

# SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Online Only Via Facebook Live Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm



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## Bible Study Schedule Sept – Nov/Dec 2022

Date	Lesson Title	Scripture
9/14/2022	A Share in God's Pain	Hosea 1:1—2:13
9/21/2022	A Vision of the Possible	Hosea 2:14—3:5
9/28/2022	Back to the Present	Hosea 4
10/5/2022	Sins of the Leadership	Hosea 5
10/12/2022	A Temporary Repentance	Hosea 6:1-10
10/19/2022	No Place to Hide	Hosea 6:11—7:16
10/26/2022	Substitute Gods	Hosea 8:1—9:9
11/2/2022	Recalling Young Love	Hosea 9:10—10:15
11/9/2022	Mercy Overrules	Hosea 11:1-11
11/16/2022	Yet Justice Prevails	Hosea 11:12—12:14
11/23/2022	Thanksgiving Break	No Study
11/30/2022	The Sign of Love	Hosea 13
12/7/2022	God's Final Promise	Hosea 14

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## This Week's Lesson – October 5, 2022

### Major Messages From Minor Prophets

#### Hosea: God's Persistent Love

#### Lesson 4:

### Sins of the Leadership

#### Hosea 5



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**Major & Minor Prophets**


**NOTE: THE TWO CLASSIFICATIONS, MAJOR AND MINOR ARE BASED ON THE SIZE OF THE BOOKS AND NOT ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HIS MESSAGE.**

<p><b>FOUR</b></p>  <p><b>MAJOR PROPHETS</b></p> <p>ISAIAH JEREMIAH EZEKIEL DANIEL</p>	<p><b>TWELVE</b></p>  <p><b>MINOR PROPHETS</b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>HOSEA</td> <td>NAHUM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>JOEL</td> <td>HABAKKUK</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AMOS</td> <td>ZEPHANIAH</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OBADIAH</td> <td>HAGGAI</td> </tr> <tr> <td>JONAH</td> <td>ZECHARIAH</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MICAH</td> <td>MALACHI</td> </tr> </table>	HOSEA	NAHUM	JOEL	HABAKKUK	AMOS	ZEPHANIAH	OBADIAH	HAGGAI	JONAH	ZECHARIAH	MICAH	MALACHI
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The Writing Prophets - Part 2				
The Writing Prophets in the Old Testament are so-called because their writings are recorded in the Bible				
PROPHET	B.C. DATE	KINGDOM	KING	WORLD POWER
<b>OBADIAH</b>	840 - 830?	Edom		 <b>ASSYRIA</b> 883 - 609 B.C.
<b>JOEL</b>	830 - 820	Judah	Joash	
<b>JONAH</b>	785 - 775	Assyria	Shalmanezar IV	
<b>AMOS</b>	765 - 755	Israel	Jeroboam II	
<b>HOSEA</b>	755 - 715	Israel	Last kings beginning with Zachariah	
<b>ISAIAH</b>	739 - 690	Israel	Pekah, Hoshea	
		Judah	Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah	
<b>MICAH</b>	735 - 700	Israel	Pekah, Hoshea	
		Judah	Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah	
<b>NAHUM</b>	650 - 620	Assyria	Ashurbanipal	
<b>ZEPHANIAH</b>	635 - 625	Judah	Josiah	
<b>JEREMIAH</b>	627 - 575	Judah	Last kings beginning with Josiah Josiah	<b>BABYLON</b> 625 - 539 B.C.
<b>HABAKKUK</b>	620 - 610	Judah		
<b>DANIEL</b>	605 - 536	Babylon, Persia and all nations		
<b>EZEKIEL</b>	593 - 560	Judah	Zedekiah & Jews in Babylon	<b>PERSIA</b> 539 - 330 B.C.
<b>HAGGAI</b>	520 - 505	Jews (after the return)		
<b>ZECHARIAH</b>	520 - 490	Jews (after the return)		
<b>MALACHI</b>	435 - 415	Jews (after the return)		

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## Introduction to Hosea


**Author:** Hosea, the son of Beeri

**Date of Writing:** Between 755 and 725 B.C.


**Purpose of Writing:** To remind Israel (and us) that Our God's loving covenant with His people is unwavering.

**Practical Application:**

- Hosea shows us of God's unconditional love. But it is shows us how God feels when His Children sin.
- When we do sin, if we repent God, will bring us back and show His never-ending love to us (1 John 1:9).
- As we remember all God has done for us in Christ we will rejoice and obey the One who give us eternal life instead of the hell we deserve.



