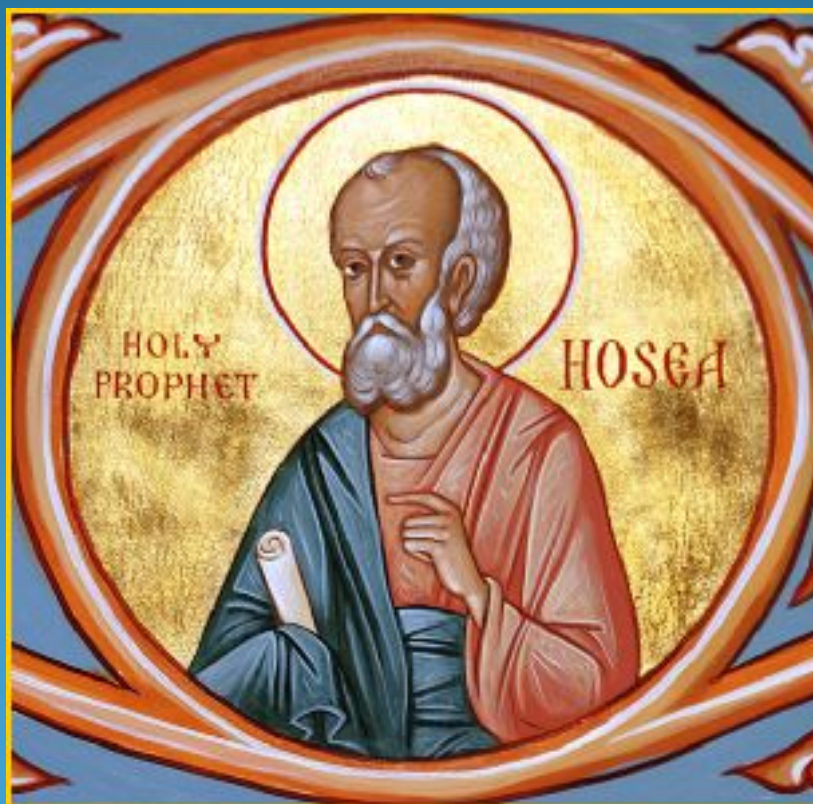


# The book of Hosea



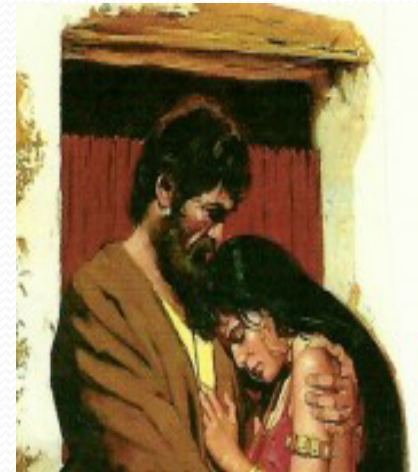
# Facts

- 14 chapters long
- First book from the minor prophets
- Hosea means “God saves” or “salvation”, similar to the word Hosanna
- Written to the Northern kingdom (Israel) & he refers to them as Ephraim
- In the book, God seems really harsh towards the Israelites but He always reminds them that no matter how disappointed He was in them , that He’d accept them back



# The book of Hosea

- Israel was very content in the state that they were in that they began to stray away from God & fell into severe sins (drunkenness, theft, killing, adultery)
- To show Israel their unfaithfulness towards the God that delivered them from the Egyptians, God told Hosea to marry a prostitute named Gomer & have children with her
- Through Hosea's personal experiences, he discovers sin to them like idolatry, adultery & spiritual prostitution
- He did so, & after being so loving towards his wife, she still went & committed adultery
- This symbolises the relationship the Israelites had with God



# The book of Hosea



- Due to the separation of God, sin became a second nature to them
- Even after all these messages, Israel still continued to disobey God & praised Baal
- Hosea then warned Israel that if they remained sinful in their deeds that they will become captives of their enemy (the Assyrians), which soon happened after he prophesied so

# The book of Hosea

- Throughout the entire book, God refers to His people as His bride & no matter what sin they committed, God is always ready to bring them back to Him
- This book shows Gods eagerness & passionate pursuit to His people even if they fall into the deepest sins
- He always wants to make a new covenant with his people

