

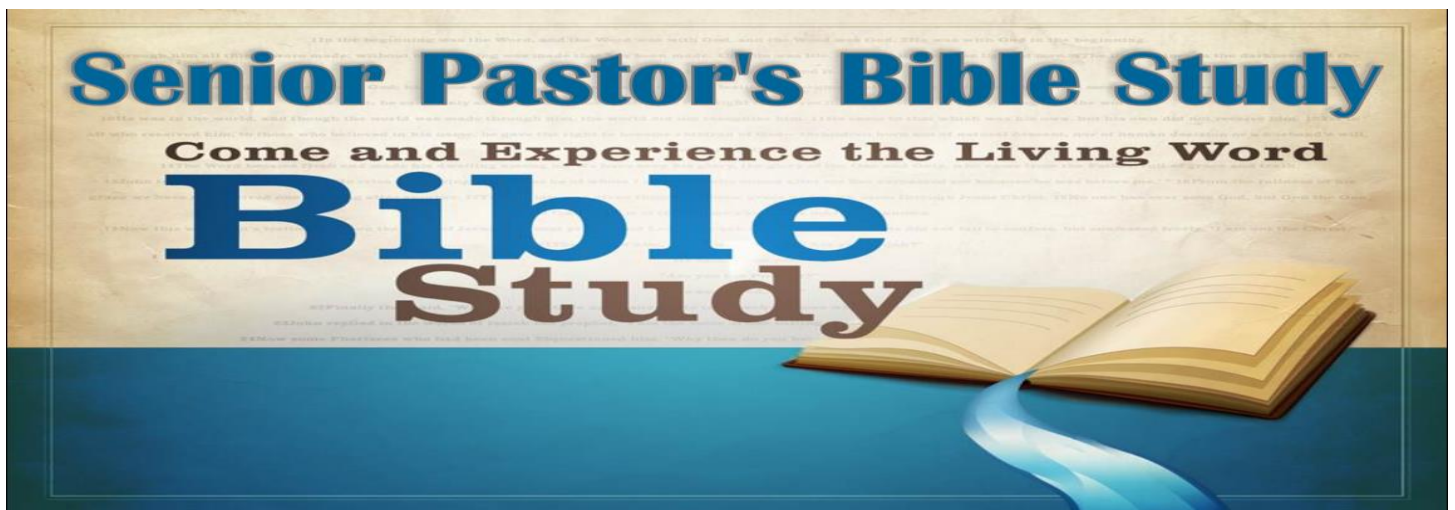


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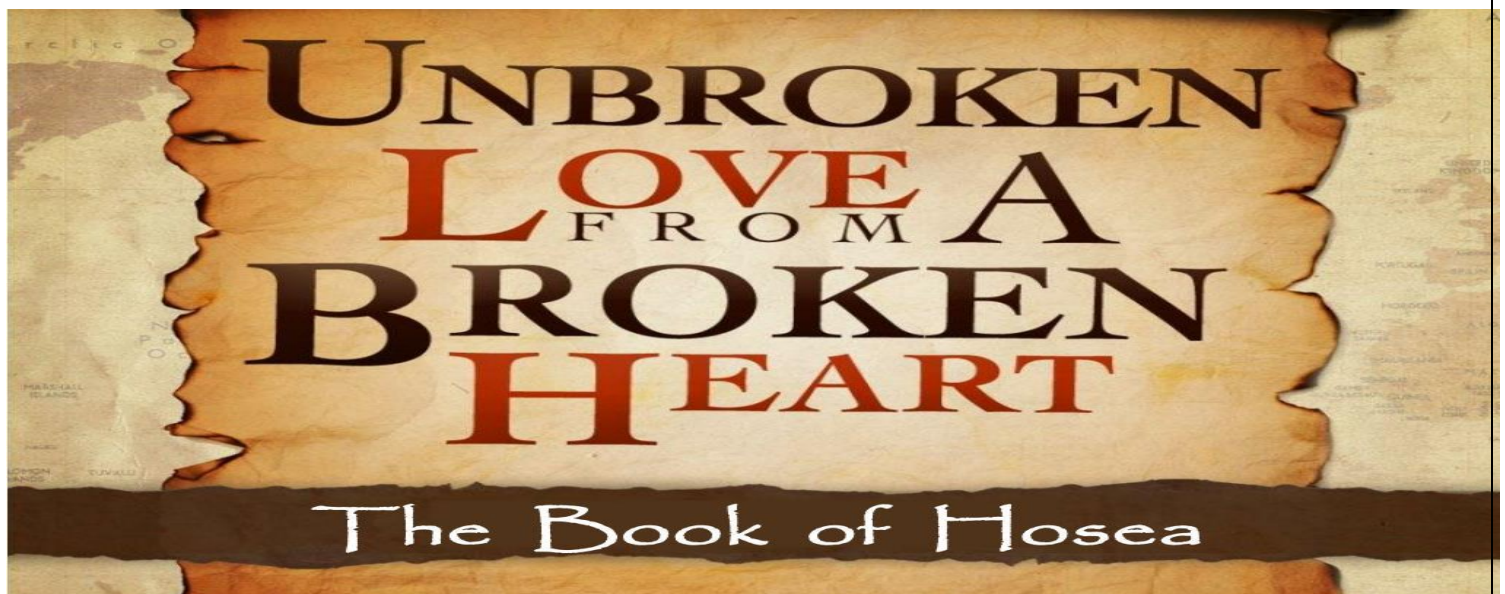
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“Almost” Everything You Need to Know About...



