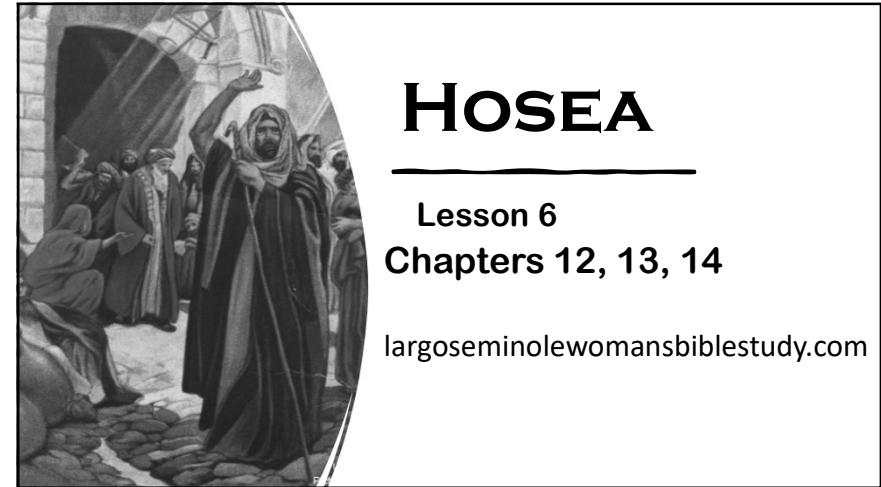
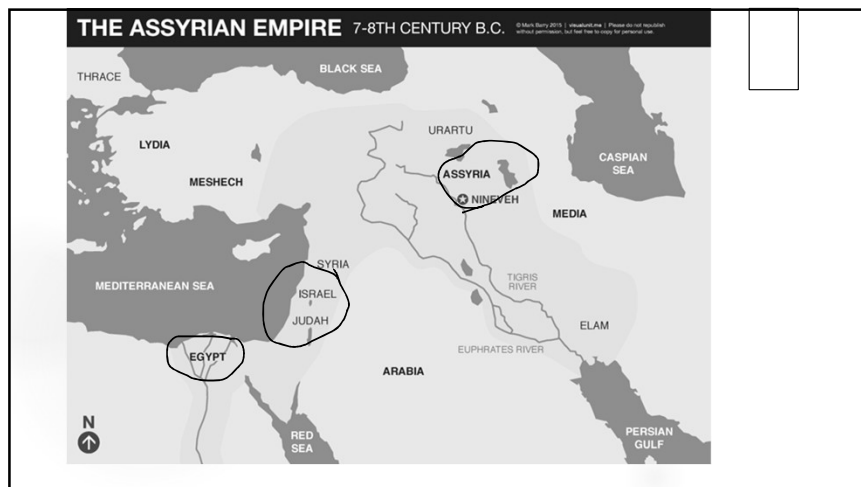


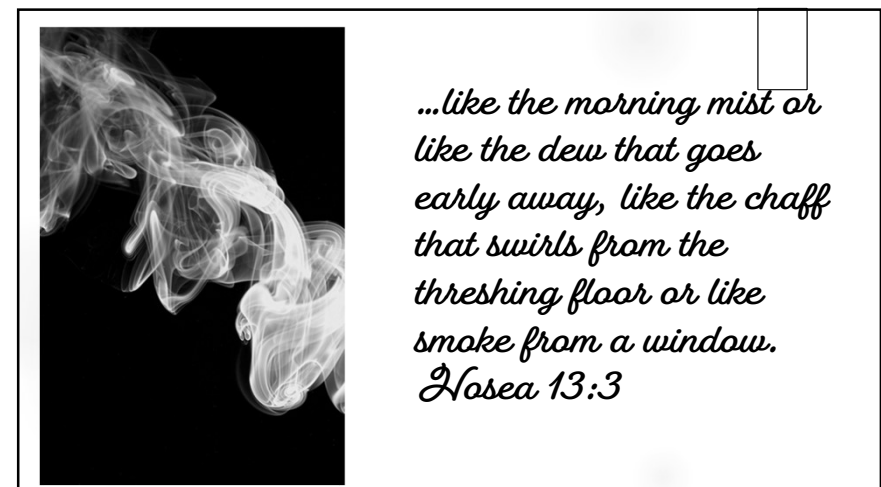
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No servant can serve two masters,  
for either he will hate the one and  
love the other, or he will be devoted  
to the one and despise the other.  
You cannot serve God and money."  
Luke 16:13

5

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



9



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...



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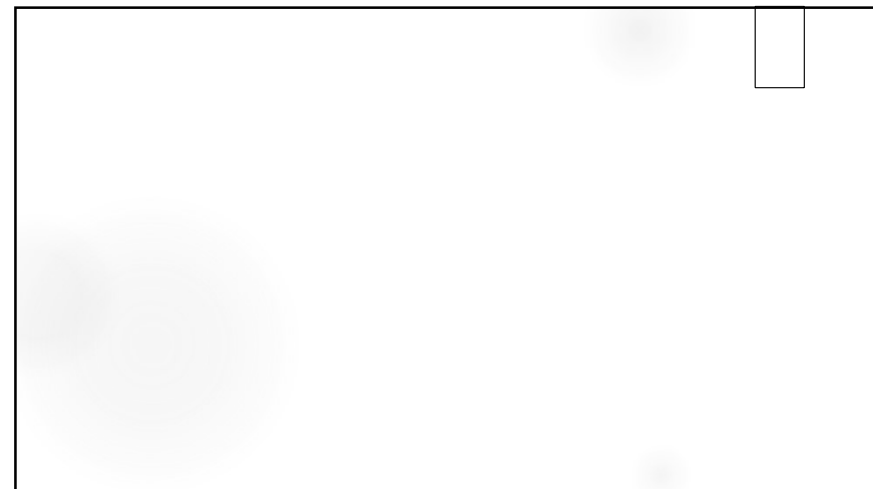
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me comes  
your fruit.

