

may be taken as the key verse to the Book of Hosea and especially to these chapters, true religion being a condition of the heart first of all. Compare the use of parables in Matthew 13 with where Christ says, "He that hath ears to hear let him hear", i.e. spiritual understanding.

My conclusion as to an outline of this section is rebuke and pronouncement of judgment used alternately through the book with gradual intensity of ~~promisag~~ blessing until finally a great passage of blessing is predicted at the very end.

Incidentals

I have noted the many allusions of Hosea to Israel's history which supports our argument against higher critical division. The book has many references to the Levitical laws, to Moses, Jacob and the Genesis stories.

Also have noted the references in the book of Hosea to the return of the Jews to Palestine wither after the exile or perhaps future. There is at least one allusion or reference to the Messiah as King - 8:10. Of course 11:1 being direct reference to Israel with N.T. using it as a type of Christ.

The translation of the Hebrew text has been helpful in bringing out the obscure passages and shades of meaning.

PURPOSE

Since the purpose of my paper is not to solve all the minor exegetical problems of the book of Hosea I plan to go through these passages giving a series of sermonic themes accompanied by a discourse on each and shall attempt to show how each fits into the overall controlling principal of the book. I have already worked on several of these discourses.

So far I have not done extensive commentary work but have merely tried to go through the book myself so many times that I will become thoroughly familiar with the subject matter.