



Lesson One: The Call of Hosea

Hosea 1:1-3

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¹ The word of the LORD that came to Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.² When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD."³ So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does the name "Hosea" mean? What does Hosea's name have to do with his story?
2. How do we know that Hosea was called to be a prophet? What makes Hosea's call different from the rest of the prophets in the Old Testament?
3. What was happening with the people of Israel during Hosea's prophetic ministry? In what ways are we just like them?
4. Read Hosea 1:2. What did God call Hosea to do? Why?
5. Who does Hosea represent? In what way does Gomer represent us?
6. What does Hosea's relationship with Gomer teach us about God's covenant with us?
7. How does the story of Hosea bring Covenant Theology to life?



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