**Tuesday, May 11, 2021
Online Bible Study**



I. LET'S READ SOME OF THIS JUICY STORY

1. 1:1-5
2. 1:6-11
3. 2:1-8
4. 2:9-13
5. 2:14-20
6. 2:21-23
7. 3:1-5
8. 4:1-6

II. WHAT'S IN THE REST OF THE BOOK

- Chapter 4 – 8: The Unfaithfulness of Israel
- Chapter 9 – 10: The Judgment of Israel
- Chapter 11:1-11: God Expresses His Love for Israel
- Chapter 11:12-13:16: God Expresses His Anger Against Israel's Sin
- Chapter 14: The Restoration of Israel

III. LOOKING INTO THE JUICE

HOSEA

- ▶ **Author:** Hosea means salvation.
- ▶ **Recipients:** Primarily to Israel, sometimes called Ephriam.
- ▶ **Date:** Between 785-725 BC—reign of Jeroboan II. Written before Assyria captured the Northern Kingdom.
- ▶ **Purpose:** Show unfaithfulness, punishment and restoration of Israel.
- ▶ **Theme:** The faithfulness of God's love.

Hosea- Gomer

- God's **love, judgment, Grace and Mercy** are woven into their relationship.

Hosea and Gomer had 3 children

3. Jezreel (God Scatters)
 4. Lo-Ruhamah (Not Loved)
 5. Lo-Ammi (Not My People)
- Gomer had allowed herself to be taken by other lovers, just as Israel moved away from God.
 - Because of Gomer's affairs Hosea questioned if he really was the father of the last two.



Hosea's Children



1. Jezreel—meaning “God Scatters,” symbolizes the dynasty of Jehu, to remind King Jeroboam that his power comes from God and can be taken away.
2. Lo-ruhamah—which means “not pitied”, condemning the social injustice of Hosea's time
3. Lo-ammi—which means “not my people”, revoking Israel's identity as God's people; also because that child was not actually

- Not sure whether Hosea was the father of any of these children, especially the last two.
- Hosea was placed in an unusual spot; God told him before he got married that his wife would be sexually unfaithful to him. God told Hosea to marry her **ANYWAY!**

- Hosea stayed in the marriage while Gomer was unfaithful.
- God told Hosea to go and get his wife back, which he did.

Can you
handle
the truth?

IV. LESSONS FROM THIS BOOK

1. Extraordinary obedience to God may benefit others, and not us.
2. Personal unfaithfulness is easy to recognize, but God's issue here was the spiritual unfaithfulness of the people.
 - a. The metaphor
 - b. The lessons
 - Both spiritual and physical unfaithfulness are against God's law
 - Both spiritual and physical unfaithfulness begin with disappointment and dissatisfaction – either real or imagined – with an already existing relationship.
 - Both spiritual and physical unfaithfulness begin with diverting affection from one object of devotion to another.
 - Both spiritual and physical unfaithfulness involve a process of deterioration; it is not usually an impulsive decision.
 - Both spiritual and physical unfaithfulness involve the creation of a fantasy about what a new object of love can do for you.
3. All of us have experienced cycles of sin/judgment then mercy/salvation.
4. At the end of the day, God's hand is **ALWAYS** extended with grace, mercy and the desire for restoration.



GRACE
IS GETTING SOMETHING YOU
DON'T DESERVE, AND
MERCY
IS NOT GETTING WHAT
YOU DO DESERVE.

GRACE is
EVERYTHING
for those who
deserve
NOTHING.

V. BIBLE PROJECT VIDEO ON HOSEA

For Next Week: Please read The Book of Amos

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