

10-23-22

Hosea

6:1 Come, let us return to the Lord.
He has torn us to pieces
but he will heal us;
he has injured us
but he will bind up our wounds.

Hosea 1–3 Prophet & Chicken Ranch
Hosea 4-6 Prophet & Long Black Train
Hosea 7–13 Sin Harvested
Hosea 14 Restoration Promised



Hosea by Raphael c. 1510

Momma
Sock
looking at
Daughter
Sock



**Train
Carved
on a
PENCIL**



Hosea 1-3 ... started Sad, Conflicting, Cautious

IMPORTANT > Hosea 1:1 Word of the LORD came unto Hosea ... in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

IMPORTANT = about 40 YEARS of Ministry

Hosea 1:2 *BEGINNING* of the word of the LORD by Hosea. LORD said, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms



Hosea chapters 4-14 > AFTER he Marries Gomer

Hosea 4-14 are Hosea's 40 YEARS of Ministry

Hosea 1-3 ... started Sad, Conflicting, Cautious
God tells Hosea to take a wife from Whoredom
1:2 Marries Gomer ... chapter 3 BUYS her Back

We concluded God did NOT SEND Hosea
to the Chicken Ranch

Hosea did NOT Choose WARES from a Display
As sad as it was ... as a teen, he loved Gomer
Broke his heart ... when she went astray ...

Broke his heart ... to see her abused, bruised ...

Gomer was **ALWAYS** Hosea's Girl

When God said GO – Hosea *knew* where to go ...



Hosea 1-3 ... started Sad, Conflicting, Cautious

CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO SEE THIS

If there is NO LOVE – there's NO MESSAGE

How did Hosea LOVE Gomer?

From the N.T. ... God NEVER asked anyone to Marry without LOVE ... including Hosea

NO Resolution to Hosea without LOVE

Message of Hosea is that Hosea LOVED Gomer

As God Loves US ... as we are to GOD

Gomer was ALWAYS Hosea's Girl



Hosea 3 ... Hosea BOUGHT her BACK

We MADE CLEAR last week that Gomer

Became a *Whore* ... was one when ...

Hosea *SOUGHT HER* out and *Married* Her

Gomer was one WHILE birthing 3 Children

Gomer was one WHEN Hosea bought her back

What was Kind of HIDDEN ... not in text

BUT is CLEAR from Simplest Reading

She went from Whoredom to *ENSLAVED* Whoredom

She was a SEX SLAVE when Hosea bought HER



Says a LOT about Hosea's LOVE
When a man loves a woman
Can't keep his mind on nothin' else
He'd trade the world
For the good thing he's found

If she is **BAD**, he can't see it
She can do **NO Wrong**



Hosea 4-14 is a **SERIES** of messages ...

Important to **KNOW** this ...

GOMER is **PRESENT** in all 14 Chapters

Her **NAME** is absent ... but her **LIFE** is there

Every time Hosea picks up his pen > **GOMER**

Every time Hosea **LAMENTS ISRAEL** > **GOMER**

Every time Hosea's **HEART** Bleeds > **GOMER**

What you do **NOT WANT** to miss ...

PLEASE do **NOT MISS** ... Do **NOT MISS** ... **PLEASE**

Hosea's **AND GOD's HEART** are > **BROKEN**



Hosea 4-14 is a **SERIES** of messages ...

Your **GUESS** on how many ... good as any
Outlines **VARY** as to how many **MESSAGES**

Some by the Chapters –

4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9-10, 11-12, 13, 14

We go *roughly* with the quarterly in dividing

Hosea 4-6 Hollow Promises

Hosea 7–13 Sin Harvested

Hosea 14 Restoration Promised

with **GOMER**

**In ALL these
Do NOT forget
Gomer**

PAIN of seeing your **LOVE Hurt**

PAIN of seeing your **LOVED WIFE LOST**



Hosea 4-6 ... Laments & Curses ...

Chapter 4 starts the Laments

1 Hear the word of the LORD ...
the LORD has a charge to bring ...
“There is no faithfulness, no love,
no acknowledgment of God in the land.

Can you FEEL Hosea to Gomer

**“I gave you a HOME ... but you, Dear GOMER
You’ve gone to Big Pete ... the Thief & LIAR!**

**2 There is only cursing, lying and murder,
stealing and adultery; they break all bounds,
and bloodshed follows bloodshed.**



Hosea speaking for God

**5 You stumble day and night,
and the prophets stumble with you.**

So I will destroy your mother—

**6 my people are destroyed from
lack of knowledge....**

7 they exchanged their glorious God ...

**12 My people consult a wooden idol,
and a diviner's rod speaks to them.**

A spirit of prostitution leads them astray ...

After son Jezreel is born ... Gomer leaves for MONTHS



There's a long black train
Coming down the line
Feeding off the souls
that are lost and crying
Rails of sin only evil remains
Watch out brother for that
Long Black Train
Look to the *HEAVENS*
You can look to the skies
You can find redemption
Staring back into your eyes





Alternate Title

**Prophet of the
Long Black
Train**

Hosea gets more news ... as he travels

13 sacrifice on the mountaintops ...
under oak, poplar and terebinth ...
daughters turn to PROSTITUTION ...
daughters-in-law to ADULTERY.

practically repeats

14 ... men consort with harlots ...
shrine prostitutes

people *without* understanding will come to ruin!

As Hosea travelled ... man here & there ask him:

“Hosea, sir ... did you know I, we ... had ... GOMER?”



