

# *Minor Prophets - Hosea*

## Christian Living in a Post-Christian World

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Lesson Title</b>	<b>Hosea</b>	<b>Bentley</b>
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21-Dec-2003	3	<a href="#">“A Door of Hope”</a>	2:2-23	Ch. 3-4
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11-Jan-2004	6	<a href="#">Repentance That Does Not Count</a>	6:1-7:2	Ch. 9
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### *Outline of Hosea*

- I. Superscription (1:1)
- II. The Lesson from Hosea's Family Life (1:2-3-5)
  - A. Hosea's Wife and Children: A Lesson of Judgment (1:2-2:1)
  - B. Unfaithfulness and Punishment (2:2-13)
  - C. Reconciliation and Restoration (2:14-23)
  - D. Redeeming Wife and Nation (3:1-5)
- III. Hosea's Prophetic Message: Part 1 (4:1-11:11)
  - A. The Charge of Failure to Acknowledge God (4:1-6:3)
    - 1. The Lord's Case Against Israel (4:1-19)
    - 2. Charges Against the Priests and People (5:1-15)
    - 3. Call to Repentance (6:1-3)
  - B. The Charge of Breaking God's Covenant (6:4-11:11)
    - 1. Unfaithfulness and Decadence (6:4-7:16)
    - 2. Announcement of Judgment (8:1-14)
    - 3. Guilt and Punishment (9:1-10:15)
    - 4. God's Unfailing Love (11:1-11)
- IV. Hosea's Prophetic Message: Part 2 (11:12-14:9)
  - A. The Charge of Faithlessness Toward the Lord (11:12-14:8)
    - 1. Israel the Deceiver (11:12-13:14)
    - 2. The End of Compassion (13:1-16)
    - 3. Return and Promise of Renewal (14:1-8)
  - B. Postscript (14:9)

### *NT Usage of Hosea*

- Hosea 1:10** <sup>10</sup>Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' there it shall be said to them, 'You are sons of the living God.'
- Hosea 2:23** <sup>23</sup>Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth, and I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; then I will say to those who were not My people, 'You are My people!' And they shall say, 'You are my God!'
- Rom. 9:25-26 <sup>25</sup>As He says also in Hosea: '*I will call them My people, who were not My people, and her beloved who was not beloved.*' <sup>26</sup>'And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, "You are not My people," There shall they be called sons of the living God.'
- 1 Peter 2:9-10 <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; <sup>10</sup>*who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.*
- Hosea 6:6** <sup>6</sup>For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.
- Matt. 9:12-13 <sup>12</sup>When Jesus heard that, He said to them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>But go and learn what this means: "*I desire mercy and not sacrifice.*" For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.'
- Matt. 12:7-8 <sup>7</sup>But if you had known what this means, '*I desire mercy and not sacrifice,*' you would have not condemned the guiltless. <sup>8</sup>For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.

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- Hosea 10:8** Also the high places of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed. The thorn and thistle shall grow on their alters; they shall say to the mounts, ‘Cover us!’ and to the hills, “Fall on us!”
- Luke 23:29-30 <sup>29</sup>For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!’ <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin ‘to say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!”’
- Rev. 6:15-17 <sup>15</sup>And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, <sup>16</sup>and said to the mountains and the rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! <sup>17</sup>For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?’
- Hosea 11:1** <sup>1</sup>When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son.
- Matt. 2:14-15 <sup>14</sup>When he [Joseph] arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, <sup>15</sup>and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, ‘*Out of Egypt I called My Son.*’
- Hosea 13:14** I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will be your plagues! O Grave, I will be your destruction! Pity is hidden from My eyes.
- 1 Cor. 15:55-57 <sup>55</sup>*O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?* <sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Key Dates and Events (931-722 BC)

