



The background features a light beige wall with several fragments of ancient parchment scattered across the top and bottom edges. On the left side, there is a colorful illustration of a prophet with a long white beard, wearing a blue robe and a purple head covering, with his right hand raised in a gesture of blessing or proclamation. In the lower right quadrant, a scroll is unrolled, displaying text in a serif font.

# *HOSEA*

## *“SALVATION – DELIVERANCE”*

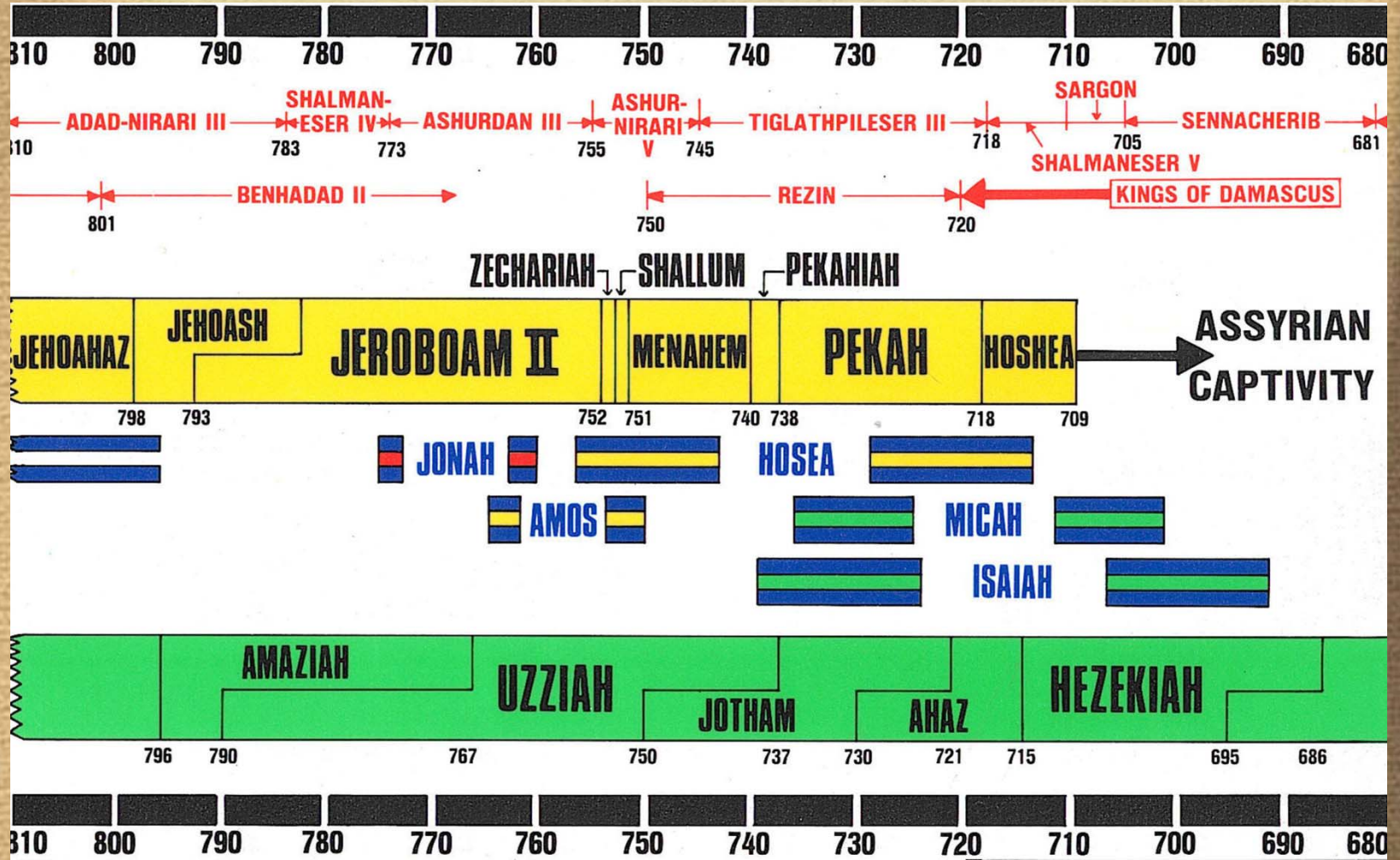
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Theme

***ISRAEL'S APOSTASY  
AND GOD'S  
UNCEASING LOVE FOR  
THE NATION.***





# HOSEA – “SALVATION OR DELIVERANCE”

**Audience: Israel**

**Historical Setting:**

Hosea began his prophetic ministry in Israel during the prosperous reign of Jeroboam II. Internationally, Assyria was in the ascendancy and moving west. The Assyrian kings were soon nibbling away at the northern territories of Israel. Samaria fell to the Assyrians in 722 B.C.

Spiritually, the kingdom of Israel was at an all-time low during Hosea's ministry. The priests were corrupt. Idolatry and temple prostitution was rampant. Amos, Isaiah and Micah were contemporaries of the prophet Hosea.

**Purpose**

Hosea seeks to convince the inhabitants of Israel that they need to repent and return to God so that judgment might be averted.

**Theology**

Hosea teaches a great lesson concerning the nature of God's loyal-love (hesed). This term denotes the love and loyalty operative within the covenant relationship into which Yahweh and Israel entered at Mt. Sinai. Loyal-love was Yahweh's delight (6:6), yet this was lacking in Hosea's day (4:1, 6:7)

PROBABLE DATE FOR BOOK  
~725 B.C.






# *OUTLINE OF HOSEA*


LEVEL

I  
A


Heading (1:1)

I. The Pain and Persistence of Divine Love (1:1-3:5) 

2A

II. Threefold Accusation and Call to Repent (4:1-7:16) 

2B

III. Alternating Lament of the Lord and Hosea (8:1-14:9) 

2C



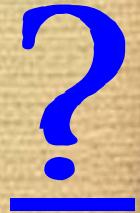
*I.A. THE PAIN AND PERSISTENCE OF DIVINE LOVE (1:1-3:5)*

LEVEL

2

A

- A. Hosea, Gomer, and Children (1:2-2:1)
- B. Israel Punished and Restored (2:2-23)
- C. Judgment and Restoration (3:1-5)



*J.B. THREEFOLD ACCUSATION AND CALL TO REPENT (4:1-7:16)*

LEVEL

2

B

- A. Indictment and Warning (4:1-5:15)
- B. Call to repent and God's grief at Israel's refusal (6:1-7:16)





*I.C. ALTERNATING LAMENT OF THE LORD AND HOSEA (8:1-14:9)*

LEVEL

2

C

- A. Once More: Judgment because of Unfaithfulness (8:1-9:9)
- B. Israel Condemned for Not Living Up to Her Calling (9:10-10:15)
- C. God's Undying Love for Israel (11:1-11)
- D. One More Time: Israel's Sins and Coming Judgment (11:12-13:16)
- E. Invitation and Restoration (14:1-9)



## *HOSEA 14:9 (ESV)*

<sup>9</sup> WHOEVER IS WISE, LET HIM  
UNDERSTAND THESE THINGS;  
WHOEVER IS DISCERNING, LET HIM  
KNOW THEM;

FOR THE WAYS OF THE LORD ARE  
RIGHT, AND THE UPRIGHT WALK  
IN THEM, BUT TRANSGRESSORS  
STUMBLE IN THEM.

