Outline of Hosea

I. Hosea 1:1-3:5 – Hosea’s Adulterous Wife, Gomer
   A. Hosea, Gomer, and Their Children 1:2-2:1
   B. The Lord’s Marriage to Israel 2:2-23
   C. Hosea’s Restored Marriage 3:1-5

II. Hosea 4:1-14:9 – Yahweh’s Adulterous Wife, Israel
   A. Accusation, Judgment, and Mercy* 4:1-6:3
   B. Accusation, Judgment, and Mercy 6:4-11:11
   C. Accusation, Judgment, and Mercy 11:12-14:9

*This threefold structure becomes apparent in the text through some key words. Phrases like “bring charges,” “rebuke,” “plead with,” and “contend with” begin the accusations of sin. Phrases like “blow the horn,” and “sound the trumpet” show God’s judgment against sin. And phrases like “yet,” “afterward,” and other such transition words, “I will return,” “I will go back,” and “return O Israel” indicate God’s promises of mercy.

Outline of Joel

I. Joel 1:1-2:17 – The Day of the LORD in Judgment
   A. The Call to Lament 1:1-2:11
   B. The Call to Repent 2:12-17

II. Joel 2:18-3:21 – The Day of the LORD in Grace
   A. The Promise of Salvation 2:18-32
   B. The Promise of Justice 3:1-16
   C. The Promise of Restoration 3:17-21

Notice the gospel flow of thought through the book: lamentation over sin followed by repentance from sin results in salvation and a restored relationship with God.

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