931 BC	Separation of Northern and Southern Kingdoms; Jeroboam I – King of Israel
885-841 BC	The Dynasty of Omri (4 generations)
874-853 BC	Ahab and Jezebel - ministry of Elijah
841 BC	Slaughter of Jezreel – Jehu becomes king
841-753 BC	The Dynasty of Jehu (5 generations)
793-753 BC	Reign of Jeroboam II
753 BC	Assassination of Zechariah by Shallum
752 BC	Assassination of Shallum by Menahem
743 BC	Campaign of Tiglath-pileser III
740 BC	Assassination of Pekahiah by Pekah
734-732 BC	Rebellion of Israel and Damascus; Siege of Jerusalem; Campaign of Tiglath-pileser III
732 BC	Assassination of Pekah by Hoshea
724-722 BC	Siege of Samaria by Shalmaneser V; fall of Samaria; end of kingdom of Israel

## Kings and Prophets – 8<sup>th</sup> Century BC

Assyria	Judah	Israel	Prophets (approx dates)
Shalmaneser IV 783-773	Uzziah 790-739	Jeroboam II 793-753	Jonah/Amos 785-750
Ashurdan III 773-755		Zechariah 753	Hosea 755-723
Ashur-nirari V 755-745		Shallum 752	
Tiglath-pileser III 745-727	Jotham 750-731	Menahem 752-742	
	Ahaz 743-715	Pekahiah 742-740	
		Pekah 752-732	Isaiah 739-680
Shalmaneser V 727-722	Hezekiah 728-686	Hoshea 732-722	Micah 735-700
Sargon III 722-705			

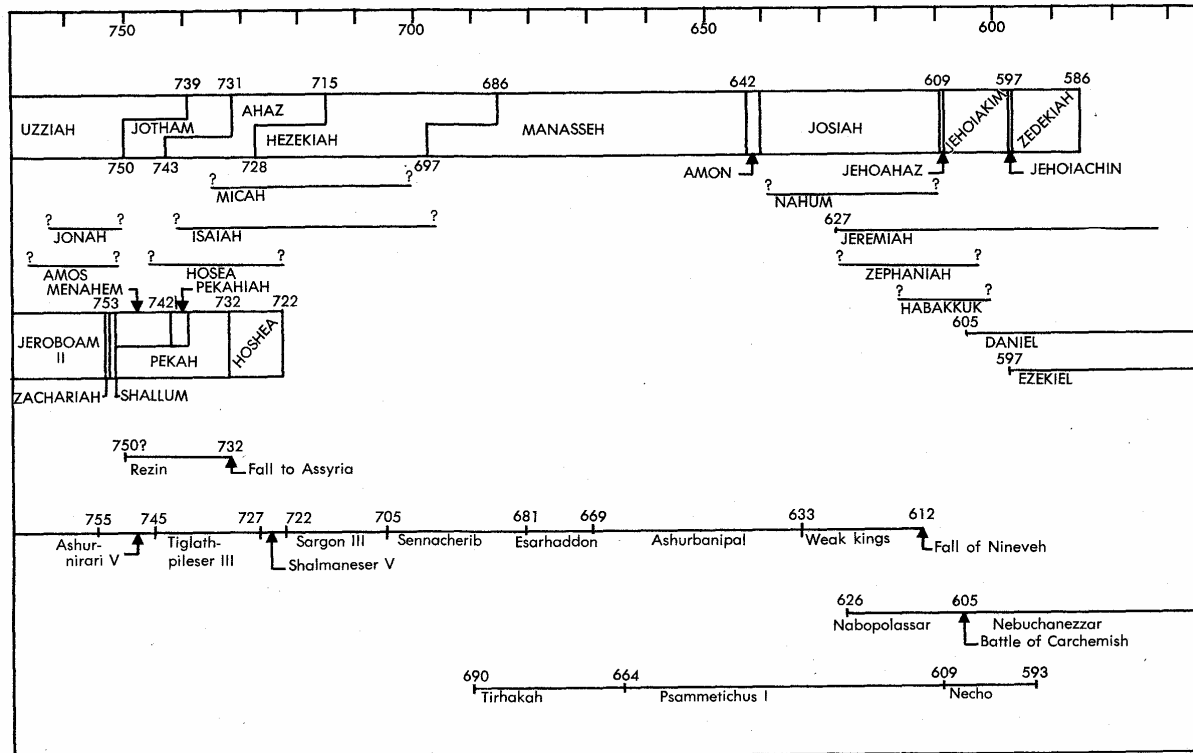
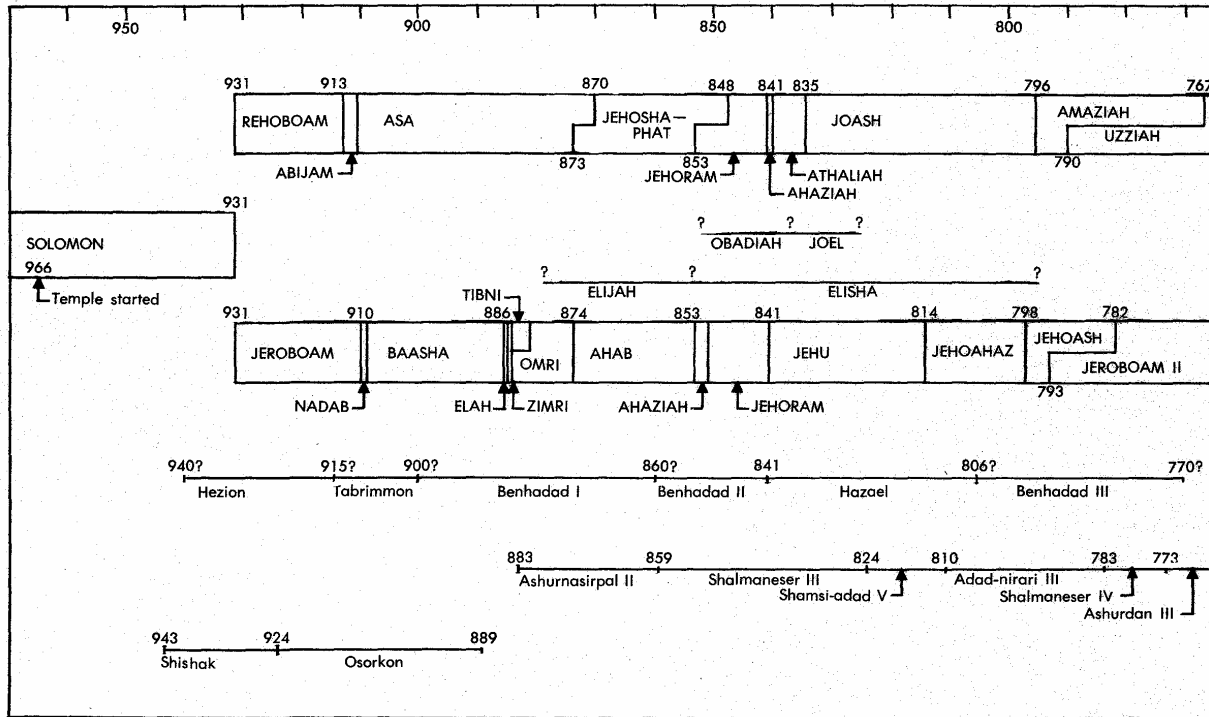
*Summary of the Last Seven Kings of Israel (793-722 BC)*

