

Amos and Hosea
Class 5 — Texts

The Knowledge of God
(Hosea 4:6; 5:3-4; 6:6; 13:4-5)

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

(Hosea 4:6)

I know Ephraim,
 and Israel is not hidden from me.
Even now Ephraim promotes harlotry;
 Israel is defiled.
Their deeds do not allow them
 to turn back to their God,
Because a whorish spirit controls them
 and Yahweh they do not know.

(Hosea 5:3-4)

Because I crave sure love and not sacrifice,
 the knowledge of God, rather than burnt offerings.

(Hosea 6:6)

I am Yahweh your God
 from the land of Egypt;
And you know no God but me;
 for besides me there is no savior.
It was I who knew you in the wilderness,
 in the land of drought.

(Hosea 13:4-5)

Knowledge of God and the Covenant
(Hosea 2:18-23)

- 18 I will make a covenant for them in that day,
with the beasts of the field,
with the birds of the air,
and the reptiles of the ground.
And bows, and swords, and warfare
I will abolish from the land,
and I will make them dwell in safety.
- 19 And I will betroth you to me forever,
in righteousness and justice
in love and compassion.
- 20 I will betroth you to me in faithfulness,
and you shall know Yahweh.
- 21 And in that day,
I will answer the heavens,
and they will answer the earth.
- 22 And the earth will answer
the grain, the wine, and the oil;
and they will answer Jezreel;
- 23 And I will plant her for myself in the land;
and I will pity Not-Pitied,
And to Not-My-People I will say, "You are my people";
and he shall say, "My God."