

Hosea

1. **Titles:**
 - A. Hosea = salvation, the Lord Saves
 - B. The Book of Persevering Love
 - C. The Book of Law and Love
2. **Author:**

Written by Hosea, the prophet of Law and Love, who ministered to the House of Israel.
3. **Date:**
 - A. Hosea's ministry covered a period of about 45 years (755-710 B.C.), beginning at the end of the reign of Jeroboam II of Israel, continuing through the reigns of Zechariah, Shallum, Menahem, Pekah, and Hoshea, and ending after the Assyrian conquest of Israel during the reign of Hezekiah of Judah.
 - B. Written between 750 and 710 B.C.
4. **Key Words:**
 - A. Israel - 44
 - B. Ephraim - 37
 - C. Turn (ed), Return (ed) (one Hebrew Word) - 20
 - D. Whoredom (s) - 14
 - E. Mercy (ies) - 11
5. **Key Verses: 1:6, 9; 2:4, 23; 14:1,4**
6. **Purpose:**
 - A. To call Israel to repentance.
 - B. To prophesy the cause of the Assyrian Captivity, which was the unfaithfulness of Israel.
 - C. To foretell the restoration which would come only through Messiah.
7. **Message:**
 - A. The Lord loves and longs to restore and heal the backslider, and through chastisement and punishment of the Law, He causes such to return to Him.
 - B. Love balances, but never violates Law.
8. **Outline:**
 - I. The Prophet -- The Symbolic Marriage..... Ch. 1-3
 - A. The Prophet's Family Ch. 1
 - B. The Unfaithful Wife Ch. 2
 - C. The Faithful Redeeming Husband Ch. 3
 - II. The Prophecy -- The Word of the Lord Ch. 4-14
 - A. Israel's Sin ----- God is Holy Ch. 4-7
 - B. Israel's Punishment ----- God is Just Ch. 8-10
 - C. Israel's Restoration ----- God is Love Ch. 11-14
9. **Summary:**

The Book of Hosea sets forth Hosea's domestic life as an example of God's dealings with Israel, revealing His union with the nation, their unfaithfulness to the marriage covenant, His chastisement of her, and His love and mercy in redeeming and restoring her to Himself. It also shows the relationship between three great covenants.

 - A. Abrahamic Covenant ----- The Nation Chosen
 - B. Mosaic Covenant ----- The Nation Chastised
 - C. New Covenant ----- The Nation Cleansed
10. **Christ Seen:**

Christ is seen as The Prophet, (Acts 3:22, 23) fulfilling the law (Matthew 5:17, 18) and redeeming in love (John 3:16).