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*Hosea*

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***Equip ~***

*"...for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry" (Ephesians 4:12)*

***Edify ~***

*"For the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12,13)*

*"Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another." (Romans 14:19)*

***Exhort ~***

*"Only let your conduct be worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel." (Philippians 1:27)*

*"Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints." (Jude 1:3)*



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## HOW TO USE THIS STUDY

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**” (II Timothy 2:15)

Prayer is a key factor to any study in God’s Word, so always begin your study with prayer. A prayer point is found at the top of the page for each day. John 14:26 says the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things...” so remember to ask for His help and understanding.

New King James (NKJV) Scripture passages are given for each day. Please feel free to read other versions for greater understanding and clarity.

**Step 1 *God’s Word*** – We want to always handle the Word of God with honor, pray before opening the Word of God, ask for His Spirit to help you correctly explain and understand the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15b

- Take notice of facts, and keep the context of the passage in mind.
- Read the passage through at least two times.
- Underline or highlight a verse or phrase that stands out to you the most, or ministered to your heart.
- Notice Cross references and read them for step 4

**Steps 2 through 5** are intended to help you focus on establishing a deeper relationship with the Lord.

**Step 2 *Comprehend the Word***- What does the verse mean?

**Interpretation**- Understand it, know it, “To observe well is to interpret well.” Draw understanding from the text don’t read meaning into it. Always remember that Scripture will never contradict itself. Use your cross references often.

**John 16:15** Jesus said “...the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.”

**Step 4 *Cross Thoughts***- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

As a student of God’s Word it is important that we know how to study and use our Bibles. This portion of the study will help you gain deeper understanding of the verses you read. A “cross-reference is simply a list of other relevant verses linked by a common thought, word, topic, or expression.”

- Write any cross-reference associated with the verse or verses that ministered to you.
- Summarize what the cross-reference says.

**Step 3 *Connect It To You*** - What does the verse mean to me?

**Examination**- This is a time to really connect personally with God through HIS word and what He is saying. Examine your heart and ask Him to reveal those areas in your life that need to change in order to transform your character into His image.

**Psalms 139:23- 24** “Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.”

**Step 5 *Call to Action***- How will I respond and what will I do?

**Application**- How will I respond and what will I do differently? Pinpoint what God is saying to you personally from the passage. Is He asking you to do something? Change something? Give up something?

**Romans 12:2** “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,

**2 Timothy 3:16,17** “All Scripture is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness.

**Theme** – Write a theme or title that you think best describes the main point or ‘bottom line’ of the passage.

**Digging Deeper** – This section is designed to include some definitions, biblical terms, customs, commentary or historical facts and questions.

## OVERVIEW OF HOSEA

You may notice as you read through Hosea that Israel is referred to by different names and by 'gender' (i.e. he). I asked Pastor Alyn Loyd about this. His explanation follows:

The nation Israel is referred to many times in both genders (and metaphorically as everything from a son to a wife to sheep to...). Even in Hosea, you see Israel referred to in both genders (male in 7:9-10, 8:1-4, 11:1, 14:5). It usually depends on the metaphor (e.g.- son in 11:1; unfaithful wife in earlier chapters).

The Northern Kingdom (of all the 12 tribes except Benjamin & Judah) was defined and named "Israel" after Solomon's death until the Assyrian Captivity in 8th century BC, yet Israel is sometimes referred to as Ephraim.

Title:	The Book of Hosea
Authors:	Hosea, son Beer, husband of Gomer and father of two sons and a daughter.
When:	Hosea prophesied for 40 or more years. The book was likely written between 755 and 725 B.C.
World History:	792 B.C: Uzziah (Azariah) becomes king in Judah, and Jeroboam II begins his reign in Israel, 785: Hosea begin to prophesy, 752: Jotham begins his reign in Judah, 745: the Assyrian Empire begins under Tiglath-Pileser, 736: Ahaz takes the throne in Judah, 732: The Syrians lose Damascus to Assyria, 729: Hezekiah becomes king in Judah, 725: Hosea's ministry comes to an end, 722 B.C: The Assyrians take Israel captive.
Written to:	The northern kingdom of Israel. Israel is also often called Ephraim.
The Message:	The names Hosea means salvation. Joshua and Jesus are also from the same root word, but they include the additional concept that "Yahweh is" salvation. The message in the book of Hosea is one of redemption, forgiveness, love.
Faith Keys:	God's loyal love is unconditional and ceaseless; in spite of Israel's sins, God tries every means to bring His people back to Himself, He pleads with them but they do not respond.
Where is Jesus in this book?	God is holy and just and must discipline sin, but He is also loving and gracious because of His deep love for us. Just as Hosea was a picture of God saving His bride Israel, Jesus redeemed us, His bride through His sacrifice.

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Hosea 2:16

"And it shall be, in that day," Says the LORD, "  
That you will call Me 'My Husband,'  
And no longer call Me 'My Master,'