

# Let Us Return to the LORD

Lesson 10: Hosea 5:1 – 6:3

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# Review

- Setting: 1:1
- First cycle: 1:2 – 2:23
  - Judgment: 1:2 – 9
    - God's first command to Hosea: 1:2
    - Hosea's obedience and marriage: 1:3
    - Hosea's children as symbols of judgment: 1:4 – 9
      - Jezreel: 1:4 – 5
      - No Mercy: 1:6 – 7
      - Not My People: 1:8 – 9

# Review

- Setting: 1:1
- First cycle: 1:2 – 2:23
  - Judgment: 1:2 – 9
  - Restoration: 1:10 – 2:23
    - Undoing of children's names: 1:10 – 2:1
    - Rebuke of the adulteress: 2:2 – 13
    - God's plan to turn Israel back to Him: 2:14 – 15
    - True betrothal to God: 2:16 – 20
    - Undoing of children's names: 2:21 – 23

# Review

- Second cycle: 3:1 – 14:9
  - Redemption: 3:1 – 5
    - God's second command to Hosea: 3:1
    - Hosea's obedience, conditions on Gomer: 3:2 – 3
    - The interpretation of Hosea's act of love: 3:4 – 5

# Review

- Second cycle: 3:1 – 14:9
  - Redemption: 3:1 – 5
  - The wilderness and kindness: 4:1 – 14:9
    - The case and judgment against Israel: 4:1 – 3
    - Judgment on the priests: 4:4 – 10
    - An adulterous people: 4:11 – 14
    - The consequences of stubborn harlotry: 4:15 – 19

# Key verses

- Theme: Hosea 2:14

Therefore, behold I will allure her,  
Bring her into the wilderness  
And speak kindly to her.

- Motivation: Hosea 4:16

Since Israel is stubborn  
Like a stubborn heifer,  
Can the LORD now pasture them  
Like a lamb in a large field?

# Key words

Count	Hosea %	Hebrew	Part of speech	Definition
69	2.8979%	כִּי	conjunction	for
66	2.7719%	לֹא	adverb	not
65	2.7299%	ל	preposition	to, in
46	1.9320%	עַל	preposition	on, upon
46	1.9320%	יְהוָה	noun	LORD
44	1.8480%	יִשְׂרָאֵל	noun	Israel
44	1.8480%	אֶת	particle	D.O. marker
37	1.5540%	אֶפְרַיִם	noun	Ephraim, doubly fruitful
30	1.2600%	אֶל	preposition	to, toward
28	1.1760%	יוֹם	noun	day

