

Hosea 3-5

And the LORD said to me, “Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins” (ESV).



Hosea 3

- I. Israel's Past (3:1-2)
- II. Israel's Present (3:3-4)
- III. Israel's Future (3:5)



Zechariah 12:10

- “And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him, like the bitter weeping over a first-born.”

Ch. 4: The Case Against Israel

- The case presented (4:1)
- The evidence (4:2-3)
- The reasons (4:4-14)
 - Lack of leadership (4:4-9)
 - Lack of knowledge (4:1, 6)
 - Lack of morality (4:10-11)
 - False & ignorant worship (4:12-18)

Chapter 4: The Case Presented

- “Religious apostasy leads to moral depravity and divine judgment” (S. Lewis Johnson’s summary of ch.4).
- God’s case against Israel (4:1)
 - No faithfulness (truth, honesty)
 - No kindness (steadfast love, *hesed*)
 - No knowledge of God

Knowledge of God

- For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings (Hosea 6:6).
- Paul prays that the Colossians “may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God (Col. 1:10).

Chapter 4: The Evidence (4:2)

- Swearing
 - Deception
 - Murder
 - Stealing
 - Adultery
 - Violence
- } Violating the Commandments that have to do with inter-personal relationships

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Ch. 5: Judgment Is Coming

- Judgment applies to all (5:1-3).
- God has withdrawn from them (5:4-7).
- Destruction is certain (5:8-15).
 - Moth and dry rot (5:12)
 - The lion (5:14)
 - God's departure (5:15)



Final Thoughts

- Ch. 3: Just as Hosea redeemed Gomer, God will redeem Israel—and us!
- Ch. 4: Does God see faithfulness, kindness, and knowledge of God in each of us?
- Ch. 5: Not knowing God is dangerous.

Final Thoughts

- Isaiah 55:6—Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.
- 2 Cor 6:2—Behold now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation.
- John 6:44—Jesus said, “No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him.”