

Study Aids  
Discussion Questions and Suggested Reading  
For “What’s the Message?” Lessons

Lesson 68

Comment:

Now that we have a set of interpretive principles to guide us, go back to Lesson 66 on Hosea and consider these questions. As you look at it, which principle(s) is the prophet emphasizing in his message?

Questions:

Hosea paints a picture of God as the husband and Israel as the wife who has committed adultery by worshipping other gods. How does this relate to the covenant? To Point Seven, the unifying focal point?

Is the presence of both Law and Gospel seen in all four of the minor prophets we have studied so far? Is it always presented from the same viewpoint? Does this variety add to your understanding?

Does knowing the historical situation of the prophet add to your understanding? What is the lesson for us today about the “great day of the Lord”? Is this warning present in the message of Isaiah?

What is the significance of Is. 6:8 to you? Is walking the narrow walk of faith difficult for you? Why? Is the idea of a purified remnant that remains loyal to our Lord throughout the tribulations of this life comforting to you? Is obedience a part of us being purged from our sin?

Suggested reading for further study:

The Kingdom of God, by John Bright. Again, to see these prophets within their historical context, read Parts I – III of the chapter, “A Remnant Shall Repent.”