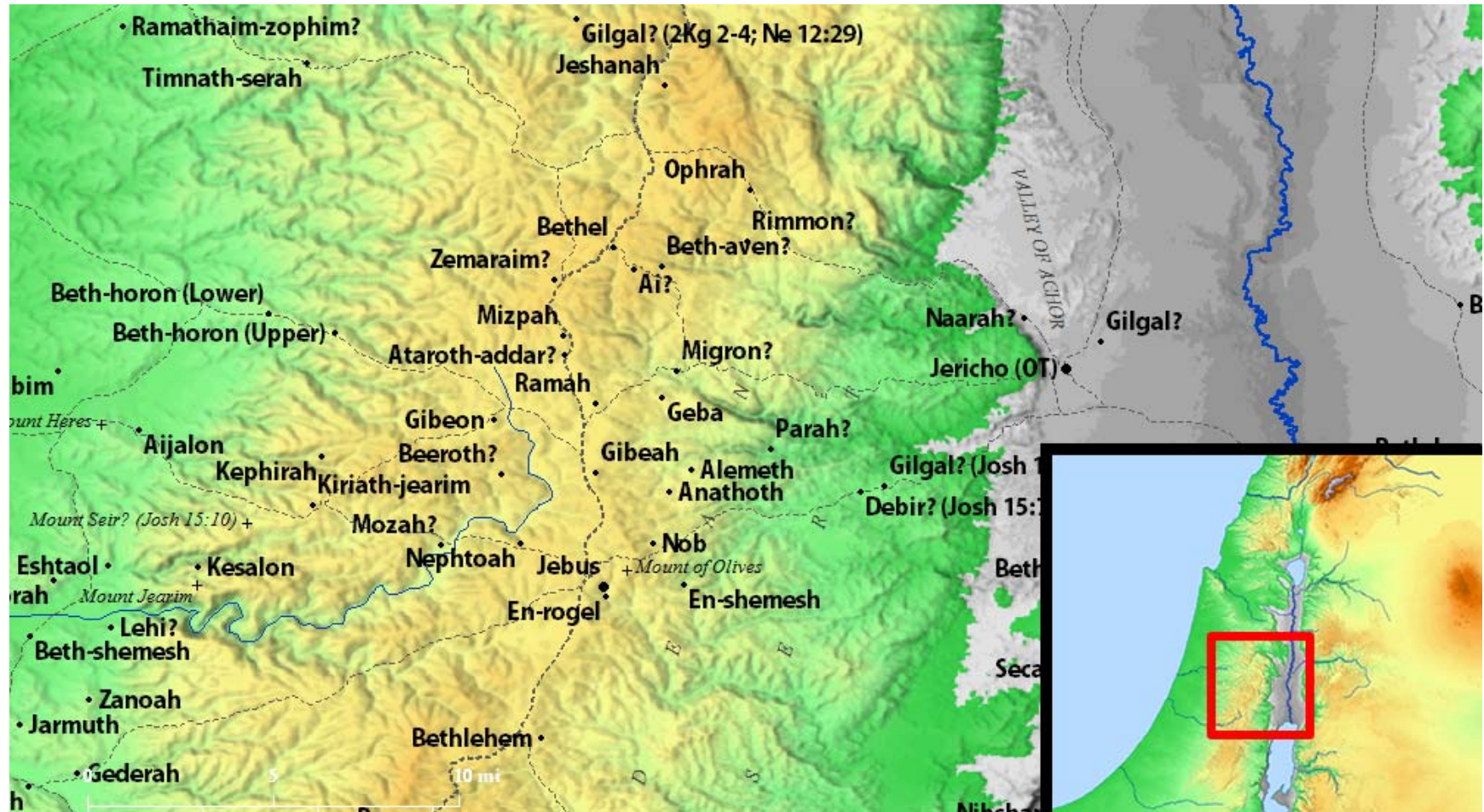
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37	1.5540%	180	0.0429%	3523.2%	אֶפְרַיִם	noun	Ephraim, doubly fruitful
14	0.5880%	94	0.0224%	2525.2%	זָנָה	verb	to be/become a prostitute
7	0.2940%	47	0.0112%	2525.2%	רָחַם	verb	to love, have compassion on
16	0.6720%	215	0.0512%	1211.7%	אָהַב	verb	to love
9	0.3780%	151	0.0360%	950.6%	אַשּׁוּר	noun	Asshur, Assyria
10	0.4200%	233	0.0555%	656.5%	עוֹן	noun	sin, wickedness
21	0.8820%	561	0.1337%	559.8%	הֵם	pronoun	they, them
7	0.2940%	224	0.0534%	450.8%	רָבָה	verb	to increase in number
11	0.4620%	359	0.0855%	440.1%	אֲנִכִּי	pronoun	I
12	0.5040%	432	0.1029%	389.6%	עַתָּה	adverb	now



**HOSEA 5:1 – 6:3**

# Geographical Setting



# Key words

Count	Passage %	Hosea Freq.	Hosea %	Hosea % Dif	Hebrew	Part of speech	Definition
9	4.29%	37	1.5540%	175.7915%	אֶפְרַיִם	noun	Ephraim, doubly fruitful
8	3.81%	66	2.7719%	37.4315%	כִּי	conjunction	for
6	2.86%	44	1.8480%	54.6104%	יִשְׂרָאֵל	noun	Israel
6	2.86%	66	2.7719%	3.0736%	לֹא	adverb	not
5	2.38%	12	0.5040%	372.4206%	אֲנִי	pronoun	I
5	2.38%	15	0.6300%	277.9365%	יְהוּדָה	noun	Judah
5	2.38%	16	0.6720%	254.3155%	יָדַעַ	verb	to know
5	2.38%	16	0.6720%	254.3155%	הֵלֵךְ	verb	to walk, go
5	2.38%	30	1.2600%	88.9683%	אֶל	preposition	to, toward
5	2.38%	44	1.8480%	28.8420%	אֵת	particle	D.O. marker
5	2.38%	46	1.9320%	23.2402%	יְהוָה	noun	LORD

