

**Study Guide for**  
***Commentary on Hosea,***  
**John Calvin**

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**Extra Reading for the**  
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**Wisdom of Hosea"**

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### REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. According to Calvin, to whom does the whole book of Hosea belong?
2. According to Calvin, Israel's prophets were the \_\_\_\_\_ of the law.
3. How long was Hosea in the prophetic office?
4. What was Calvin's position on whether Hosea actually did take a harlot for a wife and had children by her.
5. What is the significance of the name Diblaim?
6. Why does Calvin warn us to take caution, "though we may have strength, though fortune may smile on us, though, in a word, the whole world should combine to secure our safety"?
7. At the time of Hosea's writing, had the people of Judah succumbed to the same immorality as Israel?
8. What significance does Calvin place on the name "Lo-ammi"?
9. True or False? It is obvious from his writings that Hosea was certain there was not a single faithful Israelite in his day. Why or why not?
10. How long had Israel and Judah been divided by the time of Hosea?
11. What was the cost of reparations when a servant was hurt by an ox?
12. Towards the beginning of Lecture Nine, Calvin indicates "the only hope of the people being gathered was this, that God had testified that he would give a Redeemer?" Explain all Calvin meant by this.
13. How is it that Calvin can say, "God does then only make us really to fear him, when he gives us a taste of his goodness." (Lecture Nine)

14. What does the Lord take as proof of men's obedience (even kings)?
15. How do hypocrites attempt to turn away the wrath of God?
16. What does Calvin mean by "...while men enjoy prosperity, they are more insolent,..."?
17. What is the three-part "mode of speaking in familiar use among all the Prophets"?
18. In commenting on 5:12, Calvin says, "The chief instruction is, that God does not always punish men in the same way; for he deals with them differently, either to promote their salvation, or to render them in this way more inexcusable." What is meant by this statement?
19. "The first step then towards healing ... is to be touched by \_\_\_\_\_."
20. In 11:1 we see God rebuke the people of Israel for their \_\_\_\_\_.
21. In 11:6 who has trouble believing Hosea's warning of impending overthrow and devastation?
22. Why does Hosea show God questioning himself in 11:8-9?
23. Corruption had never so prevailed among the people, but that some seed remained. True or False?
24. Why was Judah seen as the legitimate kingdom over Israel?
25. Who is Hosea's audience in ch. 14?
26. Hosea 14:3 is to be understood as a \_\_\_\_\_.
27. In discussing Hosea 14:4, what does Calvin say is "the way God begins to love men"?
28. What does Hosea indicate by his line of questioning in 14:9?