**Summary chart**

King	Dates BC	Significance	References
Jeroboam II	793–753	Supported shrine at Bethel Contributed to exploitation of the poor by sponsoring high standard of living	2 Kings 14:23–29 Amos 1:1; 5:7–11 Hosea 1:1
Zechariah	753	Death fulfilled prophecies of Amos and Hosea	2 Kings 15:8–12 Amos 7:9; Hosea 1:4–5
Shallum	752	Murderer of Zechariah Example of chaotic political life	2 Kings 15:13–15 Hosea 7:7; 8:10; 13:11
Menahem	752–742	Murderer of Shallum Oppressor of his enemies Paid tribute to Tiglath-pileser of Assyria	2 Kings 15:14–23 Hosea 7:11; 12:1
Pekahiah	742–740	Example of Israel's chaotic political life Son of Menahem Slain by Pekah	2 Kings 15:23–26 Hosea 6:7–9 7:3–7
Pekah	740–732 (as sole ruler; may have ruled Gilead beginning in 752)	Murderer of Pekahiah Conspired with Rezin against Assyria Key figure in Syro-Ephraimite attack on Judah Became vassal to Assyria Probably most prominent king in Hosea	2 Kings 15:25–31 2 Kings 16:1–9  Hosea 5:8–7:16
Hoshea	732–723	Murderer of Pekah Rebelled against Assyria Deposed and imprisoned by Shalmaneser V Last king of Israel	2 Kings 15:30 2 Kings 17:1–6 Hosea 10:3–8, 13–15 13:9–16

