

EXEGETICAL AND PASTORAL INSIGHTS INTO THE FUTURE- ORIENTED PROPHECIES IN HOSEA

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PRESUPPOSITIONS



Presupposition #1

The Book of Hosea, Like Each of
the Books of the Bible, Is God's
Word



2 Timothy 3:16-17 - “. . . profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness . . .”



2 Timothy 3:16-17 - “. . . so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”



Presupposition #2

The Book of Hosea Is Jewish Scripture



Presupposition #3

The Book of Hosea Is Christian
Scripture



Presupposition #4

Theology Is To Be Built Brick-By-
Brick, From Scripture



Bernard Ramm:

“A theological system is to be built up exegetically brick by brick. Hence the theology is no better than the exegesis that underlies it”



Bernard Ramm:

“The task of the systematic theologian is to commence with these bricks ascertained through exegesis, and build the temple of his theological system”



Bernard Ramm:

“But only when he is sure of his individual bricks is he able to make the necessary generalizations, and to carry on the synthetic and creative activity that is necessary for the construction of a theological system.”



Presupposition #5

The Bible Is To Be Read Forward,
Not Backwards



Presupposition #6

Biblical Prophecy Is To Be Literally
Fulfilled



Roy Zuck:

“The heavy symbolic content of much of prophetic literature makes interpreting prophecy difficult. It also has caused many Bible students to assume that because some things in prophecy are symbolic . . .”



Roy Zuck:

“ . . . everything in prophetic passages is to be taken symbolically. This, however, is an error. If we follow the basic hermeneutical principle of normal, grammatical interpretation . . . ”



Roy Zuck:

“ . . . then we should understand prophetic literature, as well as other forms of biblical literature, in their normal, ordinary-literal sense, unless there is reason for taking the material figuratively or symbolically.”



BACKGROUND



Hosea's Setting and Context



Hosea 1:1 - “The word of the LORD came to Hosea the son of Beerli, during the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and during the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.”



Deuteronomy 28:15 - “But it shall come about, if you do not obey the LORD your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you.”



Deuteronomy 28:32 – “Your sons and daughters shall be given to another people, while your eyes look on and yearn for them continually; but there will be nothing you can do.”



Deuteronomy 28:33 – “A people whom you do not know shall eat up the produce of your ground and all your labors”



Deuteronomy 28:36 – “The LORD will bring you and your king, whom you set over you, to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone.”



Deuteronomy 28:37 – “You shall become a horror, a proverb, and a taunt among all the people where the LORD drives you.”



Hosea's Central Theme



The theme of the book of Hosea is
God's faithfulness to unfaithful
Israel.



Hosea 1:2 - “When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, ‘Go, take to yourself a wife of harlotry and have children of harlotry; for the land commmits flagrant harlotry, forsaking the LORD’.”



Hosea 3:1 - “Then the LORD said to me, ‘Go again, love a woman who is loved by her husband, yet an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the sons of Israel, though they turn to other gods.’”



Passages Addressing Faithless Israel's Future Reconciliation to Her Faithful God:

Hosea 1:10-11

Hosea 2:18-23

Hosea 3:4-5

Hosea 11:10-11

Hosea 14:4-7



PROPHETIC TEXT #1

Hosea 1:10-11



“Yet the number of the sons of Israel will be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered; and in the place where it is said to them, ‘You are not My people,’ it will be said to them,”



“... ‘You are the sons of the living God.’ And the sons of Judah and the sons of Israel will be gathered together, and they will appoint for themselves one leader, and they will go up from the land, for great will be the day of Jezreel.”



Hosea 1:2 - “Go, take to yourself a wife of harlotry and have children of harlotry; for the land commmits flagrant harlotry, forsaking the LORD.”



Hosea 1:4-5 - “Name him Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will punish the house of Jehu for the bloodshed of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.”



Hosea 1:6 - “Name her Lo-ruhamah,
for I will no longer have compassion
on the house of Israel, that I would
ever forgive them.”



Hosea 1:8-9 - “When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and gave birth to a son. And the LORD said, ‘Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not My people and I am not your God’.”



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Genesis 13:16 - “I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth, so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered.”



Genesis 15:5 - “And He took him outside and said, ‘Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ And He said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’”



Genesis 22:16-17 - “By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, indeed I will greatly bless you . . .”



Genesis 22:16-17 - “. . . and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies.”



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Exodus 6:7 - “I will take you for My people, and I will be your God.”



Leviticus 26:12 - “I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.”



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Ezekiel 37:21-23 - “Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Behold, I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land’”



Ezekiel 37:21-23 - “. . . and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king will be king for all of them; and they will no longer be two nations and no longer be divided into two kingdoms.”



Ezekiel 37:21-23 - “. . . They will no longer defile themselves with their idols, or with their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions . . .”



Ezekiel 37:21-23 - “. . . but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. And they will be My people, and I will be their God.”



Ezekiel 37:24-28 - “My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances and keep My statutes and observe them”



Ezekiel 37:24-28 - “They will live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons and their sons’ sons, forever; and David My servant will be their prince forever”



Ezekiel 37:24-28 - “. . . I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever”



Ezekiel 37:24-28 - “. . . My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people. And the nations will know that I am the Lord who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forever.”



Zechariah 14:9 - “. . . And the LORD will be the king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one.”



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PROPHETIC TEXT #2

Hosea 2:18-23



“In that day I will also make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, the birds of the sky and the creeping things of the ground . . .”



“ . . . And I will abolish the bow, the sword and war from the land, and will make them lie down in safety. I will betroth you to Me forever; yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and in justice, in lovingkindness and compassion . . . ”



“ . . . and I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness. Then you will know the LORD. ‘It will come about in that day that I will respond,’ declares the LORD. ‘I will respond to the heavens, and they will respond to the earth’”



“ . . . and the earth will respond to the grain, to the new wine and to the oil, and they will respond to Jezreel. I will sow her for Myself in the land. I will also have compassion on her who had not obtained compassion . . . ”



“... and I will say to those who were not My people, ‘You are My people!’ And they will say, ‘You are my God!’”



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Isaiah 11:6-8 - “And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them”



Isaiah 11:6-8 - “. . . also the cow and the bear will graze, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper’s den.”



Isaiah 65:25 - “The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent’s food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain.”



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the sword and war from the land, and will
make them lie down in safety.”



Isaiah 2:4 - “. . . they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they learn war.”



Hosea 2:19-20 - “I will betroth you to Me forever; yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and in justice, in lovingkindness and in compassion, and I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness. Then you will know the LORD.”



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Isaiah 35:1 - “The wilderness and the
desert will be glad . . . and . . . will rejoice
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PROPHETIC TEXT #3

Hosea 3:4-5



“For the sons of Israel will remain for many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar and without ephod or household idols.”



“Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king; and they will come trembling to the LORD and to His goodness in the last days.”



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Harry Ironside:

“[This] will be the fulfilment of that to which all the prophets have looked forward, when Israel’s wanderings shall be over, their sins blotted out, themselves renewed, and a kingdom confirmed to them.”



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“In that day Jesus will be King over all the earth, sitting upon the throne of His father David, and reigning in glorious power and majesty.”



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PROPHETIC TEXT #4

Hosea 11:10-11



“They will walk after the LORD, He will roar like a lion; indeed He will roar and His sons will come trembling from the west. They will come trembling like birds from Egypt and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will settle them in their houses, declares the LORD.”



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Hosea 9:17 - “My God will cast them away because they have not listened to Him; and they will be wanderers among the nations.”



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Genesis 17:8 - “I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession.”



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Isaiah 11:11-12 - “Then it will happen on that day that the Lord will again recover the second time with His hand the remnant of His people, who will remain, from Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and from the islands of the sea”



Isaiah 11:11-12 - “. . . and He will lift up a standard for the nations and assemble the banished ones of Israel, and will gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.”



PROPHETIC TEXT #5

Hosea 14:4-7



“I will heal their apostasy, I will love them freely, for My anger has turned away from them. I will be like the dew to Israel; He will blossom like the lily, and he will take the root of the cedars of Lebanon”



“ . . . His shoots will sprout, and his beauty will be like the olive tree and his fragrance like the cedars of Lebanon. Those who live in his shadow will again raise grain, and they will blossom like the vine.”



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Isaiah 59:2 - “. . . but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that He does not hear.”



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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.”



Hosea 8:5 - “He has rejected your calf, O Samaria, saying, ‘My anger burns against them!’”



Hosea 8:5 - “I gave you a king in
My anger and took him away in My
wrath.”



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Hosea 6:4 - “What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? For your loyalty is like a morning cloud, and the dew which goes away early.”



Hosea 13:3 - “Therefore they will be like the morning cloud and like dew which soon disappears.”



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Hosea 13:15 - “Though he flourishes among the reeds, an east wind will come, the wind of the LORD coming up from the wilderness; and his fountain will come dry and his spring will be dried up.”



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Jeremiah 11:16 - “The LORD called your name, ‘A green olive tree, beautiful in fruit and form’.”



Psalm 52:8 - “But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.”



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Song of Solomon 4:11 - “Your lips,
my bride, drip honey; honey and
milk are under your tongue, and the
fragrance of your garments is like
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CONCLUSION



QUESTIONS?