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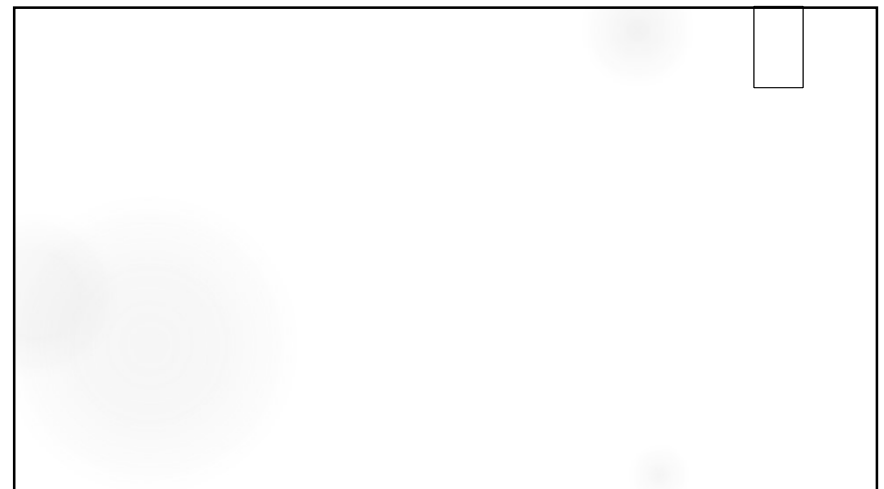
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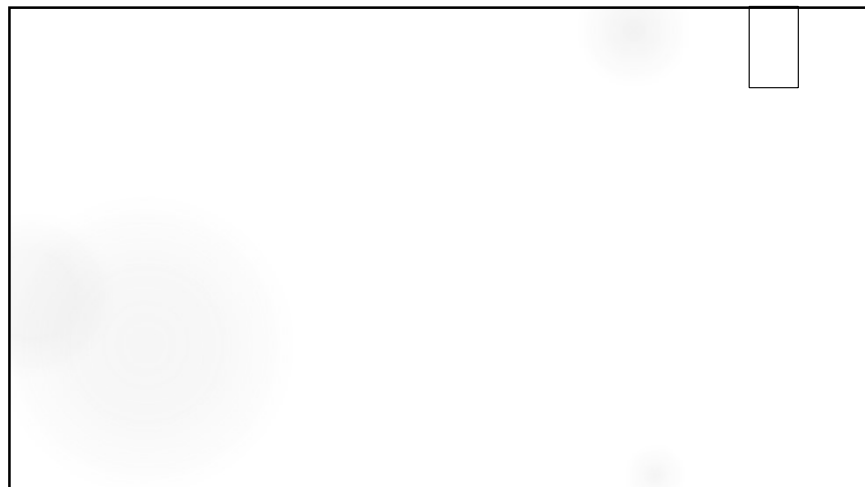
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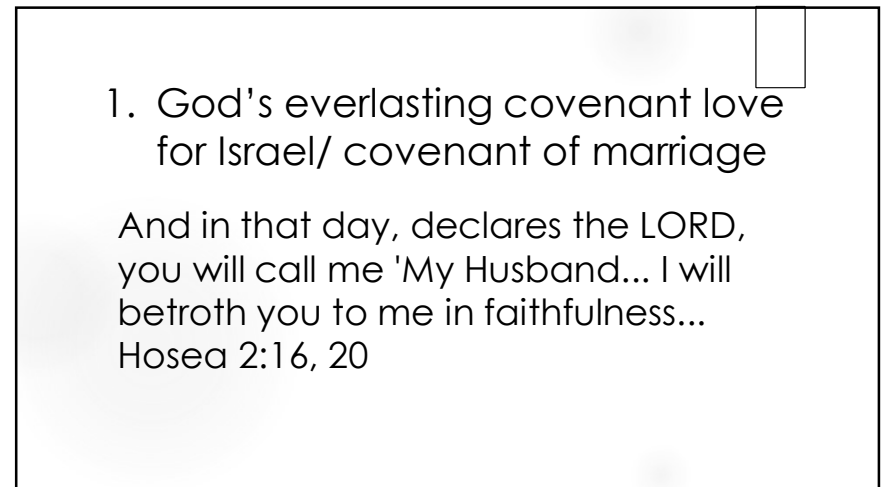
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2. God pays a price for the people that He chooses

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

25

3. Prophetic: Exile and Restoration

No intimate relationship 3:3

No normal religious life 3:4

Promise of restoration 3:5

26

The Case Against Israel:  
Why They Will Be Judged

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

27

The Case Against Israel:  
Why They Will Be Judged

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

28

## 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

29

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

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

30

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.

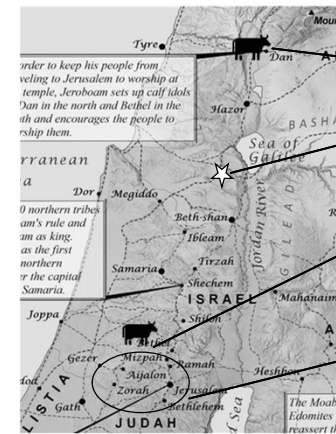
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... those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same. Job 4:8

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

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Dan,  
Tabor,  
Gibeah,  
Beth-Aven  
(Bethel),  
Mizpah  
Jerusalem

34

### Conclusion Of The Case: God Pronounces Sentence

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

35

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

### Salvation

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

38

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

39

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

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