**The Prophet  
Hosea**



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## The Prophet Hosea & His Wife Gomer

- Gomer was the unfaithful wife of Hosea the prophet.
- God gave Hosea an unusual command: **“Go, marry a promiscuous woman...for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord”** (vs. 1:2).
- After bearing 3 children, Gomer left Hosea to live with another man. But God Commanded Hosea to buy her back ( 3:1)
- The Lord used their relationship to show how God remains faithful even when His people don't (2:19–20, 14: 4 – 7).



Hosea & Gomer



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# Read Hosea 5

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1. What values had replaced love for the Lord in the hearts of Israel's leaders?

- **Worldly Values:** They have taken on the “dog-eat-dog”, “every man for himself” mentality” (vv.1 – 2, 10).
- **Immoral Values:** Their lack of Godly values moved them act in immoral ways toward themselves and others (vv. 3 – 5)
- **Material Values:** They sought after wealth and possessions, instead of seeking after God (vv. 3 – 4)
- **Humanistic Values:** The leaders instead looking to God, looked more human power and solutions (vv. 4, 6, 13)



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2. Consider recent news, both national and international. How have bad leaders trapped the common people (cf. v. 1)?

*Note: “The image of fowlers trapping birds in nets and snares may be the origin of this common metaphor (see Josh 23:13; Ps 69:22; Is 8:14)”*

- **National Traps:** Runaway spending by both parties (Rep & Dem) has trapped our nation with inflation and economic turmoil.
- **International Traps:** Conflict between Russia and Ukraine has trapped the world and on the brink of nuclear war.

*“When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan...” (Proverbs 29:2)*



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3. Israel made some attempts to seek the Lord (vv. 4-7). Why were their attempts not successful?

- **Unrighteous Deeds:** Their acts of disobedience (sins) kept them from seeking after God in true worship.
- **Unrighteous Hearts:** The “spirit of prostitution” was still in Israel’s heart (v. 4); they hoped God could be found in Baal worship.
- **Unrighteous Examples:** Because Israel did not have their hearts toward God, they influenced other members of God family to disobey as well.



*Note: When people try to create a god who does what they want, the God of the Bible will be repulsive to them.*

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4. What further warnings did God give to Israel and Judah in verses 8-12?

- **Confirmation Of The Warning:** The Warning of God’s impending Judgement is loudly proclaimed and confirmed.
- **Correction In The Warning:** God lets His people know that this correction comes from a just and loving God.
- **Compensation For Rejecting Warning:** God affirms this judgment is due to continued sin and disobedience.



*The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, ... since what may be known about God is plain to them... (Romans 1:18 -19)*

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5. What difference would it make if God's judgment were not certain(v. 9)?

- **Difference In Our Perception Of God:** If God isn't true to His word, He and the His Word would be untrustworthy,
- **Difference In Our Actions Toward God:** We would never change our sinful and destructive behaviors.
- **Difference In Hope Of Redemption From God:** God is faithful to His promise to judge, we can also trust Him to restore.

*"God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19)*



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6. Where did Israel go to try to find a substitute for God's help (v. 13)?

- **Worldly People:** Instead of joining with God's people in prayer, Israel went to the godless Assyrians.
- **Worldly Authority:** They looked to the king of Assyria and his authority instead of the King of kings who has all authority.
- **Worldly Solutions:** They looked for worldly solution to their pain and problems and found no help (cf. Luke 8:43).

*"I will lift up my eyes to the hills—From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth." (Psalm 121)*



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## 7. Where do many of today's leaders turn for powerful help as a substitute for God?