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	%	Freq.	Hosea %	Hosea % Dif	Freq.	Bible %	% Difference	Hebrew		speech
2	0.95%	2	0.0840%	1033.8095%	3	0.0007%	11651.0010%	מָזוּר	noun	sore, boil, ulcer
1	0.48%	3	0.1260%	277.9365%	7	0.0017%	7454.2149%	אֵן	noun	Beth Aven
9	4.29%	37	1.5540%	175.7915%	180	0.0429%	3523.2253%	אֶפְרַיִם	noun	Ephraim, doubly fruitful
2	0.95%	6	0.2520%	277.9365%	62	0.0148%	1605.7905%	כָּשַׁל	verb	to stumble, falter, fail
2	0.95%	2	0.0840%	1033.8095%	25	0.0060%	1310.1201%	טָרַף	verb	to tear, mangle
2	0.95%	5	0.2100%	353.5238%	67	0.0160%	1215.4106%	רָפָא	verb	to heal
2	0.95%	21	0.8820%	7.9819%	561	0.1337%	559.8156%	הֵם	pronoun	they, them
2	0.95%	12	0.5040%	88.9683%	432	0.1029%	389.6250%	עַתָּה	adverb	now
2	0.95%	5	0.2100%	353.5238%	225	0.0536%	291.7000%	בָּקַשׁ	verb	to seek, search, look
3	1.43%	22	0.9240%	54.6104%	1053	0.2509%	268.2650%	שׁוּב	verb	to turn back

# Hapax Legomenon

Reference	Meaning	Hebrew
Hosea 2:15	Jewels	חִלָּיִת
Hosea 3:2	Measure	לִתְךָ
Hosea 5:2	Slaughtering	שִׁהָטָה
Hosea 8:6	Splinters	שִׁבְבִים
Hosea 9:14	Be dry, withered	צִמָּק
Hosea 11:9	Wrath	עִיר
Hosea 13:1	Trembling	רָתַת
Hosea 13:5	Drought	תִּלְאָבוֹת
Hosea 13:14	Destruction	קָטַב

# Outline

- 5:1 – 3 Ephraim's ways are not hidden from God
- 5:4 – 7 Hosea's evaluation of the people
  - 5:4 – 5 Sin prevents turning to the LORD
  - 5:6 – 7 External obedience lead only to destruction
- 5:8 – 15 God's response to His sinful people
  - 5:8 – 11 The decay of Israel
  - 5:12 – 13 The sickness of Israel
  - 5:14 – 15 The rending of Israel
- 6:1 – 3 Appeal to return to the LORD

**Ephraim's ways are not hidden from God**

**Hosea 5:1**

**Hear** this, O **priests**!

**Give heed**, O house of Israel!

**Listen**, O house of the **king**!

For the judgment applies to you,

For you have been a **snare** at Mizpah

And a **net** spread out on Tabor.

- The Lord is speaking
- Who is being rebuked?
- Sinners snare others to sin
- Mizpah
  - Gilead Genesis 31:49
  - By Mt. Hermon Joshua 11:3
  - Benjamin 1 Samuel 7:16
- Tabor
  - Mt. in Issachar Josh. 19:22
  - Zebulun 1 Chron. 6:77
  - Benjamin 1 Samuel 10:3

**Ephraim's ways are not  
hidden from God**

**Hosea 5:2**

The revolters have gone deep in  
depravity,  
But I will chastise all of them.

- “depravity”
  - KJV “make slaughter”
  - NIV “slaughter”
  - ESV “slaughter”
  - NET “slaughter”
- Committed to their sin
- None will escape judgment



**Ephraim's ways are not hidden from God**

**Hosea 5:3**

I know **Ephraim**,  
and **Israel** is not hidden from me;

For now, O **Ephraim**, you have played  
the harlot,  
**Israel** has defiled itself

- Israel doesn't know God,  
but God knows Israel
- Harlotry
  - Physical
  - Spiritual

## **Hosea's evaluation of the people**

### **Hosea 5:4**

Their deeds will not allow them

To return to their God.

For a spirit of harlotry is within them,

And they do not know the Lord.

- Sin prevents repentance
- Deeds come from the spirit
  - Being vs. doing
- Reasons for inability
  - Spirit of harlotry
  - They do not know the Lord

## Hosea's evaluation of the people

### Hosea 5:5

Moreover, the pride of Israel testifies against him,

And Israel and Ephraim stumble in their iniquity;

Judah also has stumbled with them.

- Pride called as a witness
  - Also Amos 8:7
- Sin weakens us
- Judah also is rebuked several times by Hosea

## Hosea's evaluation of the people

### Hosea 5:6

They will go with their flocks and herds  
To seek the Lord,  
but they will not find *Him*;

He has withdrawn from them.

- False return
  - *Only* with flocks and herds
  - “my first husband” (2:7)
- God is found by those truly seeking
- What does God want more than sacrifices (6:6)
  - Mercy
  - Knowledge of God

## **Hosea's evaluation of the people**

### **Hosea 5:7**

They have dealt treacherously against  
the Lord,  
For they have borne illegitimate  
children.

