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### Daily Bible Notes/Highlights Genesis through Revelation 2014

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Hosea

C1-3

C1 One of the principals of the chapter is Gomer, Hosea's wife. Juxtapose the object lessons of Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel are wide ranging. This pattern continues with Hosea who must marry a prostitute. The wife becomes pregnant three times and each child's name has significance concerning the condition of Israel: Jezreel to avenge murders their. Lo-rihamah meaning not love or God would discontinue His love, and Lo-ammi for they were not his people. The chapter closed with hope, which represents the prophetic pattern.

C2. Hosea is clearly a broken man by the conduct of his wife. He could truly understand God's relational pain. He's to bring charges against Israel. What God describes is every lover's pain who has experienced an unfaithful spouse. But he also described the utter frustration of trying to create conditions that will bring her back to him. This is particularly acute when all or much of what she has was provided by the husband.

This is precisely the circumstance of Israel, but Israel forgets about Him like a wife of

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prostitution. Nevertheless. The effort is to win her back eventually. There are visions of that reunion. When it occurs every area effected by the broken relationship will be recovered.

When a couple break-up, particularly due to unfaithfulness, there are great losses in every area: finance, social bonds, residence, etc. Conversely, when reconciliation takes place all if these areas begin to recover.

Chapter two is prophecy of recovery and complete reconciliation.

C3. The Lord's command is to reconcile to Gomer and to love her.

This is controversial to say the least. First, this must be understood as a prophetic exception and not the rule. Adultery called for stoning. Is God making an exception? What we learn is that there are exceptions. And God is the only one who can make the exceptions. Peter was provided a menu of "unholy" delicacies (. ). Rahab was instructed to lie ( ).

Hosea purchased Gomer and gives instruction to sanctify her. She must not fine herself to any man.

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C4-6

C4. The Lord describes the case against Israel. The whole land is groaning as Paul alludes to in Romans (. ). Sin make the whole earth groan. There is every kind of sin and sinning (2-3). The point persons are for the condition are the leaders. Both the prophets and priests are culprits. They'll be destroyed because of it.

C5 This continues to be an indictment against the leaders. Both Israel and Judah are included (5). This is one of the times that prior to both falling, both are indicted. The prophecy is emphatic that both will be punished. Note when people are sin-sick, they know it (13). As with Israel they go or turn to the wrong direction.

C6 The refrain is simple. It's the same stated by other prophets. Return to The Lord. God's people who have fallen are told to return. He always initiates the relationship or is calling for those to be joined to Him. Therefore others are told to turn to Him or choose Him. Israel and Judah's love vanishes with the passage of time, and with distractions.

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C7-9

C7 The unfortunate fact is that God's people can fall in love with sin. Name it: adultery, lying, drunkenness the sins are numerous, continuous and therefore God repeats the conditions throughout the books of prophecy i.e., these are not anomalies. These are practices. Then when trouble comes they turn to heathen nations. There is even reference to self-mutilation and looking almost to anything to turn their circumstance.

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C8 Again, the depth of the sin is emphasized. And the fact is it is too late to avoid correction. It's too late to also old punishment. This is not because God is not able. It is because their condition is pathological. Graphically, they are like a donkey in heat (9). It is an amazing visual of an animal looking among any and all animals to find a mate. Anything and everything can take advantage of the donkey in heat.

The bottom line is that there is no excuse. They have been given the laws (12). And they will be held accountable (13).

C9 This is what every believer needs to understand. When a believer is disobedient, necessities are provided, but even necessities are being cut. And don't even expect anything exceptional. There is even a hostility against God's prophets. It is ironic. The prophet is the watcher for their soils, but they lay traps for God's prophets.

As go the leaders so go the people. The leaders again are so key. They ate the ones leading the rebellion. This writer has mentioned and will continue to do so that this is why punitive measures are so great for leaders.

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C10. It is amazing how success is the anesthesia to disobedient conduct. This is accurate today as it was then. The blessings of The Lord did not help them be loyal, quite the contrary. The glory of God's people is stripped for this reason. God's glory is what distinguishes God's people among others. He strips them over time. God promises a heavy yoke to both Israel and Judah (11).

Wayward thinking, no matter how logical is not the key when we belong to The Lord. They reasoned a powerful army or alliance of armies was what they needed. What they needed was obedience to God. Even their children would be brutally terminated (14)

C11 After such a stern foretelling, it as if God restricts the rod and shows His love if at work. They'll be punished but uses the term, my people (5). This is Old Testament grace. They yet receive the distinction as God's children in the midst of their debauchery. Given His love He promises not to completely destroy Israel. Someday the people will follow!

C12. There's more in this chapter concerning their condition. Judah again is cited. Jacob their fore-parent is used as an excellent example of how to appeal to The Lord (3-6). But this appeal simply does not resonate with God's people. One thing should be noted about The Lord. He can take the believer from tents to palace experiences then back to tent experiences when they cannot learn, and act based on what they have learned.

The Apostle John sad there is a sin unto death (. ). After all is attempted to correct behavior, then a home coming is the order of the day. The people have rejected God, they are sentenced to death.

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C13-14

C13 Where the previous chapter appears to be more toward Judah--though Israel is also implicated, this chapter is without any doubt about Israel. Idolatry appears to be more the issue with Israel based in this chapter. Perhaps it is a mere irony, but the lion, leopard and bear are mentioned as metaphors (7-8). This is Daniel-like representing nations (. ).

Both Ephraim and Samaria take center stage in the chapter (12,16). Again pregnant women and children are cited as the targets to death. The youth always represent the future. Whether it was an effort to wipe-out Moses, or Jesus the truth of youth and the future of a people is understood.

C14 Hosea's prophecy ends with a final appeal. If they will confess and return. Refute their alliance with any other nation, and sanctify The Lord in their lives. Then a term is used, "my love knows no bounds"(4). The paths of The Lord are true and right, and His people walk in them. This is the pragmatism of God's word. Do it!

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