

An Outline of Hosea

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** Introduction (1:1)*

- I. Unfaithfulness illustrated (1:2–3:5)
 - A. Marriage (1:2–2:23)
 - 1) Hosea marries an unfaithful woman (1:2–11).
 - 2) God marries an unfaithful people (2:1–23).
 - B. Restoration (3:1–5)
 - 1) Hosea redeems his wife (3:1–3).
 - 2) God redeems his people (3:4–5).
- II. Unfaithfulness articulated (4:1–14:8)
 - A. God's first judicial case (4:1–12:1)
 - 1) Initial complaint: No faithfulness, steadfast love, or knowledge of God (4:1–3)
 - 2) Accusations & repentance (4:4–6:1–3)
 - a) Against the priests (4:4–14)
 - b) Against the people (4:15–5:15)
 - c) Call to repentance (6:1–3)
 - 3) More accusations & repentance (6:4–12:1)
 - a) Accusations (6:4–10:15)
 - b) Repentance (11:1–12:1)
 - B. God's second judicial case (12:2–14:8)
 - 1) Accusations (12:2–13:16)
 - 2) Final call to repentance (14:1–8)
 - a) A summons for Israel to return to the Lord (1–3)
 - b) Assurance of love for Ephraim when they return (4–8)

** Conclusion (14:9)*