Now the new moon will devour them  
with their land.

- Betrayal of their husband
- “strange sons”
- Sin impacts the land also

## God's response to His sinful people

### Hosea 5:8

Blow the horn in Gibeah,

The trumpet in Ramah.

Sound an alarm at Beth-aven:

"Behind you, Benjamin!"

- Attack or defense?
- Beth Aven
  - Joshua 7:2, 18:12
  - 1 Samuel 13:5, 14:23
  - Amos 1:5 (Aven)
- "Behind you"
  - KJV "after thee"
  - NIV "lead on"
  - ESV "we follow you"
  - NET "tremble in fear"

**God's response to His sinful people**

**Hosea 5:9**

Ephraim will become a desolation in the day of rebuke;

Among the tribes of Israel I declare what is sure.

- Judgment is coming
- Tribes of Israel is archaic
- “I” – the prophet or God?

**God's response to His sinful people**

**Hosea 5:10**

The princes of Judah have become like those who move a boundary;

On them I will pour out My wrath like water.

- Another judgment on Judah
- Did they move a boundary?
- Spiritual boundaries



## God's response to His sinful people

### Hosea 5:11

Ephraim is **oppressed**,  
**crushed** in judgment,

Because he was determined to follow  
*man's* command.

- “*Man's* command”
  - KJV “the commandment”
  - NIV “idols”
  - ESV “filth”
  - NET “worthless idols”
  - LXX “vanity” (hence idols)
- Whose command
  - Assyria
  - Jeroboam I

**God's response to His sinful people**

**Hosea 5:12**

Therefore I am like a moth to Ephraim  
And like rottenness to the house of  
Judah.

- Strange analogy for God's strange work (Is. 28:21)
- "Moth"
  - Maggot
  - Pus

**God's response to His sinful people**

**Hosea 5:13**

When Ephraim saw his sickness,  
And Judah his wound,

Then Ephraim went to Assyria  
And sent to King Jareb.

But he is unable to heal you,  
Or to cure you of your wound.

- The wound is observed
- Help sought from Assyria
- Inability of Assyria

## God's response to His sinful people

### Hosea 5:14

For I *will be* like a lion to Ephraim  
And like a young lion to the house of  
Judah.  
I, even I, will tear to pieces and go  
away,  
I will carry away,  
and there will be none to deliver.

- Swift, violent destruction
  - Physical, Assyria
  - Spiritual, prophets (6:5)
- None can deliver from God

## God's response to His sinful people

### Hosea 5:15

I will go away *and* return to My place  
Until they acknowledge their guilt and  
seek My face;  
In their affliction they will earnestly  
seek Me.

- Temporary withdrawal
- Conditions for return
  - Acknowledgement of guilt
  - Seeking the LORD
- Same situation in 5:6
  - The LORD had withdrawn
  - They sought the LORD

# God's ways and our ways

- Are we to imitate God in all things?
- What is our response to sinners?
- We are not to pay back sins (Rom. 12:17-21)
- Our response
  - Pray (Matthew 5:43-45)
  - Lovingly bring God's word without compromise (Hosea 6:5)

## Appeal to return to the LORD

### Hosea 6:1

“Come, let us return to the Lord.

For He has torn *us*,  
but He will heal us;

He has wounded *us*,  
but He will bandage us.

- Who is the speaker?
  - The people
  - Hosea
- Suffering will have the intended result
- Connecting words
  - KJV: and
  - NIV: but
  - ESV: that, and
  - NET: but

# Return

- Turn from
  - Spirit of harlotry (Hosea 5:3)
- Turn to
  - The LORD (Hosea 6:1, 14:2)
- Reason to return
  - He will heal, He will bandage (Hosea 6:1)



## Appeal to return to the LORD

### Hosea 6:2

“He will **revive** us after two days;  
He will raise us up on the third day,

That we may **live** before Him.

- Restoration from the moth and lion
- Short period of time
- The purpose

## Appeal to return to the LORD

### Hosea 6:3

“So let us know,  
let us press on to know the Lord.  
His going forth is as certain as the  
dawn;  
And He will come to us like the rain,  
Like the spring rain watering the  
earth.”

- Continued emphasis on knowing God
- Diligently seek the LORD
- Those who seek will find

# Summary

- Our ways are not hidden from God
- Sin prevents turning to the LORD
- External obedience lead to destruction
- God acts so that we will acknowledge our guilt and seek Him
- Return to the LORD