



HOSEA: GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE

A. Author: Hosea

B. Title: Personal name meaning "salvation."

C. Theme: God's steadfast love for His people in spite of their continued unfaithfulness.

D. Outline:

1. HOSEA'S MARRIAGE

- a. His Unfaithful Wife(1:1-11)
- b. Her Punishment(2:1-13)
- c. Her Restoration(2:14-23)
- d. Her Redemption(3:1-5)

2. HOSEA'S MESSAGES

- a. Of Judgment(4:1-10:15)
 - The indictment-Unfaithfulness (4:1-19)
 - The verdict-Judgment (5:1-15)
 - Israel's plea-Assumed forgiveness (6:1-3)
 - The Lord's reply-Assured judgment (6:4-11)
 - Israel's crimes-Turning to other nations (7:1-16)
 - Coming judgment-Reap what you've sown (8:1-10:15)

b. Of Restoration(11:1-14:9)

- God loves His wayward children (11:1-11)
- God disciplines His wayward children (11:12-13:16)
- God restores His wayward children (14:1-9)

E. Real Life Lessons from Hosea:

1. God is always faithful to pursue those who belong to Him
2. Constant rebellion by God's children will lead to His discipline
3. God is always ready to forgive and restore His children when genuine repentance occurs