

# Interesting Facts About Hosea

**MEANING:** "Salvation"

**AUTHOR:** Hosea

**TIME WRITTEN:** Written during the early years of Hezekiah

**POSITION IN THE BIBLE:**

- 28th Book in the Bible
- 28th Book in the Old Testament
- 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:**

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

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- Hosea was a contemporary of two Southern Kingdom prophets:
  - Isaiah
  - Micah.
- Hosea utters approximately 150 statements concerning the sins of Israel. More than half of them deal with the sin of idolatry.
- Using metaphors and various images, Israel is upbraided for their:
  - Lying
  - Murder
  - Insincerity
  - Ingratitude
  - Idolatry
  - Covetousness
- 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.
- Hosea and Gomer's three children are appropriately named by God as signs to Israel.
  - Zereel - "God Scatters."
  - Lo-Ruhamah - "Not Pitied."
  - Lo-Ammi - "Not My People."
- 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