THE ROYAL Book Four: Law Enforcement, Ch 3 Pastor Miles McPherson – September 26, 2010 Hosea 2:16-23



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Genre: Prophetic Language (read it like a lawsuit documents or court proceedings).

Read: Hosea 2

Setting: Place - Israel Time - 753-723 BC Key People: Author – Hosea Audience - Israel

Drama: Hosea was called to experience and illustrate the anguish caused by an unfaithful wife by marrying a harlot who would cheat on him. Israel was unfaithful to the Lord by worshiping idols and rejecting the holiness in His Law.

READ {Hosea 2:16-18} New Relationship. Discovery: God desires a relationship with sinners.

REFLECT – You have to choose to accept His invitation.

RESPOND – Decide whether you want to start over with God.

READ {Hosea 2:19-20} New Marriage. Discovery: God will host a for His spiritual bride.

REFLECT – Trust that God can and will restore your relationship with Him.

RESPOND – Stop worrying and start over.



READ {Hosea 2:21-22} New Blessings. Discovery: New come with a new marriage.

REFLECT – An abundant life awaits you. John 10:10

RESPOND – Focus on God's promised blessings and not Satan's threats.

READ {Hosea 2:23} New Legacy. Discovery: God's people become blessed and a

REFLECT – Share the blessing you have received from God (remember God loves those not loved by those He loves).

RESPOND – Allow God to be a blessing to and through you.

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Rock Church Devotional Readings September 27 - October 3 The Royal: Making Sense of the Bible

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"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood" 1 Peter 2:9-10

Using the guidelines below, here is a daily Bible text for you to READ, REFLECT and RESPOND.

MON – Isaiah 53 WED – Zephaniah 1:1-2:3 FRI – Zechariah 9
TUE – Micah 4 THU – Haggai 2 SAT – Zechariah 12
SUN – Zechariah 14



Read and discover what God communicated to the people at the time of the writing.

Read the text 2-3 times and identify either:

- Who is the Law Enforcer (Prophet)?
 When possible, identify if there is a unique God experience in the prophet's life.
- 2. To whom are they enforcing loyalty to the law?
- 3. In what ways has the nation or the individual been un-loyal to God's law?
- 4. Identify the curses or blessings being pronounced.
- 5. Identify what new behavior God is seeking through the Law Enforcer's message.



Reflect, pray and determine what is God communicating to us in the present.

Write, in your own words, a 2-3 sentence prayer or revelation summarizing how the message of the prophet has challenged you to obey God.



Respond and do something!

Do something by praying and deciding what God wants to do in and through you in the future. Identify the steps of faith you need to take in order to facilitate God's promises. What am I going to do to apply my faith to be more of who God wants me to be? Is there sin to repent of? Is there something you can praise God for? Is there someone you need to forgive, serve or speak to? How are you worshiping God in your life?

Further applications – Send a challenge to people in your acquaintance. Be bold in what the Lord is showing you as a step of faith. Use social media to spread the Word of God (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Bloq, email, etc.).

Devotional necessities: A Bible, pen or pencil, notebook or journal, a quiet place, a regular time, a prayerful heart of faith

BOOK FOUR:

LAW ENFORCEMENT

LAW ENFORCEMENT: PROPHETIC LANGUAGE

{God's Prophets, or Law Enforcers, were messengers of God sent to enforce loyalty to God's law.}

GENRE – Prophetic Language (The prophets used poetic and narrative language, parables, riddles and enactments to communicate their message.)

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Note: look for unique ways in which the prophets communicated their message. Real life enactments, riddles, sermons, etc...