

Historical Background and Introduction to Hosea

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I. Historical Background and Timeline

II. Introduction to Hosea

III. The Setting

IV. Two Key Factors

1. Love doesn't erase judgement.

2. Because of the purity of God's love, He continues to set His Love on Israel and keep the promises He made.

V. Truths that we MUST remember NOT to forget.

VI. Helpful questions to identify rival deities in our own heart.

1. Is there any possession, pleasure, or relationship that I **am willing** to sin against God in order to obtain or keep as my own?
2. Is there any possession, pleasure, or relationship for which I **would** sin against the Lord if I could not obtain it or keep it as my own?
3. When I am afraid, is there anything/anyone, besides the Lord Himself, in whom I place my trust and confidence in order to experience peace or contentment in my heart?
4. Under pressure, do I seek relief, comfort, reward, protection, pleasure, joy, or safety in anything/anyone other than my Lord?
5. When I experience success or prosperity, do I give thanks or glory to anything/anyone other than God?

Israel and the People of God: How Christians Should View Israel by Michael Vlach
<https://youtu.be/sKMGpJ6YSLg?si=1kfybHZZT1iLkaK0s>

“We are to work at bible study. The scriptures do not disclose their riches to lazy minds and heads.” Sinclair Ferguson

“Study hard, for the well is deep and our brains are shallow.” Richard Baxter

“The scriptures teach us the best way of living, the noblest way of suffering, and the most comfortable way of dying.” John Flavel