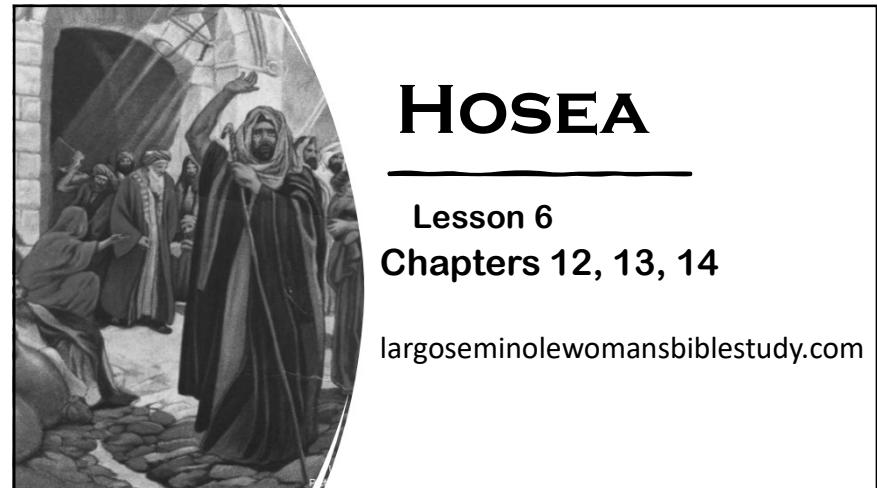
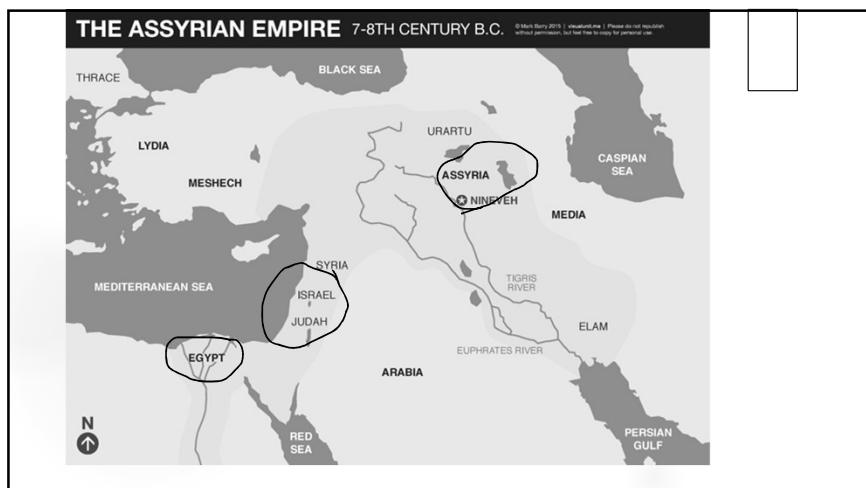


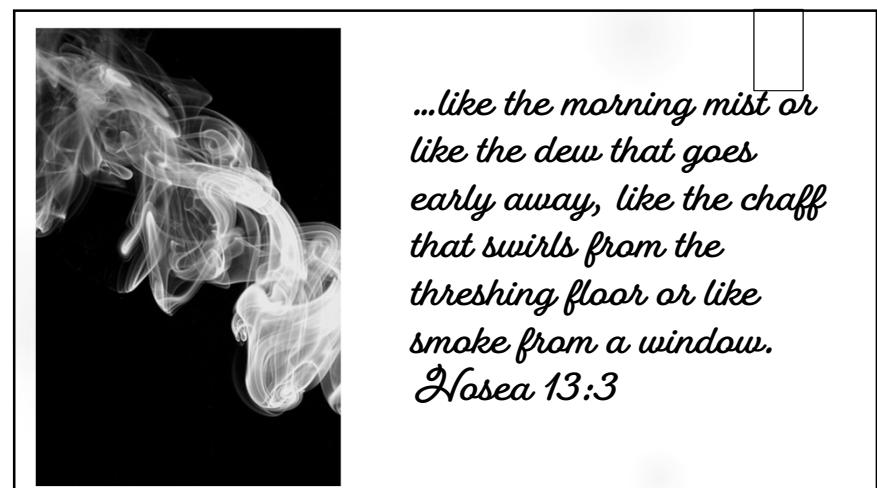
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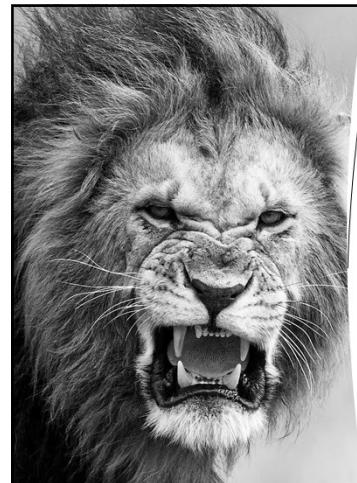
No servant can serve two masters,
for either he will hate the one and
love the other, or he will be devoted
to the one and despise the other.
You cannot serve God and money."

Luke 16:13

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For you say, I am rich, I have
prospered, and I need nothing, not
realizing that you are wretched,
pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. -
Revelation 3:17

6



I am to them like a lion; like
a leopard I will lurk beside
the way. I will fall upon
them like a bear robbed of
her cubs; I will tear open
their breast,...I will devour
them like a lion, as a wild
beast would rip them open.
Hosea 13:7-8

...I, even I, will tear and go
away; I will carry off, and
no one shall rescue.
Hosea 5:14

7

Samaria's king shall perish like a
twig on the face of the waters.

