

# Sunday School Study Plan March 2025 with Ms. Theresa Edwards and Mr. Verdell Schoats

# Theme for March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30) Studies in Hosea

## Week 1: God's Unusual Request – Chapters 1-4

- 1. What kind of woman did God tell Hosea to marry? Why did God tell him to do that?
- 2. What are the names of Hosea's children? What do those names mean?
- 3. Read and explain the meaning of v.1:7.
- 4. Read vv.2:1-7. What will be Israel's punishment for their adultery?
- 5. In chapter 3, what does the Lord tell Hosea to do concerning his wife?
- 6. In v.4:2, what accusation did God make against Israel?
- 7. What are the consequences of lacking knowledge of God?
- 8. Were the priests beneficial to the Israelites or not? Use passages to support your answer.
- 9. In v.4:15, what warning did God give Judah?

## Week 2: Israel's Sins and Consequences – Chapters 5-8

- 1. In v.5:1, why does God tell the Israelites to pay attention to Him?
- 2. What and where are Mizpah and Tabor? How were they a snare to the Israelites?
- 3. According to v.5:5, what sin testified against the Israelites?
- 4. Read vv.5:3-6. What are the consequences of Ephraim's and Israel's sins?
- 5. When Ephraim was in trouble, who did they turn to? Did they get the help they needed?
- 6. Read and explain the importance of v.6:6.
- 7. According to v.7:10, what testifies against Israel?
- 8. What animal is Ephraim like? Is that good or bad for Ephraim?
- 9. Read vv. 8:5-6. What is the difference between the god Samaria worships and the Living God?

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#### **WEEKLY HOMEWORK**

- 1. READ TEXT FOR THE WEEK
- 2. USE A STUDY APPROACH TO RE-READ TEXT FOR PERSONAL AND BIBLICAL CONNECTIONS
  - A. CONSIDER 3 INSIGHTS, 2
    SIGNIFICANT VERSES, AND
    ONE KEY WORD FOR
    DISCUSSION
  - B. USE BIBLICAL COMMENTARIES
    ON TEXT TO GIVE CONTEXT OR
    BACKGROUND
  - C. REVIEW VARIED
    TRANSLATIONS TO COMPARE
    MEANINGS
- 3. CONNECT LESSONS TO SERMONS FROM PAST DECADES AND LAST SEVERAL MONTHS

**2 Timothy 2:15**, KJV: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." **2 Timothy 2:15**, NASB: "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth."



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## Week 3: Punishment and Consequences – Chapters 9-11

- 1. Why is Israel told not to rejoice?
- 2. What was Israel's attitude toward godly prophets?
- 3. Is there anything scary about v.9:17? Explain your answer.
- 4. What does the reference to the days of Gibeah mean?
- 5. What did the Israelites do as they became more prosperous?
- 6. In vv.10:10-12, what did Hosea tell the Israelites to do? What will be the consequences if they don't listen to him?
- 7. What warning does Hosea give the Israelites in v.11:7?
- 8. Verse 11:8 mentions Admah and Zeboyim. What is that a reference to?
- 9. Is v.11:11 comforting, or is it a warning? Explain your answer.

## Week 4: Israel's Sins vs. God's Love – Chapters 12-14

- 1. What sins did Ephraim commit? Use passages to support your answer. Answers can be found in both chapters 12 and 13.
- 2. Verse 12:6 refers to the story of Jacob. What wrong did Jacob do? What must he do to get in right relationship with God?
- 3. Read vv.13:9-11. Why did God get angry with the Israelites?
- 4. Is the message of v.13:14 comforting or not? Explain your answer.
- 5. Why does God plead with the Israelites to return to Him?
- 6. According to v. 14:6, what will the fatherless find in the Lord their God?
- 7. Verse 14:9 is Hosea's final message to the Israelites. What is that message?

## Week 5: Wrap-Up and Review