

# A LOVE FULFILLED; STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF HOSEA

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## I. INTRODUCTORY NOTES: fairly long!

### A. The Minor Prophets:

1. Why "minor"
2. Place in the Scriptures
3. Essential messages:

--Trust God in all aspects of life, live for Him, depend on His justice and judgment, enjoy his fellowship and love, but fear His wrath and do not feed His displeasure.

### B. Hosea

1. Technical data
  - authorship
  - date of action and writing
  - message: Live in God's love
2. Recommended reading: Francine Rivers: Redeeming Love (novel)
3. The concept of the book:

--How God's people were called, treated, and given assurances even though they rebelled, fought against Him, and defied His mercies. Conceptually the book tells how God contended for them and promises to bring them to a place of blessing. That is a love fulfilled: God united with His people!

### C. The story of Hosea's personal history: rehearsed briefly

1. his times 1:1
2. his peculiar instruction: 1:2--the point of the drama
3. his obedience
4. his son 1:3-5
5. his daughter 1:6-7 (a predictive name)
6. his second son 1:8-9 (a declaration)
7. a family tragedy 2:1-5
8. an ordered decision 3:1-5
9. the prophetic ministry 4:1 ff

I should be using the pronoun "their" but he is the person of address.

### D. God and the Hebrew peoples:

1. The selection: Deuteronomy 4:37, 7:6; 10:15, etc.  
There is no full explanation...the rhyme by....well, I will just quote it....
2. The provisions