Hosea 10:7

... At dawn the king of Israel
shall be utterly cut off
Hosea 10:15

8



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Should I ransom them from the grave? Should I
redeem them from death?
O death, bring on your terrors!
O grave, bring on your plagues!
For I will not take pity on them.

10

Modern Idolatry

1. What (or who) is an idol for you?
2. What (or who) defines who you are?
3. What (or who) controls your life?

11

Return to the LORD and repent!
Say to him: "Completely forgive
our iniquity; accept our
penitential prayer, that we may
offer the praise of our lips as
sacrificial bulls. Hosea 14:2 NET

12

Assyria cannot save us; we will not ride warhorses. We will never again say, 'Our gods' to what our own hands have made. For only you will show compassion to Orphan Israel!"

Hosea 14:3 NET

13



I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily

14

...he shall take root like the trees of Lebanon;...his beauty shall be like the olive, and his fragrance like Lebanon. They shall return and dwell beneath my shadow; ...



15



...they shall flourish like the grain; they shall blossom like the vine...



16



I am like an
evergreen
cypress; from
me comes
your fruit.



The
ways
of the
Lord
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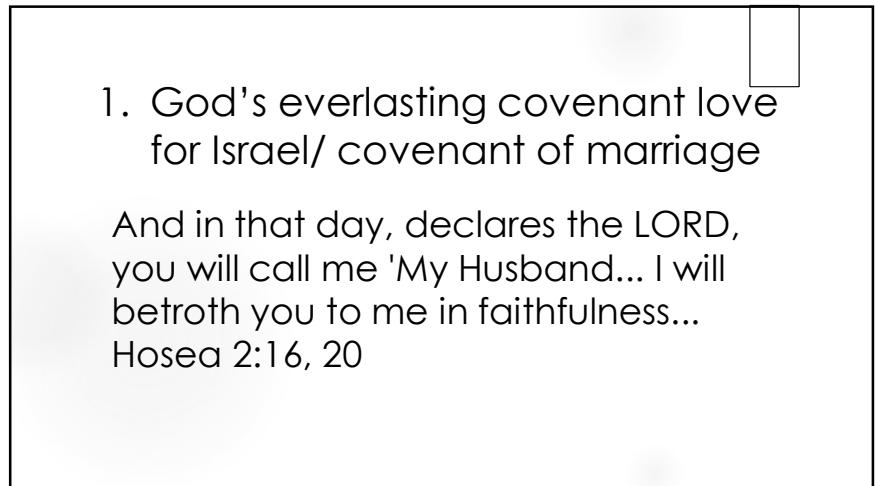
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2. God pays a price for the people that He chooses

...you were ransomed ...with the precious blood of Christ...
1 Peter 1:18

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3. Prophetic: Exile and Restoration

No intimate relationship 3:3

No normal religious life 3:4

Promise of restoration 3:5

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The Case Against Israel:
Why They Will Be Judged

4:1-3 Opening statement:
Their sin is exceedingly great

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The Case Against Israel:
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4:4-5, 8 The prophets and priests:
the leaders of the nation are
corrupt

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The Case Against Israel:
Why They Will Be Judged

4:13-14 the men: the priests in
their families are not honoring
their wives and daughters

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Marital infidelity in Scripture =
common picture of idolatry,
(unfaithfulness to God)

Leave Israel alone, because
she is married to idolatry...
Hosea 4:17 NLT

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5:4 Their deeds do not permit
them to return to their God. For
the spirit of whoredom is within
them, and they know not the
LORD.

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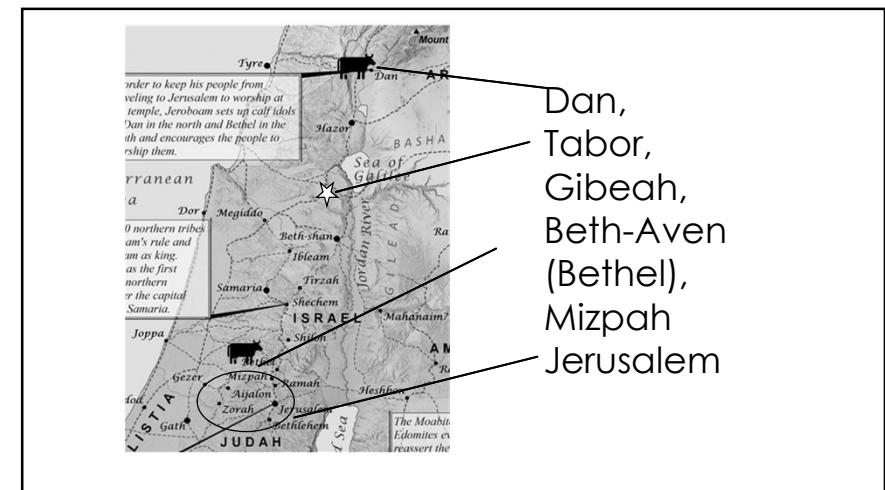
5:7 They have dealt faithlessly
with the LORD; for they have
borne alien children. Now the
new moon shall devour them
with their fields.

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... those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same. Job 4:8

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. Galatians 6:7

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Conclusion Of The Case:
God Pronounces Sentence

Stumbling, desolation, wrath, oppressed, crushed in judgement, destruction, tearing, no rescue

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Finally:

5:6 With their flocks and herds they shall go to seek the LORD, but they will not find him; he has withdrawn from them

36

5:7...**until** they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.

37

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8

39

Salvation

- Acknowledge that I have sinned against God
- Turn away from my sin to God
- Ask His forgiveness

38

And you will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.
Jeremiah 29:13

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