

Hosea 1-3
THE Love Story

An outrageous endeavor ...

I. A Marriage Made in Heaven?

- A. Unrelenting Devotion
- B. Unrequited Love

II. Courtship Played Out on Earth

- A. God's Passionate Pursuit
- B. A Fickle Unfaithful People

III. A Sacred Union

- A. The Perfect Groom
- B. His Holy Bride

... and a love stronger than death.

Children, Listen ...

1. What difficult thing did Hosea have to do?
2. Was his wife true to her marriage?
3. Did Hosea have to care for her and show her love anyway?
4. How does this remind us of God's love for His people Israel?
5. In the Bible Jesus is describe as the groom and the church as His bride. It what amazing way did Jesus show His bride how much He loves her?

Our Story

Hosea is a story about love and grace but it is not without heartbreak. It is ugly and beautiful all at one. The love and grace is magnificently displayed by God through the character of the prophet himself. The heartbreak comes from the sin of God's fickle people Israel as portrayed in Hosea's adulterous wife. This is our story. It is the story of undeserving sinners receiving the relentless love of God. This is the true church's story. It is the story of the Lord Jesus Christ's dying and undying love for his beloved church. As we delve into this prophetic narrative may our appreciating for the deep, deep love of Jesus take us to new heights of reciprocated love and passion for our glorious bridegroom Jesus.