

BOOK STUDY - Hosea

Author & date: Hosea, 755BC – 715BC

Key verse: ch 6 v 6 “For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.”

Outline: chs 1-3 Israel’s unfaithfulness described

chs 4-7 Israel’s sins denounced

chs 8-10 Israel’s judgement determined

chs 11-14 Israel’s restoration declared

Background: Several Kings, but a common problem – that of a decayed spirituality.

Key Themes:

- a) Spiritual adultery
- b) God’s faithfulness
- c) God’s Divine Love

The message of the book:

- a) God’s heart of mercy
- b) God’s heart of grace
- c) God’s heart of love

In response, what does God want from us? ch 6 v 6

- sincere love and faithful obedience