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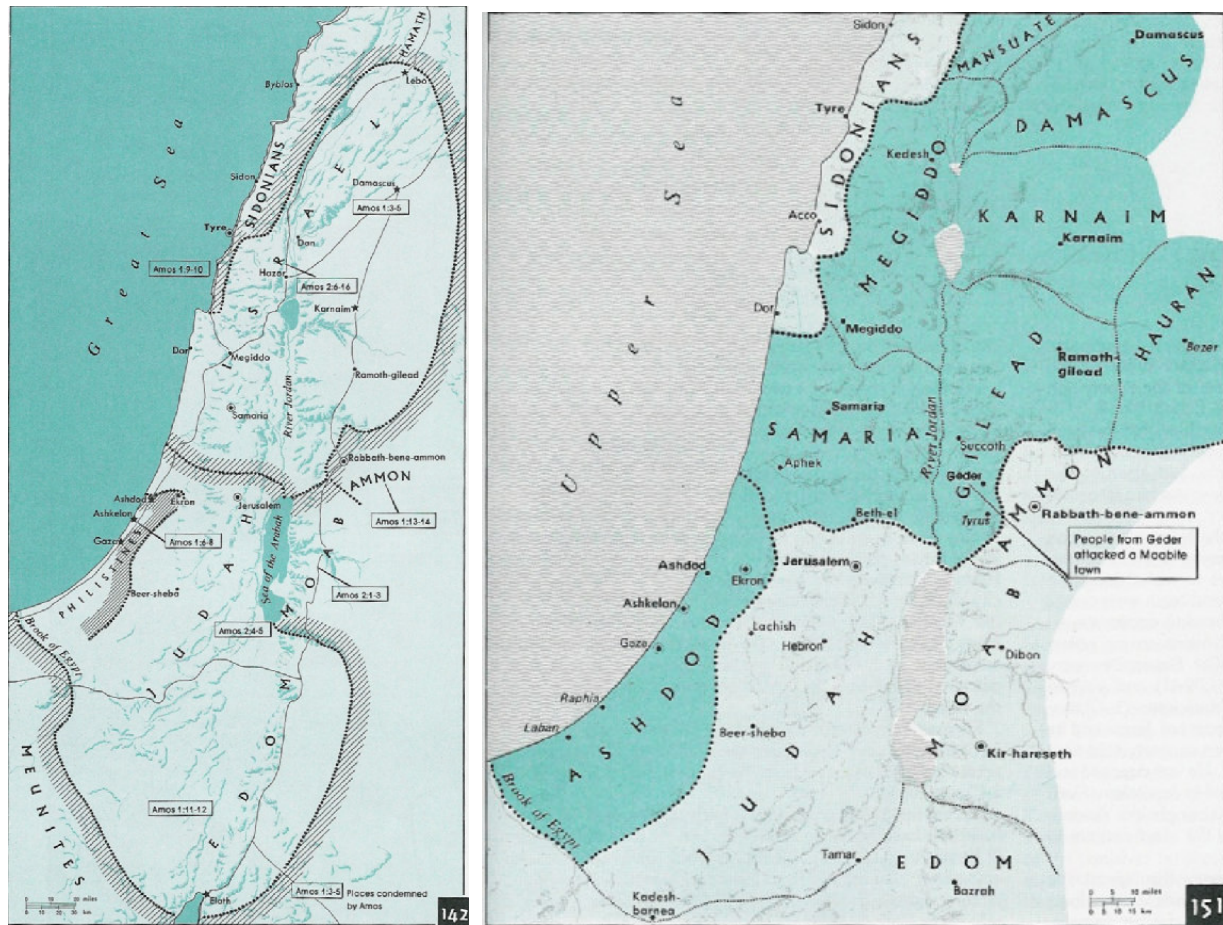
## Time Line (10th – 7th Centuries BC)



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### Maps

Map of the Israel and Judah in mid-eight century BC; Map of the Assyrian Districts after Fall of Samaria (722 BC)



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