

# MINOR PROPHETS STUDY

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Winter 2024–Spring 2025

Session Two: Hosea 4–14 – The Truth about the Love of God

## GOD CARES FOR COVENANT BREAKERS

### HOSEA 4:1–6:3

What is the charge against Israel (4:1–3)? What else stands out in vv.4–19?

*NOTE: “Bethel” and “Beth Aven”*

Who is particularly to blame and why (5:1)?

How did the people try to solve their problems (5:13–15)?

What change seems to be happening in 6:1–3? *(And note where this ultimately points)*

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## GOD PUNISHES COVENANT BREAKERS (RELUCTANTLY)

### HOSEA 6:4–11:11

Summarize the scenario painted in 6:4–10

Which image from Ch.7 resonates most for you? Least?

Images again: calf (8:4–6), wind, vessel, donkey, lovers (8:7–10)...

Then, direct description (8:11–14)

Chapters 9 and 10 – what stands out?

Read 11:1–11: what is the primary image and where does it point?

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# GOD RESTORES THE PUNISHED

## HOSEA 11:12–14:9

Chapters 12 and 13 – who is the primary referent and what does that indicate?

What must Israel do (14:1–3)?

What will God do (14:4–7)? Is this deserved or not? Why is this God's promise?

What is the final exhortation (14:8–9)?

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