There is protection and
there's **PEACE** the same

BURNIN' your ticket for
that Long Black Train

'Cause there's victory in the Lord,
I say ... Victory in the Lord

Cling to the Father
and His Holy Name

And **DON'T** go riding
on that Long
Black Train



Hosea has seen enough ... he gets tired

18 Even when their drinks are gone,
they *continue* their prostitution;
their rulers dearly love shameful ways.

19 A whirlwind will sweep them away, and
their sacrifices will bring them shame.

Gomer comes home for a time ...

Seems she HAS learned ... or pretends ...

Jezreel is 2 - they have a daughter **Lo-Ruhamah**

Means "Not Loved" –

WHO's Daughter is SHE??

Whoredom
Lewdness



NO ONE
KNOWS

There's an engineer on that
Long Black Train

Making you wonder
if your ride
is worth the
PAIN

He's just a waitin'
on your **HEART**

To say
“Let me ride
on that Long
Black Train”



Hosea chap 5 – as **Hosea TRIES** to minister
SEES the looks on men's faces ... who had
been with **GOMER** ... **High Ladies talk too**

6 When they go with their flocks & herds
to seek the LORD, they will not find him ...

7 They are unfaithful to the LORD;
they give birth to illegitimate children ...

11 Ephraim ... trampled in judgment, pursuing idols.

12 I am like a moth to Ephraim, like rot ...



GOMER home again –

When Lo-Ruhamah turns 1 ... GOMER leaves AGAIN

Hosea weeps ...

**But you know there's
victory in the Lord,
I say ...**

Victory in the Lord

**Cling to the Father
and his Holy Name**

**And DON'T GO
riding on that
Long Black Train**



Hosea chap 5 – Hosea & God MUST Judge

8 “Sound trumpet in Gibeah ... horn in Ramah ...

**14 I will be like a LION to Ephraim ... Judah
I will tear them to pieces and go away;
I will carry them off....**

**15 Then I will return to my lair until they have
borne their guilt and seek my face—
in their misery they will earnestly seek me.”**



**Jezreel is 5 ... daughter Lo-Ruhamah is 3 ... asking
Little girl is asking about her mother, GOMER**

Hosea chap 5 - same message, different church

- 1 “Hear this, you priests! ... royal house! ...
You have been a snare at Mizpah ... Tabor.
- 2 Rebels are knee-deep in slaughter....
- 3 I know all about Ephraim ...
you have now turned to prostitution
- 4 “Their deeds do not permit them to
return to their God.

A spirit of prostitution is in their HEART

**Son Jezreel is 4, daughter Lo-Ruhamah 2 years old ...
Hosea hires a local lady to help ... GOMER gone again**



Hosea chap 6 – Hosea's & God's Mercy RISE

1 “Come, let us return to the LORD.

He has torn us to pieces

but he will heal us ...

2 After 2 days ... revive us ... 3, restore us ...

3 Let us acknowledge the LORD ...

As surely as the sun rises, he will appear;
he will come to us like the winter rains,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”



Hosea ... GOD ... CARES ... LONGS For ... **LOVES**

Hosea **GOMER** .. GOD **Israel** .. but they're **WHORES**

Well, I can **HEAR**
the whistle
from a **MILE** away

It sounds so good
But I must **STAY AWAY**

That train is a **BEAUTY**
making everybody
STARE

But its only destination
is the middle of

NOWHERE



Truth

LIES

Hosea chap 6 – Hosea's & God's **LOVE** ...

4 “What can I do with you, Ephraim? ... Judah?
Your **LOVE** is like the morning mist,
like the early dew that disappears.

Hosea home alone, son 7, daughter 5
How **FAST** Gomer/Israel **RUNS** ... to lovers

5 Therefore I cut you in pieces by prophets,
I **KILLED** you with the **WORDS** of my mouth....

6 For I desire mercy, not sacrifice ...

Hosea is home alone ... son 7, daughter 5 ... Who's?
Rumors ... **RUMORS** ... Gomer has gone north ...



Hosea chap 6 – Hosea & God *pain, pain*

7 As with Adam, they've broken the covenant;
they were unfaithful to me there.

8 Gilead is a city of evildoers,
stained with footprints of blood.

9 As marauders lie in ambush for a victim,
so do bands of priests ... murder ...
carrying out their wicked schemes.



EVERYWHERE Hosea goes ... all over Israel ...
Hosea checks in at HOME ... Son is 8, daughter is 6
Word is ... sad ... **GOMER** is in bondage, a Sex Slave

I said cling to the father
and His Holy Name

And DON'T go
ridin' on that
Long Black Train

Yes, WATCH OUT
brother for that
Long Black Train

That DEVIL's a
DRIVIN' that
Long Black Train



Hosea chap 6 – Hosea & God **WONDER**

9 ... bands of priests ... murder ...
carrying out their wicked schemes.

10 I have seen a horrible thing in Israel:
There Ephraim is given to prostitution,
Israel is defiled.

11 Also for you, Judah, a harvest is appointed.

IF only ... **ISRAEL** would be faithful to **GOD**

IF only ... **GOMER** would be faithful to **HOSEA**

Hosea looks ... Jezreel is 9 ... Lo-Ruhamah is 7 years old

Hosea Prays ... and Prays ... and Prays



WORLD Watches ATTACKS on the Church

WORLD Laughs at Hosea's FAITH

God has OVERCOME the WORLD with LOVE

God LOVED us FIRST ... while Christ on Cross

God IS FAITHFUL when No One else will be

Stay OFF the Long Black Train

'Cause there's victory in the Lord,

I say ... Victory in the Lord

Cling to the Father and His Holy Name

