

INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

THE COVENANT, JUDGMENT, AND GRACE

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Hosea emphasizes the marital aspects of the Sinaitic covenant more than any other prophet.
(Brown, *The Theology of Hosea*, 89.)

1. Why were the Ten Commandments given to the Israelites?

2. Some say that the relationship between God and Israel was like a symbolic marriage. How is this so?

3. Is there ever a time when God will break a promise?

4. How did the people of Israel sin?

5. What does Hosea 8:2 say about Israel's perspective on their sin?

6. How did God punish Israel? (Hosea 2:6–13)

7. Where do you see desire in the story of Gomer and Hosea?

8. Do you think Israel (Gomer) realized their state of desperation?

9. How often do you go through the motions of worshipping God while at the same time letting something else take priority in your life (hoping God won't notice, or that it will be enough)?

10. Although God judges, He also shows grace. What does Hosea 2:14–23 tell us about God's grace?
