

The Minor Prophets

Hosea – God’s Grace and His Redeeming Love

Lesson 6

Please pray and ask the Lord to teach you through His Holy Spirit before you begin.

Read Chapter 11 of Hosea

Verses 1-4 – The Past

1. Read verse 1 then Exodus 4:22 and Matthew 2:14,15. What do you see?

2. Read verse 2 along with 2 Chronicles 36:15,16. Now read John 3:19 and 2 Corinthians 2:15,16. Describe any parallels that you find.

3. Read verses 3 and 4. What a tender picture of God’s love for Israel!
 - a. Read Hosea 2:8 and 1 Thessalonians 5:18. Do we always acknowledge God for blessing us? Do we sometimes attribute success or good things that happen to something or someone else?
 - b. Read verse 4 with John 6:44. What does this tell you about God’s heart?
 - c. Now look at Psalm 78:23-25 and John 6:32,33. What do you learn?

(I encourage you to read the whole passage in John 6:31-58.)

- d. Consider the phrase “I stooped and fed them.” Read Philippians 2:1-11. What do you learn?

Verses 5-7 – The Time of the Prophet Hosea

4. Verse 5 speaks of Ephraim not returning to Egypt. In Hosea 8:13 Egypt was being used to represent the bondage the Assyrians would put them under.

What are the reasons given in verses 5-7 for the coming judgment?

Verses 8-11 – The Future

5. You can read about Admah and Zeboiim in Deuteronomy 29:23. If you're curious there is more information about these two cities in Genesis 14:1-11.

a. The coming judgment was well-deserved however God tells us "My heart churns within Me; My sympathy is stirred." Why did He have this reaction? (2 Peter 3:9)

b. What is in the future for Israel? List what you find in these verses.

1. Ezekiel 36:25-27

2. Romans 6:14

3. Isaiah 2:5

4. Joel 3:16

5. Jeremiah 31:12

6. Verse 12 tells again the sins of Israel. Why did God say Judah still walks with God? See 2 Kings 18:1-7.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.'" Romans 1:16,17