

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 Ways of the Lord”
Hosea 13:1 - 14:9

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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 up, holding two roses. The rose on the left is a vibrant red, and the one on the right is a soft pink. The person's hands are positioned in front of their chest, holding the stems of the flowers. The background is a dark, solid color. Overlaid on the image is the text 'Hosea 12:6' in a white, serif font with a black outline, centered at the top. Below it is a thin red horizontal line. Underneath the line is the main text of the verse, also in a white, serif font with a black outline, centered on the page.

Hosea 12:6

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

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What will we learn?

- ❖ What must I do to be saved?
Repent and believe.
- ❖ We must renounce all other gods/idols to worship the one true God.

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 and Judah



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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 leafy branch in their right hand. The background is dark. The text 'Hosea 1' is centered over the image, underlined with a red line.

Hosea 1

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

A person wearing a white long-sleeved shirt is shown from the chest down, holding two roses. The rose in the left hand is a vibrant red, while the one in the right hand is a pale, almost white color. The person's hands are positioned in front of their chest, and the roses are held together. The background is a solid, dark color, possibly black or dark blue, which makes the white shirt and the colors of the roses stand out. The text 'Hosea 2-3' is centered over the image in a white, stylized font with a black outline. Below the title, there is a thin red horizontal line. Underneath the line, there are two bullet points, each starting with a small white diamond symbol, followed by text in a white font with a black outline.

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.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a red rose and a green stem. The person is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt. The background is dark. The text 'Hosea 6-8' is overlaid on the image.

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.

Hosea 11-12

- ❖ 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.
 - ❖ Maintain love and justice.
 - ❖ Wait for your God.

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Hosea 11-14

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



Hosea 13:1

When Ephraim spoke, people trembled;
he was exalted in Israel.
But he became guilty of Baal worship and died.

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Hosea 13:2

Now they sin more and more;
they make idols for themselves from their silver,
cleverly fashioned images,
all of them the work of craftsmen.
It is said of these people,
“They offer human sacrifices!
They kiss calf-idols!”

A person wearing a white shirt is holding a bouquet of flowers, including a prominent red rose and several green leaves. The background is dark and out of focus.

Hosea 13:3

Therefore they will be like the morning mist,
like the early dew that disappears,
like chaff swirling from a threshing floor,
like smoke escaping through a window.

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Hosea 13:4-5

**“But I have been the LORD your God
ever since you came out of Egypt.
You shall acknowledge no God but me,
no Savior except me.”**

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Exodus 20:1-3

And God spoke all these words:

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt,
out of the land of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before me.”

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Hosea 13:5-6

**“I cared for you in the wilderness,
in the land of burning heat.**

**When I fed them, they were satisfied;
when they were satisfied, they became proud;
then they forgot me.”**

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De-evolution

- ❖ Receiving God's loving care
- ❖ Satisfaction
- ❖ Pride
- ❖ Forgetting God

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Hosea 13:7-8

“So I will be like a lion to them,
like a leopard I will lurk by the path.
Like a bear robbed of her cubs,
I will attack them and rip them open;
like a lion I will devour them —
a wild animal will tear them apart.

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Hosea 13:9-10

“You are destroyed, Israel,
because you are against me, against your helper.
Where is your king, that he may save you?
Where are your rulers in all your towns,
of whom you said,
‘Give me a king and princes’?”

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Hosea 13:11-12

“So in my anger I gave you a king,
and in my wrath I took him away.
The guilt of Ephraim is stored up,
his sins are kept on record.”

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Hosea 13:13

**“Pains as of a woman in childbirth come to him,
but he is a child without wisdom;
when the time arrives,
he doesn’t have the sense to come out of the womb.**

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Hosea 13:14

“I will deliver this people from the power of the grave;
I will redeem them from death.
Where, O death, are your plagues?
Where, O grave, is your destruction?”

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Hosea 13:14-15

**“I will have no compassion,
even though he thrives among his brothers.”**

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Hosea 13:14-15

**“An east wind from the LORD will come,
blowing in from the desert;
his spring will fail
and his well dry up.
His storehouse will be plundered
of all its treasures.**

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Hosea 13:16

**“The people of Samaria must bear their guilt,
because they have rebelled against their God.
They will fall by the sword;
their little ones will be dashed to the ground,
their pregnant women ripped open.”**

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Hosea 14:1

**Return, Israel, to the LORD your God.
Your sins have been your downfall!
Take words with you
and return to the LORD.**

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Hosea 14:2

Say to him:

“Forgive all our sins
and receive us graciously,
that we may offer the fruit of our lips.”

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Hosea 14:3

**“Assyria cannot save us;
we will not mount warhorses.
We will never again say ‘Our gods’
to what our own hands have made,
for in you the fatherless find compassion.”**

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Hosea 14:4

**“I will heal their waywardness
and love them freely,
for my anger has turned away from them.**

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Hosea 14:5-6

**“I will be like the dew to Israel;
he will blossom like a lily.**

**Like a cedar of Lebanon
he will send down his roots;
his young shoots will grow.**

**His splendor will be like an olive tree,
his fragrance like a cedar of Lebanon.**

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Hosea 14:7

**“People will dwell again in his shade;
they will flourish like the grain,
they will blossom like the vine —
Israel’s fame will be like the wine of Lebanon.**



Hosea 14:8

“Ephraim, what more have I to do with idols?
I will answer him and care for him.
I am like a flourishing juniper;
your fruitfulness comes from me.”

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Hosea 14:9

Who is wise? Let them realize these things.
Who is discerning? Let them understand.
The ways of the LORD are right;
the righteous walk in them,
but the rebellious stumble in them.

Hosea in New Testament:

- ❖ Jesus (Matthew 9:13; 12:7; Luke 23:30)
- ❖ Matthew (Matthew 2:15)
- ❖ Paul (Romans 9:25-26; 1 Corinthians 15:55)
- ❖ Peter (1 Peter 2:10)

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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

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