

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a single red rose. The person is wearing a white, long-sleeved button-down shirt. The background is dark. The text is overlaid on the image.

“The Holy One Among You”

11:1-12:14

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A person wearing a white long-sleeved shirt is shown from the chest down, holding a red rose and a green leaf. The background is dark. The text is overlaid on the image.

Hosea 10:12

**“Sow righteousness for yourselves,
reap the fruit of unfailing love,
and break up your unplowed ground;
for it is time to seek the LORD,
until he comes
and showers his righteousness on you.”**

A person wearing a white long-sleeved shirt is shown from the chest down, holding a red rose in their left hand and a green rose stem in their right hand. The background is dark. The text 'Hosea 11-14' is centered at the top, with a red horizontal line below it. A list of four items is on the left side.

Hosea 11-14

- ❖ Chapter 11 – mercy
- ❖ Chapter 12 – judgment
- ❖ Chapter 13 – judgment
- ❖ Chapter 14 - mercy

A person wearing a white long-sleeved shirt is holding a red rose with both hands. The background is dark. The text "What will we learn?" is overlaid on the image in a white, outlined, serif font. A red horizontal line is positioned below the title. Below the line, there are two bullet points in the same white, outlined, serif font.

What will we learn?

- ❖ One of the immutable features of God's nature is his eagerness to forgive.
- ❖ More of Hosea's keys to seeking the Lord

Old Testament prophets

- ❖ Mediated the Covenant
- ❖ Poetry > prose
- ❖ Symbolic words AND actions

Israel's sins confronted by Hosea:

- ❖ Infidelity
- ❖ Social injustice
- ❖ Violent crime
- ❖ Religious hypocrisy
- ❖ Political revolt
- ❖ Foreign alliances
- ❖ Selfish arrogance
- ❖ Spiritual ingratitude

The Divided Kingdom of Israel Judah



The Divided Kingdom of Israel Judah



The Divided Kingdom of Israel and Judah



A person wearing a white shirt is shown from the chest down, holding a red rose in their left hand and a green leafy branch in their right hand. The background is dark. The text 'Hosea 1' is centered over the image, with a red horizontal line below it.

Hosea 1

- ❖ Our unfaithfulness breaks the heart of God.
- ❖ The love of God overcomes our unrighteousness.



Hosea 2-3

- ❖ God's betrothal to His people is forever.
- ❖ God is our provider.

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Hosea 4-5

- ❖ Ignorance leads to destruction.
- ❖ The wrath of God = natural consequences of sinful choices
- ❖ God uses our circumstances to turn us to him.

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Hosea 6-8

- ❖ Mercy > sacrifice (“hesed” > religion)
- ❖ The Lord remembers.
- ❖ We reap what we sow.

Hosea 9-10

- ❖ Because only God was/is faithful to the Old Covenant, we need a New Covenant.
- ❖ Hosea's keys to seeking the Lord
 - ❖ Don't be stubborn.
 - ❖ Pursue righteousness.

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Hosea 11:1

**“When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.”**

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Israel =

- ❖ **Grapes in the desert**
- ❖ **Vine**
- ❖ **Trained heifer**
- ❖ **Beloved child**

A person wearing a white long-sleeved shirt is shown from the chest up, holding two roses. The rose in the left hand is a vibrant red, while the one in the right hand is a soft pink. The person's hands are positioned in front of their chest, and the roses are held together. The background is a dark, solid color. Overlaid on the image is the text 'The Lord =' in a white, serif font with a black outline. Below this text is a horizontal red line. To the left of the line, there is a list of three items, each preceded by a small diamond symbol.

The Lord =

- ❖ Husband
- ❖ Farmer
- ❖ Father

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Hosea 11:2

**“But the more they were called,
the more they went away from me.
They sacrificed to the Baals
and they burned incense to images.**

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Hosea 11:3

**“It was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
taking them by the arms;
but they did not realize
it was I who healed them.**

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a vibrant red rose. The person is wearing a white, long-sleeved button-down shirt. The background is dark and out of focus. The text of the Bible verse is overlaid on the image.

