

## Hosea (*Three times in Lectionary*)

- name means, YHWH saves (like Joshua and Jesus); native of the northern kingdom
- describing the divine-human relationship, and how it's gone astray, using marriage images, father-son words (11:1-3), physician-patient (7:1), and fowler-birds (7:12)
- primarily warnings of cultural and spiritual sellout, with a hint of hope
- uses Ephraim 36 times as a synonym for Israel (N.Kingdom)
- not just words, but demonstrations: married the prostitute Gomer (whoredome, harlotry) as an outward and visible sign, a symbolic sign, an incarnate sign of God living with unfaithful Israel who has relations with other gods (Baal), and its idolatry (golden calves 8:5-6)
- Children: Jezreel (El sows), Lo Rukhama (unloved) and Lo Ammi (not my people)
- God will punish the nation, bringing destruction to the land, and removing its inhabitants—all at the hands of Assyria

### New Testament

- [Hos 1:6](#) – Then she conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. And the Lord said to him, “Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have compassion on the house of Israel, that I would ever forgive them. [1Pe 2:10](#)
- [Hos 1:9](#) – And the Lord said, “Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not My people and I am not your God.” [1Pe 2:10](#)
- [Hos 2:1](#) – Say to your brothers, “Ammi,” and to your sisters, “Ruhamah.” [Rom 9:26-27](#)
- [Hos 2:23](#) – 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!*’ ” [Rom 9:25](#);  
[1Pe 2:10](#)
- [Hos 6:6](#) – For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, And in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. [Matt 9:13](#);  
[Matt 12:7](#)
- [Hos 10:8](#) – Also the high places of Aven, the sin of Israel, will be destroyed; Thorn and thistle will grow on their altars; Then they will say to the mountains, “Cover us!” And to the hills, “Fall on us!” [Luke 23:30](#);  
[Rev 6:16](#)
- [Hos 11:1](#) – When Israel *was* a youth I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son. [Matt 2:15](#)
- [Hos 13:14](#) – Shall I ransom them from the power of Sheol? Shall I redeem them from death? O Death, where are your thorns? O Sheol, where is your sting? Compassion will be hidden from My sight. [1Co 15:55](#)

## **Amos** (*Five times in Lectionary*)

- I am a herdsman and dresser of sycamore trees (not a professional prophet) and not a country bumpkin either
- prophecies in an era of luxury, against self-satisfied complacency
- people had been ungrateful and false to God...and had worshipped Baal
- first collected words in the Bible; prophetic poetry
- oracles against many nations, not just Israel and Judah
- Bethel had become a cultic place, not the holy place of Abram's altar

### **New Testament**

[Amos 3:13](#) – “Hear and testify against the house of Jacob,” Declares the Lord God, the God of hosts.

[Rev 4:8](#);  
[Rev 15:3](#)

[Amos 5:25-27](#) – “Did you present Me with sacrifices and grain offerings in the wilderness for forty years, O house of Israel? <sup>26</sup>You also carried along Sikkuth your king and Kiyun, your images, the star of your gods which you made for yourselves. <sup>27</sup>Therefore, I will make you go into exile beyond Damascus,” says the Lord, whose name is the God of hosts.

[Acts 7:42](#)

[Amos 9:11](#) – “In that day I will raise up the fallen booth of David, And wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its ruins And rebuild it as in the days of old

[Acts 15:16](#)

- Also, “Let justice roll down like waters.” 5:24