told Hosea to take a wife of whoredoms: **whoredoms** means: "fornication (adultery); idolatry (a forsaking of the true God, and worshiping of idols)." This was to be a picture of the kind of people Israel had become. They forgot God.*

2. What was the name of the woman Hosea took for a wife? (Hosea 1:3) _____

She had three children. These children, too, were a picture of Israel's relationship with God.

What was the name of the first son? (Hosea 1:4) _____ What was the name of the

second child, a daughter? (Hosea 1:6) _____ What was the name of the

third child, a son? (Hosea 1:8b-9a) _____ This son was not Hosea's. What did God say in Hosea 1:9b? _____

Even though they rejected God, He promised He would not forsake them forever – for they were His people. (see Hosea 1:10)

3. Write Hosea 4:1: _____

There was no knowledge of God in the land. What had they done wrong? (Hosea 4:2) _____

_____ What would happen? (Hosea 4:9b) _____

4. What does Hosea 5:6 tell us? _____

5. For what was God waiting? (Hosea 5:15) _____

6. What would Israel do when the punishment came? (Hosea 8:2) _____

7. God had warned, they had not listened, and the punishment would come. But God still called His people. Write Hosea 10:12b: _____

8. Did God love His people? (Hosea 11:1) _____ Who did God send to speak to Israel? (Hosea 12:10) _____

Most of Hosea so far we have read how the Israelites were failing.

At the end, we read an invitation.

9. Through Hosea, God told His people what they needed to do. What was it? (Hosea 14:1-2) _____

What are we to do today? (Romans 10:8-10) _____

_____ Is it any different today? _____

(Answers: **1.** Jeroboam II; **2.** Gomer; Jezreel; Loruhamah; Loammi; for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God; **3.** Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because *there is* no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land; swearing, lying, killing, stealing, committing adultery; God said, "... and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings."; **4.** they will seek the Lord, but they shall not find Him, for He hath withdrawn Himself from them; **5.** till they acknowledge their offence, and seek God's face: in their affliction they would seek Him early; **6.** Israel would cry unto God, "My God, we know thee"; **7.** "break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you"; **8.** yes; prophets; **9.** return unto the Lord their God, take with them words and turn to the Lord and say unto Him, "Take away all iniquity and receive us graciously"; Hear the Word of faith that is preached, confess with the mouth the Lord Jesus, believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, and then be saved. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation)