

*Hosea: A Story of Judgment  
and Love*

# Background

- prophet to Israel (northern kingdom)
- c.755-725 B.C.
- Contemporary of Isaiah and Micah
- Works just after the prophet Amos
- Fulfillment: 722 B.C. by Assyria. End of northern kingdom

# Major Themes

- God's love for His people despite their "harlotry"
- God's righteous judgment and wrath against His people.
- God is a jealous God! (Dt. 6:13-15)
- Repent!

# Why is the LORD angry w/Israel?

- Sought after material things/wealth instead of God
- Mixing with nations
- IDOLATRY
- Other sins
- Theme: they have forgotten God
- Proudful despite habitual sin

# What will the LORD do?

- Judge them fairly!
  - See Hosea's children's names (1:4-9)
  - On the unfaithful wife (2:1-13)
  - More imagery of judgment

What did the LORD require to  
fix this problem?

- REPENT!
- Get back to serving the one, true God