- **Might:** They turn to using their own might (weapons, violence, power...) to force people to their will.
- **Methods:** They turn to dishonest and often unwise procedures instead of looking to the Lord in prayer.
- **Money:** Leaders often turn to unrighteous money to bribe and cover up sinful behaviors instead of looking to God's justice.

*"Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save; Blessed are those ... whose hope is in the Lord their God."  
(Psalm 146:3, 5)*



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## 8. What comfort do you take from the concluding words of chapter 5?

- **Comfort In God's Purpose:** We take comfort that God does afflict pain without purpose – to bring us back to Him.
- **Comfort In God's Providence:** He has already provided a solution that will be for our good and His glory.
- **Comfort In God's Promises:** While God will judge us for our sins, He promised to never abandon us and will keep the door open.

*"...the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you." (1 Peter 5:10)*



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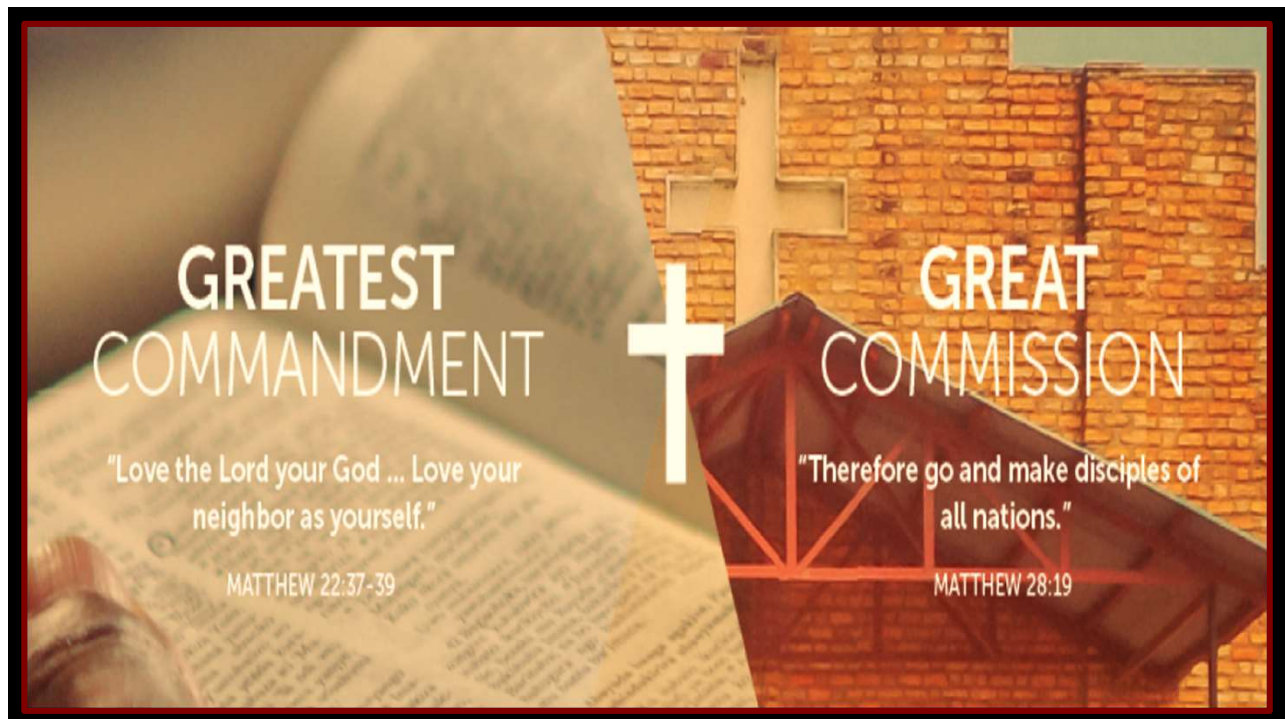


## Keys For Living

- As Christians (especially Christian leaders) our values and actions must be driven by our love for the Lord and our love of other.
- If we are going to truly seek the Lord in worship and prayer, we must first have a pure heart and right motives.
- Even when the Lord needs to correct us for our sins, we can always find hope – knowing that He will forgive and restore.



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