



Old Testament Outline: Hosea by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

Hosea = "Salvation"

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I. Hurting For A Harlot **1:1-3:5**

A. Strange Decree **1:1-11**

1. A morally common wife, of the times **1:1-2**
2. **Gomer** = "Complete ruin" **1:3**
3. Son, **Jezreel** = "God scatters" **1:4-5** (**2 Kings 9:1-10:11**)
4. Daughter, **Lo-Ruhamah** = "No Mercy" **1:6-7**
5. Son, **Lo-Ammi** = "Not mine" **1:8-9** **Romans 9:22-26**

B. Strange Dominion **1:10-3:5**

1. Hope for the future **1:10-11** **John 1:11-12; 1 Peter 2:9-10**
2. Help for their families **2:1**
3. Harlot chases "lovers" **2:2-5**
4. Harlot considers returning home **2:6-7**
5. Harlot loses sacrificial blessings **2:8-13** **Colossians 2:13-17**
6. Harlot offered another chance **2:14-3:5**

II. Hating Harlotry **4:1-14:9**

A. Charges To Produce Guilt **4:1-19**

1. No truth, mercy or knowledge of God **4:1-10**
2. Slaves to false worship and perverse living **4:11-19**

B. Charging Toward Grief **5:1-15**

1. Unaware of their weakness **5:1-7**
2. Urging their usual wrong solutions **5:8-15**
3. Assuming God will hurry to their assistance **6:1-11**

C. Charge Toward Genocide **7:1-8:14**

1. Corruption even to the top, is "half-baked" **7:1-10**
2. The "heartless" flee from God **7:11-16** **Cf Genesis 3:7-10**
3. Failure of hearing God in the matter of:
law, kings, alliances, altars **8:1-14**

D. Charged To Give Up **9:1-10:15**

1. Dried up harvests **9:1-9**
2. Dried up children **9:10-17**
3. Dried up kings **10:1-8** **Luke 23:30; Revelation 6:15-17**

4. Dried up mercy **10:9-15**
Galatians 6:7-8
- E. Charger Of God's Love **11:1-13:16**
 1. Spurned at their start **11:1-4** **Matthew 2:13-15**
 2. Steadfastly rejected in their existence **11:5-11**
 3. Spreading their deceitfulness **11:12-12:14**
 - a. Ephraim surrounds Judah who walks with God **11:12-12:1**
 - b. Judah reverts to its origin **12:2-6**
(**Genesis 25:19-26; 28:10-22; 35:1-15; 32:22-32**)
 - c. Ephraim reduced to "tents" again **12:7-14**
 4. Savage retaliation by God **13:1-8**
 5. Surprising promise of God **13:9-16**
- F. Saving Repentance In 4 Steps **14:1-9**
 1. Admit responsibility for their own sins **14:1-3**
 2. Accept "free" love from God **14:4-7**
 3. Accede to God's way **14:8**
 4. Announce the lesson to all **14:9**

Hosea's Hotlines

- **Hosea, Hoshea (2 Kings 17:1-4), Joshua (Numbers 13:16), Jesus (Matthew 1:21)** all mean "salvation."
- **Hosea** is the only writing prophet to preach to Israel during the 41-year reign of **Jeroboam** [identified by commentators with a "II"] (**2 Kings 14:16-18:1**). Hosea's time was within the reigns of these kings of Judah: **Uzziah, Jothan, Ahaz, and Hezekiah (Hosea 1:1; 2 Kings 14:16-20:21)**, and his contemporaries were: **Joel, Jonah, Amos, Isaiah, Micah**.
- The tribal name, **Ephraim (Hosea 4:17)**, and the capital city name, **Samaria (Hosea 7:1)**, can represent the whole **Northern Kingdom of Israel**; and the tribal name, **Jacob (Hosea 12:2)**, and the capital city name, **Jerusalem**, can represent the whole **Southern Kingdom of Judah**.
- *Israel had two sins (Hosea 10:10) -- immorality (Hosea 4:1-3) and ignorance of God's law (Hosea 4:6)*
- Common knowledge:
 1. Bloodshed touching bloodshed **4:2**
 2. The land will mourn **4:3**
 3. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" **4:6**
 4. More people -- more sin **4:7**
 5. Daughters are harlots, brides adulteresses **4:13**
 6. Stubborn like a stubborn calf **4:16**
 7. Half-baked **7:8**
 8. No heart, like a silly dove **7:1**
 9. Sow the wind, reap the whirlwind **8:7**
 10. "Israel has forgotten his Maker" **8:14**
 11. "My people are bent on backsliding from Me" **11:7**