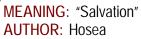
## Interesting Facts About Hosea



TIME WRITTEN: Written during the early years of Hezekiah

POSITION IN THE BIBLE: • 28th Book in the Bible

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- 6th of 17 books of Prophecy (Isaiah - Malachi)
- 1st of 12 minor prophets (Hosea - Malachi)
- 38 Books to follow it.

CHAPTERS: 14 VERSES: 197 WORDS: 5,175



## **OBSERVATIONS ABOUT HOSEA:**

- n Hosea ministers to the Northern Kingdom of Israel.
- n Since Ephraim is the largest tribe in the Northern Kingdom, sometimes the kingdom is referred to a s Ephraim.
- n Hosea's career spanned about 45 years, from 755 B.C. to about 710 B.C.
- n The Book of Hosea covers approximately 40 years of his prophetic ministry.
- n Hosea's ministry spanned:
  - Four kings of Judah (Uzziah Hezekiah).
  - Six kings of Israel (Zechariah Hoshea).
- n Hosea was:
  - The son of Beri. (1:1)
  - Husband of Gomer. (1:3)
  - Father of two sons and one daughter.
- n Hosea is not mentioned elsewhere in the Bible.
- n Hosea was a younger contemporary of Amos.

- n Hosea was a contemporary of two Southern Kingdom prophets:
  - Isaiah
  - · Micah.
- n Hosea utters approximately 150 statements concerning the sins of Israel. More than half of them deal with the sin of idolatry.
- n Using metaphors and various images, Israel is upbraided for their:
  - Lying
- Ingratitude
- Murder
- Idolatry
- Insincerity
- Covetousness
- n More than any other of the Old Testament prophets, Hosea's personal life and experiences illustrate his prophetic message.
  - · An adulterous wife (Gomer) and a faithful husband (Hosea).
  - Gomer runs after another man physical adultery.
  - · Israel runs after other gods spiritual adultery.
- n Hosea and Gomer's three children are appropriately named by God as signs to Israel.
  - 7ereel "God Scatters."
  - Lo-Ruhamah "Not Pitied."
  - Lo-Ammi "Not My People."
- n Four attributes of God are seen in the Book of Hosea.
  - Chapters 4-7 God is HOLY.
  - Chapters 8-10 God is JUST.
  - Chapters 11-14 God is LOVING and GRACIOUS.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Hosea 4:6

