

**REAPING THE WHIRLWIND
HOSEA 8:9 / 9-16-18 / PM**

I. HOSEA'S LIFE.

- A. His name means "salvation" like the names Joshua and Jesus.
- B. He prophesied in the Northern Kingdom near the end of their existence (750 B.C.—725 B.C.....Destroyed by Assyria in 721 B.C.)
- C. The only thing we know about his ancestors or family background is that his father's name was Beeri.

1:1a---The word of the Lord that came to Hosea son of Beeri....

- D. His ministry covered the reigns of four kings in the South and one in the North.

1:1b--during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and during the reign of Jeroboam son of Jehoash[a] king of Israel:

- E. He was a contemporary of Amos in Israel and Isaiah in Judah.
- F. One word describes the spiritual condition of Israel at that time, "harlot". Hosea used it 13 times in his book.
- G. The key to understanding Hosea's book revolves around his wife and children.
 - 1. His wife was a harlot or soon would --1:2-3 .
 - 2. The names of their two sons and one daughter reveal how God felt about Israel.
 - a. Jezreel means "**God scatters**" forecasting Israel's destruction--1:4-5.
 - c. Lo-Ruhamah (daughter) means "**Not loved**" which is what God would have for Israel--1:6-7.
 - d. Lo-Ammi means "**Not mine**" which declares God's rejection of Israel--1:8-9.
 - 3. There is hope for Israel's restoration—1:10-2:1.
 - 4. Israel's restoration was symbolized by Hosea reclaiming Gomer—3:1-5.

II. HOSEA'S LESSONS.

A. Lessons about us.

1. Our relationship with God is like a marriage (Hosea and Gomer)
2. God uses our struggles to reveal Himself to us (Hosea's marriage)
3. God calls us to love the unlovely and unworthy (Hosea's love for Gomer)
4. Our disobedience has consequences—8:7 (Israel's destruction)

8:7---“They sow the wind and reap the whirlwind.

B. Lessons about God.

1. God's love is a **“tough love”**. If we want to go He lets us. (Hosea let Gomer leave)
2. God's love is unconditional because He will always welcome us back. (Hosea took Gomer back)
3. God never gives up on us (Hosea didn't give up on Gomer).
4. God loves you more than you know (Hosea's love for Gomer).