Hosea 11:4

**“I led them with cords of human kindness,
with ties of love.**

**To them I was like one who lifts
a little child to the cheek,
and I bent down to feed them.**

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Hosea 11:5-6

**“Will they not return to Egypt
and will not Assyria rule over them
because they refuse to repent?
A sword will flash in their cities;
it will devour their false prophets
and put an end to their plans.**

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Hosea 11:7

**“My people are determined to turn from me.
Even though they call me God Most High,
I will by no means exalt them.”**

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Roy L. Honeycutt, Jr.:

“How strange it is that those who want to be free from God, who want nothing of his loving care and concern, find that judgment comes in the form of granting their wish.”

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Hosea 11:8

“How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, Israel?
How can I treat you like Admah?
How can I make you like Zeboyim?
My heart is changed within me;
all my compassion is aroused.

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Hosea 11:9

**“I will not carry out my fierce anger,
nor will I devastate Ephraim again.
For I am God, and not a man —
the Holy One among you.
I will not come against their cities.**

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Hosea 11:10

**“They will follow the LORD;
he will roar like a lion.**

**When he roars,
his children will come trembling from the west.**

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Hosea 11:11

**“They will come from Egypt,
trembling like sparrows,
from Assyria, fluttering like doves.
I will settle them in their homes,”
declares the LORD.**

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Hosea 11:12 (or 12:1)

“Ephraim has surrounded me with lies,
Israel with deceit.

And Judah is unruly against God,
even against the faithful Holy One.”

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Hosea 12:1

Ephraim feeds on the wind;
he pursues the east wind all day
and multiplies lies and violence.
He makes a treaty with Assyria
and sends olive oil to Egypt.

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Hosea 12:2

The LORD has a charge to bring against Judah;
he will punish Jacob according to his ways
and repay him according to his deeds.

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Hosea 12:3-4

In the womb he grasped his brother's heel;
as a man he struggled with God.
He struggled with the angel and overcame him;
he wept and begged for his favor.

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Hosea 12:4-5

He found him at Bethel
and talked with him there —
the LORD God Almighty,
the LORD is his name!

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Jacob

- ❖ Birth (Genesis 25)
- ❖ Deception (Genesis 27)
- ❖ Dream at Bethel (Genesis 28)
- ❖ Wrestled with angel / God (Genesis 33)
- ❖ Blessed at Bethel (Genesis 35)

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Hosea 12:6

But you must return to your God;
maintain love and justice,
and wait for your God always.

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Alexander the Great:

**“You must change your conduct
or change your name!”**

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Hosea 12:7-8

The merchant uses dishonest scales
and loves to defraud.

Ephraim boasts,

“I am very rich; I have become wealthy.
With all my wealth they will not find in me
any iniquity or sin.”

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Hosea 12:9-10

**“I have been the LORD your God
ever since you came out of Egypt;
I will make you live in tents again,
as in the days of your appointed festivals.
I spoke to the prophets,
gave them many visions
and told parables through them.”**

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Hosea 12:11

Is Gilead wicked?

Its people are worthless!

Do they sacrifice bulls in Gilgal?

**Their altars will be like piles of stones
on a plowed field.**

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Hosea 12:12

Jacob fled to the country of Aram;
Israel served to get a wife,
and to pay for her he tended sheep.

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Hosea 12:13-14

The LORD used a prophet to bring Israel up from Egypt,
by a prophet he cared for him.

But Ephraim has aroused his bitter anger;
his Lord will leave on him the guilt of his bloodshed
and will repay him for his contempt.

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What have we learned?

- ❖ One of the immutable features of God's nature is his eagerness to forgive.
- ❖ Hosea's keys to seeking the Lord:
 - ❖ Don't be stubborn. Pursue righteousness. (last week)
 - ❖ Maintain love and justice.
 - ❖ Wait for your God.



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Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the Lord's Supper

A person wearing a white shirt is shown from the chest up, holding two roses. The rose on the left is red, and the one on the right is white. The background is dark. The text "Life Begins in the Womb" is written in a white, stylized font across the top of the image, with a red horizontal line underneath it. Below the line, there are six bullet points, each with a white diamond symbol, arranged in two columns. The text is overlaid on the person's hands and the roses.

Life Begins in the Womb

❖ Luke 1:15

❖ Luke 1:41

❖ Psalm 22:9-10

❖ Psalm 139:13

❖ Isaiah 49:1

❖ Jeremiah 1:4-5