

## Assignments on Hosea 1

Read Hosea 1, then answer the following questions. If you need help, consult a Bible dictionary or similar reference work.

1. Who was the inspired author of the book – 1:1? What is told about his family? (Think: Explain the difference between the “Major Prophets” and the “Minor Prophets.”)

2. How did the author claim inspiration? List similar *passages* elsewhere.

3. Where is Hosea mentioned outside his own book? What can we learn from this?

4. Describe the work of a prophet (note Exodus 4:16 compared to Exodus 7:1).

5. When did Hosea prophesy?

<p>6. <b>Special Assignment:</b> Describe what you can learn about the Jeroboam mentioned in verse 1 (note that this is Jeroboam son of Joash).</p>
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7. Skim the book of Hosea and summarize its theme.

8. What did God command Hosea to do in 1:2?

9. What reason is given for this instruction? Explain the similarity between an adulterous wife and the sins of Israel.

10. So whom did Hosea marry – 1:3?

11. What was their first child named, and what reason is given for the name – 1:4,5?

12. What had Jehu done in the valley of Jezreel (see 2 Kings 10:1-14).

13. **Special Assignment:** If God had commanded Jehu to destroy the household of Ahab, why was God punishing the household of Jehu (see 2 Kings 10:29-31).

14. How was Jehu related to the Jeroboam of 1:1 (2 Kings 10:35; 13:10,13)?

15. Who was Gomer's next child, and what was she named – 1:6? (Think: Find the meaning of this name.)

16. **Special Assignment:** What did God say was the significance of this name as regarding the nation of Israel?

17. In contrast, what did God promise to do for Judah – 1:7?

18. **Special Assignment:** Describe how God fulfilled the promise to protect Judah when Israel fell. See 2 Kings 18,19.

19. What was Gomer's next child named – 1:8,9? (Think: What does this name mean?)

20. What did God say was the significance of this name?

21. Summarize the symbolic significance of each of Hosea's family members as regarding the nation of Israel:

Gomer –

Jezreel –

Lo-ruhamah

Lo-ammi

22. **Application:** What lessons should we learn for our own service to God from the symbolic significance of Hosea's family?

23. What change did God predict would occur according to 1:10?

24. Where is this passage quoted in the New Testament?

25. **Special Assignment:** Based on the New Testament references, what can we learn about the significance of this prophecy?

26. What is stated in 1:11 about the relationship of Judah and Israel?

27. Explain how this would be fulfilled under the gospel.

28. **Special Assignment:** How would the prophecy of 1:10,11 relate to and solve the problems God had predicted through Hosea's children?