

## ***Hosea***

### **1. What was the primary metaphor used in Hosea?**

The primary metaphor used in Hosea is that of an unfaithful wife and faithful husband.

### **2. How was that metaphor developed in Hosea?**

This metaphor is used to highlight the unfaithful nation of Israel and God's faithfulness and love for His people. Since early chapters begin with this narrative later chapters can be viewed through comparison to this relationship.

## ***Isaiah (Initial Questions)***

### **1. For historical context, under what sort of Southern Israeli kings did Isaiah serve (briefly evaluate them).**

The opening verse of Isaiah places his ministry under the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah. Some sources say that it is likely that his ministry continued under the rule of Manassah. Under Uzziah there was a time of prosperity (during Isaiah's childhood). Uzziah had been a Godly man, but appears to have become prideful in his later days, neither he nor Jotham did anything to stop the growing adultery in Judah. Later Ahaz called on Assyria to come to his aid, ignoring Isaiah's plea (Chapter 7) to trust in the Lord. Hezekiah later heeded Isaiah's warning (20:1-6) not to join the Assyrian's in battle. Later Hezekiah's trust in God faltered (chapter 30-31), only to be reinstated as the city of Jerusalem was delivered (37:36). Each king seemed to be more interested in political gain, prosperity and security than truly fearing the Lord or serving Him directly. God was a second thought to each of these men, and Isaiah saw this clearly.

**2. What significant event took place in Northern Israel during Isaiah's service?**

Assyria invaded Judah and took over 46 cities and attempted to take Jerusalem.

**3. Name five different non Israeli audiences to whom Isaiah directed prophecies (with chapter numbers).**

Prophecy against Babylon →Chapter 13-14:1-23

Prophecy against Assyria →Chapter 14:24-27

Prophecy against Phillistia →Chapter 14:28-32

Prophecy against Moab →Chapter 15:1-16:14

Prophecy against Egypt →Chapter 19:1-25