


# Hosea



3. Hosea 7-11.  
"Beyond the Whirlwind"

*"They sow the wind and reap the whirlwind"*  
Hosea chapter 8 verse 7.

## Choices and consequences

- Hypocrisy – 8: 2-3
- Idolatry – 8: 4
- Hostility to God's word – 9: 8
- Trust in wrong things and people – 7: 11
- Foreign invasion – 10: 13-14
- Idols removed – 10: 5-6
- Exile – 9: 3
- Slavery – 10: 11
- Death – 9: 6

## Responses – i. Israel

- Hosea 10: 12
- Plough up fallow ground
- Sow righteousness
- Sow unfailing love ("chesed")
- "It is time to seek the Lord"



## Responses – ii. God

1. Adoption
  - Adopted as sons
  - Put them on their feet
  - Released from slavery
  - Fed with manna
  - Led with love



The food that the LORD has given you to eat (Exodus 16.15)

## Responses – ii. God

2. Betrayal.
  - Unhearing
  - Unseeing
  - Unfaithful



## Responses – ii. God

3. Judgement.
  - War
  - Destruction
  - Foreign rule
  - Exile
  - "The whirlwind!"



## Responses – ii. God

### 4. Mercy.

- “How can I treat you like Admah or Zeboiim?”

*There is life beyond God's judgement*

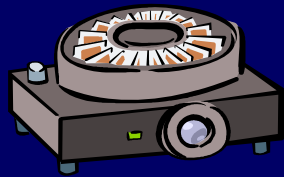


## 1. Inspiration of Scripture

- The Bible is a unity
  - All the NT themes (grace, holiness etc) can be found in the OT
- The Bible develops from Old to New Testament
  - Promise of Jesus' coming: fulfilment
  - Old covenant: new covenant of grace
  - “You have heard it said...but I say to you”

## Old and New Testaments

The picture coming into focus?



## Example : Joshua's “ethnic cleansing”

- OK then, but not now??
- Or did they not fully understand the heart of God??



## 2. God's judgement

God's door is always open!



## 3. God's Character

God never stops **LOVING!**

